New Student Residence Hall Guide

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015–2016

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

MSU RESIDENCE LIFE | BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Welcome to the Department of RESIDENCE LIFE,

where living and learning come together to provide students with a “home-like” environment as they navigate their academic career. On-going social activities and educational programming opportunities assist students as they make the transition to college life. Professional Resident Directors, Hall Front Desk Program Assistants, Resident Advisors and Central Administration Staff work to ensure students are provided with everything from basic amenities to networking opportunities with a diverse group of individuals.

We invite you to explore this guide as well as our website at www.montana.edu/reslife to learn more about our living options at Montana State University. If you are planning a visit to campus, be sure to attend the daily residence hall tour to get a feel for campus living. All first year students are required to live on campus and rooms fill up fast; so be sure to get your application in early.

The Housing Priority Application Deadline is March 1st for fall semester housing. More information on how to apply is on the back page of this publication.

Living on campus provides residents with a wealth of opportunities. We’re thrilled that you’re joining our community.

RESIDENCE HALL DINING

Students have the opportunity to eat with friends in three dining facilities across campus. Miller, Harrison and Hannon Dining halls are locally owned and operated, guaranteeing excellent customer service and a wide variety of meal choices, including Montana Made products, Vegan, Vegetarian and Healthy Choice options. Late Nite Bites is offered in Miller and Harrison Dining Halls to offer students a snack that includes made to order hamburgers, mini pizzas, fresh baked cookies, smoothie and milkshake stations, and grilled sandwiches, among other menu items. We are proud of the quality of food and atmosphere provided by the MSU Food Service.

Students may choose between 7 and 5-day meal plans. All meal plans allow unlimited entry and unlimited food in the dining halls during meal hours.
ROOM & BOARD SEMESTER RATES*

*Rates listed reflect 2014-2015 room and board rates. 2015-2016 rates are subject to Board of Regents approval.

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<tr>
<th>Room Type</th>
<th>With Bronze Meal Plan</th>
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<td>Double Room Two occupants assigned to the room</td>
<td>$4,153</td>
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<td>Single Room Reduced square footage—room designed to accommodate one occupant.</td>
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<td>Double-as-Single Room Square footage designed to accommodate two occupants. Only one person assigned to the room.</td>
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<td>Triple Room Three occupants assigned to the room.</td>
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<td>Small Single Room – Johnstone/Roskie Deluxe (approximately 15’x9’)</td>
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<td>Large Single Room – Johnstone/Roskie Deluxe (approximately 15’x12’)</td>
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<td>Headwaters Complex Two, three or four private bedrooms (share a common suite and bathroom)</td>
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In addition to these charges, a Residence Hall Association (RHA) program fee of $10 is assessed each semester. For additional information on meal plans and Cuisine and Clean options please visit www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans.
MSU houses 3,500 students in the residence halls with a student body of over 15,000 students. Approximately 70 percent of the on-campus population is comprised of freshmen students, with an increasing enrollment, this new residence hall will provide a unique and innovative living option for new students.

The new co-ed residence hall will house 400 freshmen students providing updated and modern amenities for the on-campus population. The design encompasses updated double, single and semi-suite style room layouts. The new building will also include amenities such as resident meeting spaces, collaborative academic work areas, lounge space, a kitchen area, interior and exterior bike storage and a bike maintenance room. Residence Life has broken ground on the new hall and will open for new students for the fall 2016 semester.

**FEATURES:**
- Designed to be LEED Silver
- Single Rooms
- Double Rooms
- Semi-Suite Rooms (with private bathrooms)
- Co-Ed floors
- Bike maintenance room
- Covered bike storage
- Conveniently located right behind Miller Food Service
- Ski locker space in the lobby
- Outdoor patio right next to Roskie Beach
- Two-story main lobby entrance
- Common area kitchen for all residents to use
- Social lounges and quiet study lounges on each floor
LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLCs) for the 2015–2016 academic year are still being finalized and will not be announced until Spring 2015. The Residence Life website as well as additional marketing material will be sent out to all prospective students when the LLCs have been determined. New students will be able to contact the Department of Residence Life and make changes to their application after the LLCs have been publicized.

HANNON HALL

Hannon Hall is a cozy all female hall located just footsteps away from MSU’s academic buildings. Residents appreciate the camaraderie, safety and peacefulness Hannon offers. Hannon Hall houses one of the most popular dining halls on campus, with a fantastic variety of entrees. Due to its popularity, Hannon is made up of many upperclassmen who have returned to the hall for a second, third or even fourth year. Hannon rooms have sinks and ample storage space.

FEATURES:
- Floor lounges
- Kitchen in every floor lounge
- Music practice room
- Piano in the lobby
- Fitness room with a ping pong table
- Direct access to the Hannon Dining Hall
HAPNER HALL

Hapner is an all female residence hall where residents form close communities and create a home-like atmosphere.

