Welcome to the

Office of

RESIDENCE LIFE.

Residence Life is 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. Full-time Resident Directors, Hall Front Desk Program Coordinators, 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 Application Priority 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 two dining facilities across campus. Our 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 both dining halls to offer students an evening snack that includes made to order items like sandwiches, comfort food, a Mongolian grill, among other menu items. We are proud of the quality of food and atmosphere provided by the MSU Culinary Services.

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

*2019–2020 room and board rates are subject to Board of Regent approval and will be finalized in late spring 2019.

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In addition to these charges, a Residence Hall Association (RHA) program fee of $15 is assessed each semester. Any student who selects and is placed in a Living Learning Community (LLC) floor for the 2019–2020 academic year, will have an additional fee of $50/semester to pay for programming and educational opportunities on the floor.

Room and board rates vary based on room type and meal plan.

For more information on meal plans, please visit [www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans](http://www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans).

For more information on residence halls and room and board rates, please visit [www.montana.edu/reslife](http://www.montana.edu/reslife).
GENERAL INFORMATION

Break Housing is available when the halls are closed during the academic year. Although the residence halls officially close during Winter break, students are able to stay on campus for an additional fee. Based on demand and occupancy, some halls may close and students may be required to temporarily move during the break period. Dining services are not available during winter break. Other break periods are included in Room & Board at no additional cost.

Cable service is available in each residence hall room at no additional charge. Phone service can be added to the room upon request at no additional charge.

Computer Labs/Kiosks are provided in the residence halls. The computers are primarily for academic use and are connected to the campus network and the internet.

Free linen service is available in each hall. Students may check out a set of linens (a blanket, two sheets, pillow and a pillowcase). Once a week, residents can exchange the linens at the front desk for a clean set.

Furnishings are provided in each residence hall room and include an extra long twin bed (except for Quads and Roskie which are standard twin), desk, chair, garbage can, closet and drawers.

Internet access is provided by Residential Network (ResNet) in each residence hall room through at least one wired connection for residents, as well as secure Wi-Fi. ResNet also offers a full service help desk to residents with technicians ready to assist at no additional charge.

Laundry facilities are provided in each residence hall, with the exception of Madison and Jefferson Halls in the Headwaters Complex. Madison and Jefferson residents utilize the laundry facilities located in North Hedges. Students use funds placed on their student CatCard to do their laundry. South Hedges and Roskie provide laundry facilities on every floor, all other halls have laundry facilities in a centralized area in the lower level of the building. The ResLife Apartments have laundry facilities in each apartment building.

Lofting beds in the residence halls is an option for students. Loft plans are available on the Residence Life website (www.montana.edu/reslife/loft_plans). All halls (except Johnstone and Mullan) have bed lofting systems and do not require additional materials or tools.

Mixed Gender Housing This option allows students to share a suite with fellow students regardless of their sex, gender identity, or gender expression. Students who choose to live in Mixed Gender Housing commit to abide by the community agreement and to support a welcoming community for all individuals, which includes embracing the diverse array of sexualities, gender identities, and gender expressions that may be present in the community.

Our goal is to make students feel safe and welcome into their new community. Please keep in mind, the earlier students contact us with questions and/or concerns, the more flexibility we will have in assisting them with exploring different housing options. James Tobin, Assistant Director of Residence Life, is the designated staff member in Residence Life that will be able to answer questions and provide a personal and confidential assessment of our available housing options. Please contact James at 406-994-2661 or via email at jtobin@montana.edu to understand options available to or discuss any questions. If a student decides to speak with a Residence Life staff member, they choose what they want to disclose.

Parking on campus is available to all students. Vehicles must be registered or permits must be purchased. For more information about parking on campus, visit www.montana.edu/parking.

Printing is available to Residence Hall students at a printer kiosk located in your residence hall. There is a fee associated with this service and can be paid using credit/debit or any money on your CatCard. More information about printing is available at the residence hall front desk or by visiting www.montana.edu/reslife.
YELLOWSTONE HALL

Yellowstone Hall is home to 400 students providing updated and modern amenities for the on-campus population. The design encompasses updated double, single and semi-suite style room layouts. The building also includes 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.

“NAC Architecture and SMA Architects created 10 distinct student neighborhoods throughout Yellowstone Hall at Montana State University, each with its own RA, shared bathrooms and community study and lounge space. Additionally, each floor within Yellowstone features a central hub that serves to connect these residential communities to one another. Shared amenities include a community kitchen, patio grills, a ski waxing room and a place for mountain bike repair.”

