

# University Housing

The University Housing and Campus Dining program provides a variety of room and board options, as well as living and learning opportunities that enhance the academic experience gained in the classroom. Research indicates that students who live on campus generally have higher grade point averages and graduate with greater frequency.

## Freshmen halls

### Double and deluxe rooms

#### Heritage, Landers & Ackerman Halls

- Traditional residence hall room
- Gender-specific community bathroom on each floor
- Gender-neutral private bathrooms available in Ackerman Hall (limited quantities)
- Live-learn option (Ackerman Hall only)
- Deluxe-double option (Ackerman Hall only)

### Single rooms (additional cost)

#### Heritage and Ackerman Halls

- Traditional residence hall room
- Gender-specific community bathroom on each floor
- Live-learn option (Ackerman Hall only)

### Two- to four-person suites

#### Barnum Hall

- Suite-style rooms with separate sleeping and living areas
- Exterior entrances
- Bathroom in unit - or in unit and shared with same gender adjoining unit

## Upperclass halls

### Single rooms (additional cost)

#### Ackerman Hall

- Traditional residence hall room
- Gender-specific community bathroom on each floor
- Gender-neutral private bathrooms available in Ackerman Hall (limited quantities)
- Live-learn option

### Double and deluxe double rooms

#### Ackerman Hall

- Traditional residence hall room
- Gender-specific community bathroom on each floor
- Live-learn option

### Two- to four-person suites

#### Butler and Gentle Halls

- Up to four occupant suite-style rooms with separate sleeping and living areas
- Exterior entrances
- Bathroom in unit
- Small kitchenette in unit (limited quantities, Butler Hall only)

### Four-person apartments

#### Arbor Park

- Private bedroom
- Shared bath: with one other same gender student
- Shared living and kitchen areas
- Fully furnished
- With or without meal plan option

### The residential community

Because of the educational value of on-campus living, all single freshmen without dependents and who enter WOU within one year of high school graduation are required to spend their first year in university-operated housing. Many returning and transferring students also choose to live on campus for convenience, available services and varied activities.

WOU offers a variety of accommodations for on-campus living. All rooms, suites and apartments are set up for occupants of the same gender. Availability of specific options is subject to demand and facility designation.

As a courtesy to all students, staff and visitors, all residence halls are non-smoking communities. There are designated smoking areas in outdoor locations throughout the residential community.

### Residence halls

All rooms are carpeted and have window coverings. In addition, each room is furnished with the following:

- Desk
- Chair
- Wardrobe/closet
- Storage drawers
- Extra-long single bed (36" x 80")
- Bookshelf or shelves
- Garbage can/recycle bin

Each room is wired for telephone service, caller ID and voice mail; students must bring their own touch tone phone and arrange with Telecommunications for phone line activation. Rooms are also wired for computer hookups and cable TV (which is included in room and board rates.)

### Living-learning communities

Living-learning communities are designated communities within Ackerman Hall that function around a specific theme or academic interest. The purpose for offering living-learning communities is to provide students with the option to live with others that share a similar interest or goal with respect to their academic and/or residential experience.

The community choices are listed on the last page of this document. If you are interested in a living-learning experience, please check the box offered under preferences and fill out the Live Learn community options section on the last page of this document.

### Choosing a residence hall

The enclosed application requests that you select your accommodation prefer-

ences. For descriptions and room tours of each of the residence halls, please visit the University Housing website at [www.wou.edu/student/residences](http://www.wou.edu/student/residences).

### Choosing a roommate

You may indicate a preferred roommate by listing that person's name and SSN or student ID number on the application. The person you request must also request you to validate the roommate selection. If you don't have a preferred roommate, a roommate will be assigned to you. Your preferred roommate must be of the same sex, and you must both choose the same building preference.

### Contracts

Housing is granted on the basis of an agreement between Western Oregon University and the student. By signing, you agree to spend the entire academic year (or remainder thereof) in university housing. Term contracts are available to returning and transfer students, for fall and winter terms. Contractual terms and conditions of occupancy are based on consideration for other residents, health and safety standards, and compliance with established laws and WOU's Code of Student Responsibility.