The Hapner Hall government provides exciting activities like the annual Hapner Formal dance. Resident Advisors often hold programs on such topics as nutrition, study skills, self-defense, campus personal safety, gender communication, yoga and a variety of women’s issues.

The recently remodeled Hapner Hall rooms have ample storage space and the most recent renovation to the public areas provide updated amenities and a comfortable environment with fresh colors and large lounge spaces that are warm and welcoming to all residents.

“I like living on campus because it is so convenient, I don’t have to drive to get to class and there’s easy access to resources.”
Madison Koterba, Billings, Mont.

FEATURES:
- Renovated fitness room
- Updated large kitchen
- Large TV room
- Music practice room
- Pianos in two lounges
- Floor lounges
- New meeting room
- Larger remodeled laundry room
JOHNSTONE CENTER

Johnstone Center is composed of three wings: Pryor, Colter and Mullan.

An energetic and social wing of Johnstone Center, Mullan is a place for traditional-age students. Mullan provides a smaller, more intimate living environment where close friendships develop early. Mullan is a co-ed wing, with genders separated by floor.

Pryor and Colter wings of Johnstone Center are co-ed wings with separate genders by floor. It is the only living option exclusive to students over the age of 21. This is a popular living option where students return year after year because they feel comfortable and at home. Also, many international students reside here, creating a fun and diverse community. Pryor and Colter wings offer single rooms with ample closet space, sinks, a lounge chair and carpet. Double rooms are available upon request.

The newly renovated and updated Harrison Dining Hall is located within the Johnstone Center with new furniture and windows as well.

BREAK HOUSING
Johnstone remains open during the academic year breaks for those who cannot or choose not to travel over breaks.

FEATURES:
- Game room
- TV room
- Kitchen
- Weight room
- Grand piano
- Solarium
- Floor lounges

“The thing I love most about living in the residence halls is the sense of community formed on the floors and throughout the hall; there is always a friendly face and someone to talk to.”

Katie Dolan, Great Falls, Mont.
LANGFORD HALL

Langford is a place where lifelong friendships are formed and great memories are made. An all-male hall, Langford is built on a tradition of academic excellence as well as active involvement in the MSU community. The weekends are packed with many co-ed activities with the women of Hapner and Hannon, such as intramural sporting events, movies, billiards tournaments and much more.

Langford’s spacious rooms are recently renovated and provide plenty of closet and storage space.

FEATURES:
- Game room
- Hall piano
- Individual floor lounges
- Remodeled large kitchen
- Hall weight room
- Ski wax room
**NORTH HEDGES**

North Hedges provides an atmosphere where living and learning join forces. North Hedges is an upbeat residence hall where students have the opportunity to meet and interact with a wide variety of students, staff, and faculty. This hall is co-ed with genders living on separate floors or wings.

Students may reserve the tutorial space on the first floor for small group meetings, study time or just general meeting space for class projects. There are also individual floor lounges on each floor that provide quiet study areas for students looking to work on homework or a project.

**SOUTH HEDGES**

If you are looking for an upbeat co-ed atmosphere where there is always something to do, South Hedges is your place. South Hedges residents are involved in many in-hall activities as well as events and organizations all over campus. Whether it is taking in a great concert at the Brick Breeden Field house, or a weekend sporting event, South Hedges is in the center of campus life. This hall is co-ed with genders living on separate floors or wings.

**SPECIAL LIVING OPTIONS**

- **Honors LLC** The Honors community is dedicated to giving students in the University Honors Program the opportunity to live and learn together in an atmosphere that is dedicated to holistic learning. Students in this co-ed community will experience social and educational programs designed to promote intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and independence.
10'-7"

NORTH & SOUTH HEDGES

15'-9"

NORTH HEDGES

SOUTH HEDGES
ROSKIE HALL

Traditionally, Roskie Hall forms one of the closest hall and floor communities on campus. This vibrant community is encouraged by the “pod” building design, where resident’s rooms face into a circular common space. Situated on the bank of Roskie Creek, the hall hosts many campus wide events taking advantage of the proximity to green space.

This co-ed community with separate genders by floor is for serious students who also enjoy meeting people and living college life to the fullest.

BREAK HOUSING

Roskie remains open during the academic year breaks for those who cannot or choose not to travel over breaks.

FEATURES:

- Game room
- Kitchen
- Floor study lounges
- Laundry rooms on every floor
- Piano in the lobby
- Ski wax room
- Elevators
- Large screen TV in lobby

“Living on campus makes it easy to form a great friend group and get involved on campus and in Bozeman.”

