



Welcome to the Neighborhood

Navigating Your First Year

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Why Live On Campus

- Convenience
- Sense of community
- Inclusive housing costs
- Improved satisfaction with college
- Strong connections to faculty
- Access to on campus resources



Community

- Connection
- Becoming involved
- Students who are involved are shown to be happier and more satisfied with the college experience
- Student and professional staff



Community



- Self-determination
- Shared living agreement expectations
- Community agreements
- Hall governances
 - Community councils
- Resilience and flourishing

Self-Determination

- The University's dedication to liberal education is reflected in Residence Life's policy of Self-Determination. Students engage with learning strategies such as community agreements, shared living expectations conversations, and community council engagement to exercise self-governance and develop a self-determined sense of self within the context of community.

Where Will I Live

- Building size and location
 - Large Hall – more than 140 residents
 - Small Hall – less than 140 residents
 - May 1 – May 31
 - Tribe Guide
 - Sharpe Community Scholars Spotswood Hall
 - Monroe Scholar Housing
 - DuPont Hall for 23-24



Accommodation Housing

- **Accommodation Housing Includes:**
 - **Disability Housing Accommodation**
 - **Religious Housing Accommodation**
- Students approved for an accommodation must also sign a housing contract prior to room selection.
- New Student – Typically approved by end of May/early June, request should be submitted to SAS not later than June 1.
- **June 1 - Deadline for Accommodation Housing approval for New Students. This means that you will need to have submitted all documentation needed for an accommodation (this includes single room accommodations for disability needs or religious housing needs).**

Gender Inclusive Housing

- Residence Life is committed to offering gender inclusive housing options to ensure inclusive communities. Residence Life offers two options of housing preferences based on gender:
 - **Single-Gender Housing** – having roommates/suitemates/apartment-mates who all have the same sex as listed in Banner
 - **Gender Inclusive Housing** – having roommates/suitemates/apartment-mates of any gender or gender expression/identity.
- Gender Inclusive Housing does not include single occupancy spaces
 - Students with medical needs related to gender identity, including for a single occupancy space, should submit their request and related documentation to the [Student Accessibility Services office](#) by the deadline listed on the Accommodation Selection page.

Gender Inclusive Housing cont.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Students selecting Gender Inclusive Housing should plan to live with a roommate
- You will not be able to search for a roommate who does not have the gender related housing preference as you. This means that if you have selected “Single-Gender Housing” you will not be able to search for roommates who have selected “Gender Inclusive Housing”.
- Residence Life cannot guarantee that there will be enough options to grant all student Gender Inclusive Housing preferences. In the event that Residence Life is unable to accommodate the request or the resident does not select a roommate, they will be assigned a roommate based off of the Single-Gender Housing preference.
- Gender Inclusive Housing is completely optional and all students selecting the Gender Inclusive Housing option must carefully read, accept and understand the expectations listed.
- Gender Inclusive Housing is not intended for and is highly discouraged for romantic couples. However, students will not be asked for their reasoning for requesting Gender Inclusive Housing.

Lifestyle Questionnaire

- Preferences
 - Cleanliness
 - Wake and sleep schedule
 - Study habits
 - Guests
- Requesting a roommate



Assignments

- Student will be able to select into a room beginning the week June 20
- Additional information will be shared in May
 - Floor and room plans are online
 - Videos
 - Website – www.wm.edu/reslife

Amenities



- All rooms include
 - Bed, mattress (36x80), chest of drawers, closet or wardrobe, desk, and chair.
 - Cable, internet (wired and wireless)
 - ID building access
 - Keyed room access

Amenities

- Laundry
 - Quarters and ID card
 - On-line monitoring
- Building and room cleanliness



Move-In

- Color coded routes
- Move-in appointments
- August 24 prior to the start of orientation, new students residing on campus will move into their residence hall room assignment



I've Moved In; Now What?



- Orientation begins that afternoon
- Resources
 - Area Directors
 - Head Residents/Hall Directors
 - Resident Assistants
 - Orientation Aides

Four Semester Live on Requirement

- Students enrolled full time are required to live in on-campus housing during their first two (2) years following their high school graduation.
- Over the past six years, more than 75% of sophomores have selected on-campus housing
- Provides greater access/touch point to student needs (Young, Schreiner & McIntosh, 2015)
- Residency consistently connected to:
 - sense of fit and satisfaction with institutional choice (Young, Schreiner & McIntosh, 2015)
 - positive student development and learning outcomes (Pascarella & Terenzini, 2005)
 - higher likelihood of degree completion (Schroeder & Mable, 1994; Lopez & Wodtke, 2010)
 - deeper participation in university events and co-curriculars (Graham, Hurtado & Gonyea, 2018)

Housing After the 1st Year

- Room Selection
 - On-line room selection information will be available by late fall
 - January - Returning Students Online Housing Contract will open
- Students will be required to enter into a housing agreement with the institution.
- Failure to sign the contract will not release a student from this requirement.

Housing & Dining Comprehensive Facilities Plan

- Long-term, comprehensive plan to modernize and revitalize its residential and dining facilities.
- The project, which aligns with both the goals of Vision 2026 and the 2015 Campus Master Plan, spans 10 years over three phases to address aging residence and dining halls and ensure they advance the integration of living and learning on campus.
- Currently, the average age of residential facilities at W&M is 54 years, and 42 years for dining.

Questions?

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