### Canceling the contract

If you choose or are asked to leave the residence halls, and continue to attend classes at WOU, your account will be charged a **\$7 a day cancellation fee** for the remainder of the academic year for breaking your contractual agreement with the university. If you withdraw from WOU during the academic year you will be released from your contractual obligations.

### Requests and assignments

Requests for specific accommodation (including living-learning communities) and/or specific roommate, must be noted on the application. Once University Housing receives your application, we will send you a letter of confirmation. While every effort is made to honor specific hall type and roommate requests, applications are processed by date of application; thus, we may be unable to meet specific requests.

For those applying for fall term, please note that hall assignment, roommate and contract information will be mailed to your home at the end of July. If you do not receive your assignment before you leave for school in September, please contact University Housing when you arrive on campus.

If you are applying for winter and spring terms, you will receive your building assignments when you arrive on campus at the beginning of the term for which you applied.

### Cancellations

Cancellation of housing reservations should be submitted in writing to University Housing. If you have not checked into campus housing by the end of the first day of classes or have not made prior arrangements with University Housing for a later arrival, your reservation may be canceled.

## Application procedures

**You must apply for admission to the university before you apply for housing. Space will not be guaranteed unless you have completed the formal registration process.**

Complete and mail the enclosed housing application with a \$40 non-refundable application fee to the Office of University Housing.

Please make checks payable to Western Oregon University. We will accept your housing application beginning October 1 for the following academic year and your priority date will be the date your housing application and fee are received in our office. We encourage you to apply early. Any applications received prior to October 1 will be dated October 1.

### For more information

For more information about the residence halls before making your decision, please call University Housing at the numbers listed below or, if you prefer, e-mail us at [housing@wou.edu](mailto:housing@wou.edu).

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## Campus Dining

### Meal plans

The residence hall meal plan is a debit account that allows you to purchase any amount of food anywhere on campus and at any time during the day. At the beginning of each term, resident students receive a food dollar balance. If you run out of food dollars before the end of the term, you can make deposits of \$20 or more. Food dollars remaining at the end of the term are transferred to the following term but they are never refunded in cash. Balances left at the end of spring term or when a student leaves the residence halls are not refunded.

### Valsetz Food Court menu

Typical daily selections:

#### Breakfast

Eggs cooked to order, French toast, ham, Belgium waffle bar, muffins and donuts, oatmeal.

#### Lunch

Mediterranean chicken wrap, roasted vegetable wrap, French dip with au jus, tuna melt on sourdough, French fries, chicken stir fry, garlic chicken ranch pizza, brownies, fruit-of-the-day, special salad, clam chowder, minestrone tortellini soup.

#### Dinner

Texas barbecue beef brisket, roasted parmesan potatoes, green beans, Tex-mex cornbread, fettucine pomodoro, focaccia bread, Hawaiian burger, chive fries, chicken stir fry, pepperoni pizza, peanut butter pie, fruit-of-the-day, special salad, clam chowder, minestrone tortellini soup.

### Dining locations

Valsetz Food Court is centrally located to the residence halls and is the main location for meals. Wholesale pricing in Valsetz is offered only for the residence hall and apartment meal plans. Residents on meal plans receive the wholesale price because they pay for the food service overhead expenses with their room fee. Other customers pay the full retail price for food.

These meal plans are also accepted at the restaurants in the Werner University Center, centrally located on campus. Restaurants here include the Wolf Express, Wolf Grill, the Western Deli and Caffè Allegro. Purchases in these restaurants are full retail price, because the food service overhead payment does not cover their overhead expenses.

### Meal plan choices

When you live in a residence hall, your meal plan is provided as a part of your room and board package. With the exception of the apartment meal plan, the expense for the food service overhead is included in the room and board fee. You select a meal plan with the amount of food dollars to meet your eating patterns.