Kylie Jager, Torrance, Calif.
QUADS

The Quads are unique suite-style residence halls and offer our most popular living environment for Honors students. The layout of each room and suite is different. Each building in the Quads houses a maximum of 25 students and has a very home-like atmosphere that fosters close friendships and tight-knit communities. The Quads are a co-ed environment with genders separated by floor.

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FEATURES:

- Suite style carpeted rooms
- Each Quad has a kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry facilities and a spacious study.
- A common bathroom is located on each floor with shower facilities.
- Sinks in individual rooms

FRESHMAN APARTMENTS

Residence Life and Family & Graduate Housing have partnered to create a living option for first year students in campus apartments. Freshman Apartments are situated in the East Julia Martin complex near Miller Dining Hall and the Hedges Complex. Freshman Apartments offer the independence and space of an apartment with the convenience, RA staff support and programming of a traditional residence hall. These single gender apartments include a meal plan and have double or single room and board rates.

FEATURES:

- 2 bedroom furnished apartment housing 4 students (2 double rooms)
- 3 bedroom furnished apartment housing 4 students (1 double room and 2 single rooms)
- Common living room complete with study spaces
- Full kitchen with refrigerator, oven and dishwasher
- Convenient parking right outside
- Full bathroom
- Laundry facilities included
RESIDENCE HALL CONTRACT

Montana State University [“University”] and the undersigned student [“Student”] enter into this Residence Hall Contract upon the following terms and conditions:

1. **Premises**: The University agrees to provide the Student a residence in a campus residence hall, except where temporary reassignment may be necessary. Upon student request, the room will be furnished and telephone service will be available.

2. **Assignment**: The University will assign a room only after the student has submitted a completed Residence Hall application, a Residence Hall Contract and a nonrefundable $200 prepayment. Students currently residing in the residence halls who submit an application before the advertised priority application deadline will be given first choice in room assignments. Assignment according to student preferences is not guaranteed. The student must reside in the room assigned and may not reassign or sublet the room.

3. **Eligibility and Priority**: The Student must be enrolled as a student of the University and must take no fewer than 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credits (or receive express approval from the RLUFS Office if taking fewer credits) to live in the residence halls. All students taking 6 to 11 credits will be placed on Residence Hall probation. If the student is no longer enrolled in the University, this contract will be terminated and the student will be required to vacate the residence hall.

4. **Contract Period**: This contract becomes effective upon the Student’s acceptance of a room key and shall continue for one academic year. The student may request a modification/cancellation of this contract for the next semester by submitting a “Contract Modification” form to the Residence Life University Food Services Office (RLUFS) within the deadline established by that office. Housing during the Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring vacations will be provided at an additional cost. Students housed during vacation periods may be required to temporarily occupy a room other than their regularly assigned room during such vacations. Subleasing residence hall rooms is not permitted under any circumstance.

5. **Check In**: Fall Semester, all residents’ rooms will be held until 8 o’clock a.m. of the first day of class and then will be reassigned. If a student must take occupancy after the first day of class, he or she must submit notice to the RLUFS Office and specify the date the student will check in. Rooms will be held no longer than one week in such cases.

6. **Payment of Room and Board Charges**: The student agrees to pay all room and board fees for each semester by the deadline for payment of University fees.
   a. Room and board rates for this contract will be those rates approved by the Board of Regents.
   b. Room and board charges begin the first day the residence halls open, regardless of the date of occupancy.
   c. The $200 prepayment will be applied toward the room and board charges of students who take occupancy of the room assigned to them. If students do not take occupancy of their room they will forfeit their $200 prepayment.

7. **Social Fees**: All residence halls have a Social Fee established by the Residence Hall Association, which is assessed in conjunction with room and board payments each semester. The Social Fee is assessed to every student living in the residence halls and is nonrefundable.

8. **Food Service**: All students living in the residence halls must contract for a meal plan and comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the Food Service Handbook. In the absence of a selection, the student will be assigned to the Bobcat Anytime Silver Meal Plan. Meal tickets are not transferable.

9. **University Regulations**: The Student agrees to observe all University and Residence Hall regulations as set forth in the Montana State University Bulletin, the Student Conduct Code, the Residence Hall Handbook and the Food Service Handbook. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, including eviction from the residence halls and/or suspension/expulsion from the University. All University rules and regulations published in the Montana State University Bulletin, the Student Conduct Code, the Residence Hall Handbook and the Food Service Handbook are specifically made a part of this contract by this reference.

10. **Commercial Use**: Commercial use of any part of the room or facilities, and commercial solicitation and promotion in the residence halls is forbidden, except by written authorization by the University. Students may not operate, advertise, or promote a private business from their rooms.

