



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

University Housing & Dining Services

University Housing & Dining Services, Division of Student Services

Life on Campus

Living on campus is a big part of the college experience. Research shows that living on campus is an important ingredient for academic success and graduation. 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 academic mission.

University Housing, located in Seal Hall, works to promote student success by providing the conditions that motivate and inspire students to devote more time and energy to educationally purposeful activities. As a result, the department offers many services and programs to meet the needs of a diverse student body. Residence hall and apartment staff members provide ongoing programs for residents to get to know others, transition to campus, and enhance their classroom learning. One such program is the University-supported First Year Experience.

University Housing & Dining Services—in partnership with other campus and academic offices—has developed the residential First Year Experience (FYE) program to assist our first-year students with their academic and personal transition into the University environment and residence hall community. All first-year residents will be encouraged to participate in FYE seminars and programs that will help students become actively involved in their residence hall and campus community. Residence Life staff are trained to address common transition issues associated with the first year at college. In addition, the graduate and professional staff members living in the residence halls will plan and present weekly educational seminars designed around the national FYE curriculum. Through these seminars, first-year students will have the opportunity to develop better skills for learning (e.g., note-taking skills, test preparation, time management). Some departmental tutoring sessions and writing center services will also be brought to the students in their residence halls as an effort to encourage greater use.

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, in-room 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.

Apartment housing is also available at Western to students with children, married students, students in domestic partnerships, single graduate students, and nontraditional students. Apartments are designed in one-bedroom and two-bedroom styles. All basic utilities are included, and each apartment community is furnished with laundry facilities and storage areas.

Dining Services

The food service at Western is provided by Sodexo Campus Services. Through the A la Carte meal plan, students can use their ID cards to pay for items individually and then monitor their balance throughout the semester. Snack items and packaged foods are available for carry-out, and food may also be purchased at residence hall snack bars and the University Union. Students who live in the International House or apartments are responsible for preparing their own food or may elect to purchase a meal plan or use their flex account (40% surcharge applies) in the dining centers.

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For More Information

For more information, contact University Housing & Dining Services, Seal Hall, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 298-2461, uhds.wiu.edu.

Application Information

Room and Board Costs – Western's room and board rates are competitive with other universities in the state; however, these rates are frozen the same as tuition and fees under our Cost Guarantee program. Current rates are available from University Housing & Dining Services. Please call (309) 298-2461 or log on to uhds.wiu.edu 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 Junior status (60 semester hours). If you live with your parents within 40 miles of Macomb and wish to commute, you must first obtain written permission from University Housing & Dining Services. All exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing through a petition process. Petitions may be picked up in Seal Hall, the Student Assistance and Parent Service Center, or online at uhds.wiu.edu.

Residence Hall Contracts – Contracts are signed for the academic year. The University Housing & Dining Services office makes residence hall assignments upon receipt of the application, the Lifestyle Preference Form, and the housing deposit. You will be contacted regarding your residence hall assignment after all application materials have been received and processed. To view a copy of the residence hall contract, visit uhds.wiu.edu.

Roommate and Hall Assignments – During the application process, students are asked a series of questions used to gauge interest in their living and roommate preferences. Students may request a roommate of the same gender on the Lifestyle Preference Form. Both individuals must request each other to make it mutual. Mutual requests must be received by April 1 in order to be guaranteed.

Assignments are made on a first come, first served basis. University Housing & Dining Services makes every attempt to honor special requests for a specific hall and/or roommate. Upon receipt of an application, the Lifestyle Preference Form, and the housing deposit, students are contacted regarding their residence hall assignments.

We Are Here to Serve

Western Illinois University is an interactive public university serving more than 13,000 students. 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 weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisers/faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU [742-5948] or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.



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