The total expense for these meal plans include the food service overhead and the selected meal plan. Students living in apartments are not required to have a meal plan, but may opt for the apartment meal plan. All other on-campus living options are required to have a residence hall meal plan. The five plans listed show the different food dollar amounts given to a student each term.

### Apartment meal plan

For residents of Arbor Park and Alder View, the apartment meal plan offers alternate on campus dining choices. Because the overhead for this plan is **not** built into the room and board for these facilities, the cost for the apartment meal plan breaks down

as follows: total cost (in addition to your room rate) is \$654 per term – \$454 of this plan is used for overhead expenses; the remaining \$200 is available to spend on food.

### Residence hall meal plans (per term)

|         |        |         |       |
|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| Plan #1 | \$225  | Plan #4 | \$550 |
| Plan #2 | \$350* | Plan #5 | \$120 |
| Plan #3 | \$450  |         |       |

\* Meal plan #2 is the most popular plan; 40 percent of the residents select this plan for winter and spring terms. When in doubt in choosing between two meal plans, the smaller dollar amount is always recommended. Meal plan additions can always be made, but leftover food dollars at the end of spring term are not refundable.

**An average wholesale meal price is \$3.**

### Meal plan changes

- You may only change your meal plan between terms.
- All meal plan change requests must be made in writing before the following term begins.
- Balances roll from term to term with the exception of spring term. Unused balances at the end of spring term are not refundable.\*
- A meal plan must be purchased every term.

\* As an incentive for our returning residents, students who re-contract to live on campus the following year and complete a financial commitment to do so, may roll their remaining food dollars into their meal plan for the next academic year.

# Western Oregon University housing application

Please complete (type or print) housing application and roommate questionnaire on reverse side. A \$40 non-refundable application fee is required to process your application. Enclose a check payable to Western Oregon University. **Return completed application and \$40 application fee to:** University Housing, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR 97361. The application fee is only valid for this academic year. Please print responses.

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ WOU ID number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

High school graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry status:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Post-Bac  Graduate Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be aware that assignments are made according to the date the completed application is received and the total number of applications received. Not all requests can be accommodated. The university reserves the right to make reassignments at any time based on the administrative needs of the residential program.

## Term/year applying for:

- Fall 2011  Winter 2012  Spring 2012

## Contract options:

- Yearly contract: \$40 non-refundable application fee
- Term contract (upperclass only): \$40 non-refundable application fee and a \$150 non-refundable term contract (Total \$190 non-refundable term contract fee due at time of application.)

## Residence Hall meal plan options:

(Food dollars per term)

- Plan #1, \$225  Plan #4, \$550
- Plan #2, \$350  Plan #5, \$120
- Plan #3, \$450

## Roommate preference

You must give the name and social security number or student ID number (V#) of your preferred roommate. The requested person must also request you (and you must both select the same hall preference) in order to be assigned together. If you do not request a roommate, you will be auto-assigned based on the information from this application.

Complete roommate name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Complete roommate ID number:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Voluntary information

Note any physical disabilities\* or any other information that should be considered for room or roommate assignments:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- I am pursuing an IB diploma (verified by Admissions office)

\* All requests for special accommodations require additional documentation. Please contact University Housing for details.

## Office use only

Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ V# \_\_\_\_\_

## Freshman only accommodations

(Freshman = 2011 high school graduate)

Please note your room preference; **requires** meal plan

- Two-person room in Heritage, Ackerman or Landers Hall
- Deluxe two-person room in Ackerman Hall (additional cost, based on availability)
- Two-person room in co-ed hall: males/females on same wing in Heritage or Ackerman Hall
- Single room (additional cost, based on availability) in Heritage or Ackerman Hall
- Two- to four-person suite in Barnum Hall

## Upperclass accommodations

Please note your room preference; **requires** meal plan

- Two-person room in Ackerman Hall
- Deluxe two-person room in Ackerman Hall (additional cost, based on availability)
- Two-person room in co-ed hall: males/females on same wing in Ackerman Hall
- Two-person suite with kitchenette in Butler Hall
- Two- to four-person suite with private bathroom in Butler or Gentle Hall
- Single room in Ackerman Hall (additional cost, based on availability)

