

Housing & Residence Life FAQ



Am I required to live on campus?

Students are required to live in university housing during their first six semesters of full-time university attendance. We find that increased opportunities for engagement by living on campus leads to increased retention of those students typically. Students may be exempt from this requirement if terms outlined in the Residency Exemption form can be met. An exemption request must be filed and approved by the Office of Residence Life in order for any exemption to be made.

Are there restricted first year housing options?

First year students can request to live in one of two residence halls: Regina Hall and McAuley Hall. Regina Hall is our first-year student residence, housing 180 residents. Regina is a traditional-style hall that offers double rooms; every room is equipped with a sink, but bathrooms are communal. McAuley Hall is a suite-style hall, housing first-year and sophomore students. Residents have their choice of quads (two people in two rooms) and triples (three people in two rooms). Each quad and triple have a private bathroom shared by both rooms. MMU provides a desk, dresser, bed and mattress, and closet for each occupant. Assignments are made for current students first and then for first year students based on the date we receive application and deposit.

Am I required to have a meal plan?

All students living in university housing of any type must be on either the VIP or Mustang meal plan. If no meal plan is selected, or if the Mustang Plan is chosen by a student who is not eligible for it, the VIP Meal Plan will be chosen as the default (base) option. First-year students and any student living in Regina or McAuley must be on the VIP plan.

Exceptions are only made for approved, documented ADA accommodations.

How do I complete the New Student Housing Application?

Please use the following link to access this year's housing: <https://admissions.mtmercy.edu/register/Housing>

I have a friend I'd like to live with. How do I request a roommate?

All students who submit a housing application will have the option to request roommates. Once your housing application is complete, the Res Life team will review the application and make sure that the request is mutual. If the request is mutual, we will place you together, if there is no mutual request, we cannot honor the original request. Make sure that if you have any roommate requests, you submit your housing application by June 1st, so we can honor these requests.

What is the likelihood that I will be able to live in my first-choice housing?

Housing is on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, it all depends on how soon you make an admission deposit and complete your housing application.

When will I know my roommate(s) and where we are living?

Students who have submitted their housing application and made their deposit by June 28th will receive their housing assignment during the first full week of July (3rd to 7th). Students who submit after June 28th can expect their assignments to be sent out the following week.

What appliances/items can I bring, or can I not bring?

We have a "suggested packing list" that includes items that you may not think to bring, as well as items that you should not bring. Generally, the limitations are on fire safety concerns, such as appliances with an open heating

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element or open flame (i.e. Foreman grill, hot plate or candles). For the full list please <https://www.mtmercy.edu/documents/campus-life/move-in-guide.pdf>.

Can I bring an animal with me to campus?

Res Life prohibits all pets other than freshwater fish in the residence halls, but accommodations can be made for assistance and/or service animals. For more information, please visit the Academic Center for Excellence and speak with the Disability Services Coordinator.

How can I be guaranteed a single/private room?

The only time that we can guarantee a private room is for ADA accommodation. Students can provide documentation from their treating physician/clinician to the Academic Center for Excellence and speak with the Disability Services Coordinator.

What does Mount Mercy provide in the first-year residence hall?

- Twin Bed (requires twin extra-long sheets)
- Twin Mattress (39" x 80")
- Wardrobe or closet in most spaces
- Desk
- Wi-Fi connections
- All utilities
- Window blinds
- Free laundry

Can I move the college furniture out of my room?

Mount Mercy University furniture cannot be removed from your dorm room or apartment. Students are charged for any missing furniture at the end of their time on campus.

How do people send me mail?

Please use the following address for US postal mail and packages*:

NAME (Do not use a nickname)
1330 Elmhurst Dr NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Mail can be picked up in the Mount Mercy Campus store. Students will receive email notification when mail and packages arrive.

* DO NOT include a building in the address line for Amazon packages. The packages may not make it to the mail room and packages could get lost.

If you don't see the answer to your question about roommates and housing here, contact Residence Life at reslife@mtmercy.edu.