11. **University Authority**: The University has the right to:
   a. Change room assignments when vacancies occur. In a Double room the remaining student must accept another roommate and/or move to another room. Students already on the waiting list for a Double-as-Single room may keep the room and assume the additional cost if space is available. When vacancies occur in a suite, the
remaining student(s) must accept a new roommate(s) and/or move to another suite. The University will not change room assignments if the vacancy occurs within two weeks of the end of the semester.

b. Move students from a specific room, floor, hall, or the residence hall system if necessary for order, sanitation, health, safety or disciplinary purposes.

c. Inspect all rooms, with notice in writing and in the presence of the resident if possible, for purposes of inventory, fire protection, sanitation, safety, maintenance and rule enforcement. Students may not block or restrict a University official from access to their rooms.

d. Enter any unit without notice in cases of emergency or when attempts to provide notice by phone or in person fail.

12. University Responsibility for Student’s Personal Property:

a. The University assumes no responsibility for the theft, destruction or loss of money, valuables or other personal property belonging to or in the custody of the Student, no matter the cause or location of the property.

b. The University does not carry insurance against the loss or damage of individually owned personal property, so students should provide their own personal property insurance coverage.

13. Student’s Responsibility for Damage and Loss of University Property:

a. The Student’s signature on the room condition card is the Student’s acceptance of the condition of the room and its contents at occupancy. The form is the standard for determining the condition of the room and contents at the termination of occupancy.

b. The Student is responsible for any damage or loss caused to the building, room, furniture and equipment; ordinary wear and tear is excepted. Damage or loss within student rooms will be charged to the assigned students. The Student agrees to pay such damages to the University upon demand.

14. Termination:

a. Students who want to be released from this contract for any reason before the end of the contract period must file a Petition for Residence Hall Contract Release with the RLUFS Office.

i. The Student will be released from the contract only if he or she meets the criteria for release stated on the petition form. The Director of Auxiliaries will make the final decision regarding contract releases.

ii. Regardless of reasons for the release or termination of this contract prior to the expiration of the term, a $200 cancellation penalty and pro-rated room and board charges will be assessed as of the date of final check out. Refunds will not be processed until final checkout is completed, cleaning and/or damages are assessed, furnishing/keys accounted for, and outstanding debt to Montana State University has been resolved. Refunds will be credited to the student account one week from the date of final check out.

iii. A student whose petition is denied must pay the full amount of the room and board charges for the full contract period.

b. This contract may be terminated by the Residence Life Office at any time for violation of the terms and conditions of this contract. If the contract is terminated, the University may assess a $200 contract cancellation fee, retain all payments made under the contract and may seek any other remedy in law or equity.

c. If this contract is terminated, the Student agrees to vacate the residence hall within 72 hours, unless special permission has been obtained from the Director of Residence Life.

d. Until all sums owed to RLUFS are paid in full, the Student may not register for future courses or receive transcripts, diplomas or degrees.

e. The Student agrees to pay all reasonable costs, attorney’s fees and expenses made or incurred by the University in enforcing this contract.

15. Check-Out: The student must use the established check-out procedures upon termination of this contract. Students who fail to return a key will be charged for a lock change. Students who fail to clean the room and/or cause damage to the room and its contents will be charged the actual costs for University personnel to clean and repair the premises.

16. Abandoned Property: If the Student leaves property in the room or on University property after termination of occupancy, the property shall be deemed abandoned. The University will dispose of the property if not removed by the Student after notice is sent to the Student’s last known address. Any charges incurred to remove, store or dispose of the property will be assessed to the Student.

This contract becomes effective upon the Student’s acceptance of a room key.
RESIDENCE HALL APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- The Housing Application is available starting on October 1st.
- The Housing Application Priority Deadline is March 1st for fall semester housing.
- Read the hall descriptions on the previous pages and visit our website at www.montana.edu/reslife for more hall information and to begin your application.
- Choose your first, second and third hall preferences as well as your living option preference.
- Roommates: Answer the profile questions as thoroughly as possible, keeping in mind your lifestyle will change as you adjust to college life.
- If you are planning to room with a friend, requests must be mutual. We recommend both roommates apply as early as possible to increase your chances of being paired together.
- Carefully read the residence hall contract on the previous two pages of the booklet. By completing the online application you are agreeing to the terms of conditions of this contract.

Your application is considered complete once the $200 prepayment fee is received by Residence Life. Credit cards are accepted as part of this application, or you can call the Residence Life office to arrange payment; checks are accepted by mail.

Applications will NOT be processed until the $200 is submitted.

Contact Residence Life with questions regarding the application process, living options or to request a paper application be mailed to you.

Disability Accommodation Requests Priority Deadline is March 1st; accommodations are evaluated on a case by case basis by the Office of Disability, Reentry and Veteran Services.