Please note your preference below; **does not require** meal plan

- Arbor Park apartments: Four-person apartment: private bedroom, shared bath, **NO** apartment meal plan
- Arbor Park apartments: Four-person apartment: private bedroom, shared bath, **WITH** apartment meal plan

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application and \$40 application fee to:**

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# Roommate questionnaire

All applicants must fill out this questionnaire when submitting the completed housing application to University Housing. This questionnaire will assist our office with assigning you a roommate who has similar living habits to yours. We cannot guarantee that each response on your questionnaire will exactly match those of your roommate.

Read the following questions or scenarios. Indicate your response by checking the appropriate answer after each question or scenario. One response per question or scenario only.

1. I object to living with a smoker.  
 Yes       No
2. I am a smoker.  
 Yes       No
3. I object to the use of chewing tobacco in my room.  
 Yes       No
4. I use chewing tobacco.  
 Yes       No
5. I prefer to study in my room.  
 Yes       No
6. When I study, I prefer to:  
 Listen to music  
 Have the TV on in the background  
 Study with friends  
 Study in a quiet environment
7. My preferred (sleeping) temperature is:  
 65° or less     65 – 70°  
 70 – 75°       75° or more
8. My preferred time to wake up is:  
 By 8 a.m.  
 By 10 a.m.  
 By noon
9. I like to stay up until:  
 10 – 11 p.m.  
 11 p.m. – midnight  
 Midnight – 1 a.m.  
 After 1 a.m.
10. When I sleep, my sensitivity to noise is:  
 Very light sleeper – awakened by mild noise  
 Average sleeper  
 Heavier sleeper – not bothered by noise
11. The importance of having a neat and clean room to me is:  
 Very  
 So-so  
 Who cares?
12. I will socialize in my room:  
 A lot  
 Some  
 Very little
13. I like to listen to music:  
 As background music (*use of headphones is encouraged regardless of volume level*)  
 Moderately loud  
 Loud

## Live-learn communities

Live-learn communities are designated communities located within Ackerman Hall that function around a specific theme or interest. WOU has created the following live-learn communities tailored specifically to our residents. With that in mind, please select the **top three** themes below that interest you, numbering them in the order of your preference. Students placed within a live-learn community in Ackerman Hall may have to meet additional criteria based on the requirements of their specific community.

*KEEP IN MIND: If you request to live in a themed community, that request supersedes all other requests previously made - including a specific roommate choice. If you have made a specific roommate request, check to see that your theme community choice is the same as that of your chosen roommate.*

Are you interested in living in an area where you share a common interest with others in your community, but can't find a category here that interests you? Please e-mail us at [housing@wou.edu](mailto:housing@wou.edu) with **your** suggested live-learn community. No guarantees, but we would like to hear from you! **Thank you for your responses to these questions.**

Please rank your top three community choices. (#1 being your first choice.)

### — The Arts

Whether it is fine art, performance art, film or music, and regardless of whether you create it or just appreciate it. You are culturally oriented, and include the arts amongst your hobbies/interests.

### — ASL (American Sign Language)

This community is designed for students who have an interest in sign language or plan to major in ASL.

### — Future educators

Students interested in studying to be educators will live together in a community where education and teaching is the common theme.

### — Global village

This community will serve as an intersection where race/culture and diversity converge to form one community.

### — Greenhouse

Do you want to pursue a "greener" lifestyle with a focus on sustainability as a way of life? Come live, learn and participate in this "green" community.

### — Outdoor adventure

Do you head to the great outdoors every chance you get? Will spring break find you backpacking the Pacific Crest Trail? If this sounds familiar, book your stay in the outdoor adventure hall.

### — Pre-nursing interest

This community will strive for healthy lifestyles and the pursuit of an education within the health/wellness fields ie: nursing, pre-med, health education, etc.

- I understand that Ackerman Hall is a sustainable building and agree to participate in a more sustainable lifestyle with respect for energy consumption and reduction.