Frequently Asked Questions

Parents

1. Can residents leave their personal items in the residence halls during the holiday break?
   Yes. Fairmount Towers, Brennan Hall and Wheatshocker Apartments are open through holiday breaks for residents with contracts for the entire academic year, for no additional charge.

2. Do the residence halls have wireless internet?
   Yes. All buildings on the Wichita State University campus have a secured WiFi network. Each room is equipped with a port for an Ethernet cord and cable TV. The Help Desk at the Ablah Library provides free services in assisting students in accessing the network.

3. When is the Housing Application due?
   Applications are processed in March and room assignments are given for the following semester on a first come first serve basis. Students may apply online at any time at www.wichita.edu/housing.

4. Can freshmen have vehicles on campus?
   Yes. All residents can have vehicles on campus. Residents will receive a parking pass on move-in day (included with room and board). The Office of Housing and Residence Life (HRL) does not provide individual reserved parking spaces, but does provide lots reserved for residents only.

5. Are the restaurants on campus included in the meal plan?
   Yes. Each meal plan comes with Shocker Dollars or “flex-dollars.” These can be used the Wheatshocker Market located in the Wheatshocker Apartments or in the restaurants on campus, including Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Blimpies, etc.

6. Should residents bring their own vacuum cleaner?
   Each residence hall provides a vacuum cleaner, however residents may bring their own.

7. Are the residence halls co-ed?
   Yes. All residence halls on campus are co-ed. Roommates and suitemates will be of the same sex.

8. What are the safety precautions that the residence halls have?
   Wheatshocker Apartments and Fairmount Towers provide an electronic card key reader which only allows access to residents of such buildings to enter. Brennan Hall is accessible by residents only who have metal keys. Brennan Hall and Fairmount Towers have security desks at its entrances to verify individuals entering the building. Wheatshocker Apartments does not have a security desk; however its Information Desk serves as a line of security for the building 24/7. To access a resident’s room, a separate card key is issued to the resident(s) of that particular room. The HRL staff is also on call 365 days out of the year, including holidays, from 5 p.m. – 8 a.m. during the week and 24-hours during the weekend.
9. What is the guest and overnight guest policy?
Visitation hours in Fairmount Towers and Brennan Halls are between 8 a.m. and 4 a.m., every day. Wheatshocker has 24-hour visitation privileges. At Fairmount Towers and Brennan Hall, when the security desks are in operation, residents are expected to sign in their guests, and then sign them out again before visiting hours are over. Residents may have overnight guests of the same sex, but overnight guests of the opposite sex are prohibited in Fairmount Towers and Brennan Hall. Residents are expected to accompany their guests at all times and are responsible for the guest’s actions. Guests may only stay overnight three consecutive nights unless special permission is given by the Residence Life Coordinator.

10. What appliances can residents bring into their rooms or apartments?
Mini refrigerators (4.9 cubic ft and under), microwaves (less than 0.9 cubic ft), and coffee pots with self-contained heating elements are permitted. Space heaters, halogen lamps, sun lamps, barbeque grills, dishwashers, freezers, exterior antennas and satellite dishes are prohibited. Appliances with open heat sources such as: toasters, Gorge Foreman grills and candle warmers, are not permitted in Fairmount or Brennan Halls.

11. Can residents change their meal plan if they have too few or too many meals?
Meal plans can be altered before September 14 for the fall semester and by February 14 for the spring semester. Shocker Dollars can be added at any time to any meal plan.

12. How does living on campus benefit residents academically?
Fairmount Towers offers living learning communities that group residents of similar majors and/or interests. Resident Assistants who reside on each floor or in each building help residents by providing connections to resources on campus, as well as offering programs based on the academic needs of all residents.

13. How many students actually live on campus?
Wichita State University can house approximately 1,300 students. Approximately 1,100 students currently reside on-campus.

14. Are students allowed to live at home?
All freshmen are required to live on campus, unless they are considered exempt from:
   A) The student will be living with parents or legal guardians in the Greater Wichita Area.
   B) The student will be living with an aunt, uncle, and grandparent in the Greater Sedgwick County Area.
   C) The student is married or will be married prior to the first day of classes at WSU.
   D) The student will be taking fewer than 9 credit hours.
   E) The student plans on living in Greek housing.
   F) The student has already lived in Fairmount Towers for two full semesters.
   G) The student is 21 years of age.
   H) The student has 30 or more credit hours.
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Students

1. Do residents have a curfew?
   No. The Office of Housing and Residence Life (HRL) does not regulate curfews for any residents.

2. May furniture in the rooms be moved? (i.e. bunk beds, rearrange dressers)
   Yes. Furniture may be rearranged into a living space that is more accommodating to the residents in each room. Beds may be lofted or bunked to allow more space within the room. However, no furniture may be removed from the rooms.

3. How does one choose a roommate?
   When completing the housing application, both students must request each other as a roommate. Both students’ WSU IDs must also be on the application. If a student does not have a specific roommate preference, a roommate will be selected based on preferences such as sleeping, guest and studying habits.

4. What are the dining hall hours and is it open during the holidays?
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   During Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break and Spring Break the dining hall will be closed. However, the dining hall remains open during Fall Break.

5. May residents decorate their room by hanging items on the wall?
   Yes. Residents may only using removable painters tape, white poster putty, Command Strips or other temporary mounting devices. No more than 50 percent of each wall space may be covered.

6. What should residents do if they do not like their roommate?
   Residents should first visit with their Resident Assistant to discuss any issues they are having with their roommate. If the issue cannot be resolved, the resident may request a room change after 12th business day after each semester.

7. What types of social events are offered in the residence halls?
   Each residence hall has an activities council that is provided as an opportunity for residents to create fun activities and social events for all residents. These committees coordinate events such as dances, pot luck dinners, food drives and friendly competitions. RAs also coordinate programs each month for residents too.
8. **Do residents have to maintain a clean room and bathroom?**
   Yes. It is the responsibility of the residents to keep their room clean. Residents in each suite are responsible for the cleanliness of their shared space, including the bathroom and the kitchen in Wheatshocker Apartments. Residents will undergo a monthly Health and Safety Check from HRL staff members to ensure that their rooms are being cleaned. Cleaning supplies are provided for residents to check out at the information desk at each residence hall. Charges may be applied if rooms are not kept sanitary.

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10. **What is a Resident Assistant (RA)?**
    Resident Assistants are student staff members living in each residence halls. Their responsibilities are to help build a sense of community, assist residents when having difficulties with academics, adjusting to college life, or even serve as a friend. RAs plan and implement programs based on the needs and interests of the residents, communicate information on bulletin boards, and are liaisons between the residents and HRL. RAs also serve as authority figures in enforcing WSU and HRL policies to ensure the safety and security of the residence halls.

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