*Student Housing Business Magazine, May/June 2017*

FEATURES:
- Designed to be LEED Gold
- Single and double rooms
- Semi-suite rooms (private bathrooms)
- Co-Ed floors
- Bike maintenance and ski wax room
- Covered bike storage
- Conveniently located right behind Miller Dining Commons
- Ski locker space off the lobby
- Outdoor patio with two grills, next to Roskie Beach
- Two-story main lobby entrance
- Common area kitchen for all residents
- Social lounges and quiet study lounges on each floor

L to R: double option, single option and semi-suite option.
2019–2020 LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLCs)

- Business
- Creative Arts
- Emerging Leaders
- Engineering
- Honors
- Sense of Place
- Well-Being

Others include:

- Co-Ed Halls/Floors
- Mixed Gender Housing
- Sophomore & Above
- 21 Years and Older

HANNOH 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.

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. The rooms have sinks and ample storage space. Hannon is also located in close proximity to Rendezvous Dining Pavilion.

FEATURES:

- Floor lounges
- Kitchen in every floor lounge
- Music practice room
- Piano in the lobby
- Fitness room
- Living Learning Community option
- Annual Hall Council event
- Close to Rendezvous Dining Pavilion

HANNOH HALL
Hapner is a recently-renovated residence hall for female-identifying residents. Here residents form close communities and create a home-like atmosphere.

The Hapner Hall Council provides a chance for residents to get involved in planning exciting activities like the annual Hapner Formal dance and suggesting hall updates. Resident Advisors often hold programs on such topics as nutrition, study skills, self-defense, campus personal safety, gender communication, yoga and self-care to provide support and resources for residents.

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

“Living on campus at MSU has brought me some of my best friends and made MSU a new home for me. There is always something going on in the halls that motivates me to meet new people or get involved in some way.”

Willow Suess / Chemical Engineering / Barstow, California

FEATURES:
- Fitness room
- Large kitchen, TV room and laundry
- Music practice room
- Pianos in two lounges
- Floor lounges
- Meeting room
- Annual Hall Council event
- Close to Rendezvous Dining Pavilion
- Desktop computers in lobby
- Large main lobby lounge
- Cookware and vacuums for resident use
- Loftable beds
- Sinks in each room
- Rentable ski lockers

HAPNER HALL
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 that is exclusive to sophomore and above. 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 double and single rooms with ample closet space, sinks, a lounge chair and carpet.

FEATURES:
- Movie and TV rooms
- Kitchen
- Weight room
- Grand piano
- Solarium
- Floor lounges
- Pool tables
- Annual Hall Council event
- Near Rendezvous Dining Pavilion
- Lobby TV and computers
LANGFORD HALL

Langford is a place where lifelong friendships are formed and great memories are made. An all-male hall renovated in 2012, Langford is built on a tradition of academic excellence as well as active involvement in the MSU community. Langford has an active in-hall community with many areas in hall, such as the Rec Room and the Jim Bridger Theater, for students to interact and build those lifelong relationships.

Langford’s spacious rooms provide plenty of closet and storage space, and Langford’s Hall Council is constantly coming up with new additions to the hall that make this community a better place to live every year.

FEATURES:
- Rec room
- Jim Bridger theater
- Individual floor lounges
- Large Kitchen
- Weight room
- Ski wax room
- Courtyard
- Living Learning
- Community options
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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. There are individual floor lounges on each floor that provide quiet study areas for students looking to work on homework or a project as well as a great solarium/fireplace area.

FEATURES:
- Solarium with a fireplace
- Connected to Miller Dining Commons
- Pool/game area
- Elevators
- Grand piano in the lobby
- Floor lounges
- TV in lounge
- Annual Hall Council event

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.

South Hedges Success Center

South Hedges also hosts The Den. The Den is a free advising center which consists of Success Advisors, Academic Advisors, Career Coaches and Financial Coaches, available Monday through Friday. Also available through The Den is walk-in tutoring Monday through Friday for Math, Physics, Chemistry and Writing. All of this is available to all of our residents at no cost and found right in the lobby.

FEATURES:
- Weight room
- Game room
- Kitchen
- Ski wax room
- Elevators
- Grand piano in the lobby
- Study lounges
- Connected to Miller Dining Commons
- Large screen TV in the lobby
- Living Learning Community options
- Annual Hall Council event

“Living on campus provides a great opportunity to live with a close knit group of people with similar goals. I also get to live within walking distance of all the amenities campus has to offer.”

Courtney Stutheit / Chemical Engineering / Littleton, Colorado
“Right after I moved into the residence halls, I immediately felt a part of not only a community, but a family. It is a place where you can grow and thrive with everyone around you.”

