Life on Campus

Living on campus is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, during which you will build lifelong friendships and memories. At Western, it is a crucial part of student success, giving them the resources they need to obtain good grades, graduate on time, and jump-start their career.

Western is committed to providing safe, clean, and well-maintained residence hall and apartment facilities; a nutritious, well-balanced food service program; and residence hall and apartment environments that are stimulating and supportive of the University's academic mission.

University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS) works to provide a variety of programs and services that help students get to know others, transition to campus, and enhance their learning. Full-time, part-time, and student staff live in each of the residence halls and are available around the clock to advise, assist, and support students living on campus.

Freshman students live together as part of the First Year Experience (FYE) program at Western. This program is designed to help first-year students with their academic and personal transition into the residence hall community and University environment. All first-year residents will be encouraged to participate in FYE seminars and programs that will help them become actively involved in their residence hall and the University community. UHDS also partners with academic departments to provide Living-Learning Communities within the residence halls. These communities give students the opportunity to live on a floor with students who share the same interests or major.

Residential Facilities

The residence halls at Western offer modern facilities, convenience, comfort, and economy. All facilities are within walking distance of classrooms, administrative/faculty offices, and recreational areas. They also include state-of-the-art computer labs, high-speed Internet access, academic classrooms, study rooms, game rooms, vending areas, and laundry facilities. All residence halls offer facilities and accommodations that rival the best housing programs in the nation.

One-bedroom apartment housing is also available at Western to married students, students in domestic partnerships, single graduate students, and nontraditional students. All basic utilities are included.

Dining Services

The meal plan at Western offers both flexibility and convenience. You will find a variety of meal choices on Western's campus, giving you many great options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The traditional dining centers on campus are anything but ordinary. Today's student can choose from a variety of stations such as the West Side Noodle Company, Chopped Salads, Chili Rojo Mexican Grill, Mongolian Grill, and Rocky's Western Wings. Western also has convenience stores, coffee shops, and retail options in the University Union, including Burger King®, Chick-fil-A®, and Einstein Bros. Bagels®. Meal plans are required for most students living on campus. Students who live off-campus or in University-owned apartments are welcome to eat anywhere on campus by purchasing a voluntary meal plan or adding Rocky Dollars to their account. All students can use their WIU ID card like a debit card for their meal plan, laundry, copying needs, and more.
Application Information

Room and Meal Plan Costs – Western’s room and meal plan rates are competitive with other universities in the state; however, these rates are frozen for four consecutive years, the same as tuition and fees under our Cost Guarantee program. Current rates are available from University Housing & Dining Services. Please call (309) 298-3000 or log on to wiu.edu/housing for current rates.

Residency Requirements – Western Illinois University is committed to helping students succeed academically and personally. Research has shown that students who live on campus consistently achieve greater levels of academic success, learning, personal growth, and satisfaction with their college experience. Therefore, the University Housing Policy states that all students must live in a University residence hall until they attain 60 semester hours. All exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing through a petition process. Petitions may be picked up in Seal Hall or online at wiu.edu/housing.

Residence Hall Contracts – Contracts are signed for the academic year (beginning the first day of the fall semester and ending the last day of the spring semester). An application, Housing Preference Form, and $50 nonrefundable processing fee are required to apply for housing. Students can apply for housing online at wiu.edu/apply4housing. To view a copy of the residence hall contract, visit wiu.edu/housing.

Roommate and Hall Assignments – During the application process, students are asked for their preferences regarding their community interests and roommate preferences. Students may request a roommate of the same gender on the Housing Preference Form or by using the Roommate Matching System. Both individuals must request each other to make it mutual; mutual requests must be received before assignments are released in late July in order to be guaranteed. Assignments are made on a first come, first served basis. UHDS makes every attempt to honor special requests for a specific hall and/or roommate.

Roommate Matching System
Western has an exclusive Roommate Matching System designed to help better match and allow students to self-select roommates before moving to campus in the fall. After filling out your housing application, visit STARS and select “Roommate Matching” in the UHDS Information Menu (this option is available to access one-business day after receiving your online application).

For More Information
For more information, contact University Housing & Dining Services, Seal Hall, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 298-3000, wiu.edu/housing.

We Are Here to Serve
Western Illinois University is an interactive public university. Along with its commitment to students, Western recognizes the needs of the region, state, and society. It plays a significant role in cultural, economic, and educational development.

Campus Visits
The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and individual appointments can be made on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Campus tours are conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments with advisers, faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged separately during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10 a.m., and a campus tour is conducted at 11 a.m. You may schedule your visit or tour online at wiu.edu/admissions by selecting “Visit Campus.” You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU (742-5948) or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.