Nathaniel Benson / Mechanical Engineering / Duluth, Minnesota
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 students who also enjoy meeting people and experiencing all that Bozeman has to offer.

Features:
- Game room
- Recently remodeled kitchen
- Laundry rooms on every floor
- Piano on the first floor
- Ski wax room
- Elevators
- Close to Outdoor Rec and Miller Dining Commons
- Annual Hall Council event
- Quiet study room on 1st floor

“I love living on campus because it allows me to be a part of a greater community here at MSU. There are so many activities and groups to be a part of in every single hall on campus, and through them I have made many lifelong friends.”

Avery Joyner / Studio Art / Hamilton, Montana
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. Only Honors students may request to live in the Quads.

FEATURES:
- Most Quads have a kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry facilities and a spacious study.
- A common bathroom is located on each floor with shower facilities.
- Suite style carpeted rooms
- Sinks in individual rooms
- Annual Hall Council event
- Close to Rendezvous Dining Pavilion

RESLIFE APARTMENTS

Residence Life and Family & Graduate Housing have partnered to create a living option for students in campus apartments. ResLife Apartments are situated in the East and West Julia Martin complexes near Miller Dining Commons and the Hedges Complex. ResLife 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 and single room options.

FEATURES:
- 2 bedroom furnished apartment housing 3 students — 1 double room and 1 single room
- 3 bedroom furnished apartment housing 4 students — 1 double room and 2 single rooms
- Common living room area
- Full kitchen with refrigerator, oven and dishwasher
- Convenient parking right outside
- Full bathroom with once a week custodial cleaning
- Laundry facilities included

“The Freshman Apartments are a unique community that is actively involved in creating a home-like atmosphere. I love that people who live here are intentional about getting out and participating in events.”

Tawni Johnson, Billings, Mont., Secondary Ed
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. The room will be furnished, and upon student request, 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 $300 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**: To be eligible to reside in the residence hall, the student must be enrolled as a student of the University. A student may live in the residence halls while taking at least 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credits and any student taking 9 to 11 credits may live in the residence hall and will be placed on Residence Hall probation. Any student taking 6 to 8 credits must request permission from the Director of Residence Life to live in the residence halls and, if approved, will be placed on Residence Hall probation. If a student is taking less than 6 credits or is no longer enrolled in the University, this contract may 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. 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.

5. **Check In**: Fall Semester, all residents’ rooms will be held until 8 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 Residence Life 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 $300 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 $300 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 Guide. In the absence of a selection, the student will be assigned to the Bobcat Anytime Silver Meal Plan. Meal plans are not transferable.

9. **University Regulations**: The Student agrees to observe all University and Residence Hall regulations applicable to students of the university. 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 Catalog, 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 prohibited. Students may not conduct commercial activity or promote commercial activity using the room, room address or university computer address (montana.edu domain).

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**ALL STUDENTS LIVING IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS MUST ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

Please retain this copy of the Residence Hall contract for your records.
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, 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 the University for damages.

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 Request for Residence Hall Contract Release with the Residence Life Office.
      i. The Student will be released from the contract only if he or she meets the criteria for release stated on the request form. The Associate VP of Administration and Finance will make the final decision regarding contract releases.
      ii. If the student is released from this contract prior to the expiration of the term, a $300 contract cancellation fee and pro-rated room and board charges will be assessed as of the date of final check out. Refunds of housing payments will not be processed until final checkout is completed, cleaning and/or damages are assessed, keys are accounted for, and any outstanding debt to Montana State University has been resolved.
      iii. A student must pay the full amount of the room and board charges for the full contract period unless the student is granted a contract release by the Residence Life Office.
   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 $300 contract cancellation fee, retain all payments made under the contract and may seek any other remedy in law or equity. If this contract is terminated, the Student agrees to vacate the residence hall within 72 hours, unless the student requests and is granted an extension by the Director of Residence Life.
   c. Until all sums owed to Residence Life are paid in full, the Student may not register for future courses or receive transcripts, diplomas or degrees.
   d. If collection is required the Student agrees to pay all additional collection fees, including but not limited to collection agency fees of up to 33.3% and reasonable attorney fees 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 October 1st at 9am.

☐ The Housing Application Priority Date 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 top five hall preferences as well as your living option preferences. While Residence Life does consider preference, choosing preferences is not a guarantee a student will be placed in one of those preferences.

☐ 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.

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

Your application is considered complete once the $300 non-refundable 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 $300 is submitted.

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