

Frequently Asked Questions

Are freshman required to live on-campus?

WSU does not have a live-on requirement for freshman, however we do encourage students to reside on-campus. Living at WSU in the residence halls supports student success by providing close access to many campus and Detroit resources, and it allows you to meet people and make new friends. Students who live on-campus are more likely to get connected to their faculty and the university as a whole and persist at a higher rate until graduation than commuters.

Are freshman allowed to have cars on-campus?

Yes. Residents must park in structure #2 on Anthony Wayne Drive, which is directly across from the residence halls. Parking passes for this structure are \$180 per semester.

Can I choose my roommate?

Yes. If you have a specific person that you'd like to room with, please make sure to list his/her full name and 9-digit WSU ID number on your application, and make sure that s/he lists your full name and ID number on their application. You can contact us any time until mid-August with roommate preferences, but we cannot guarantee we can accommodate requests after June 29.

What if I don't know anyone who I'd like to live with?

Don't worry. We will match you up with a roommate that has similar interests/preferences based on the answers you list on your housing application. We'll ask you questions about your major, sleep/study habits, room use, if you are a smoker, etc. When you fill out your housing application please be honest so that we can match you up properly.

Do I have internet access in my room?

Yes. All rooms have wired, high-speed internet ports for each resident, and the study lounges have wireless internet.

Can I have guests visit me during the year?

Yes. To emphasize the academic environment of the residence halls, we do limit the number and frequency of overnight guests, who must be approved in advance by all roommates. All guests must be signed into a residence hall by a resident and remain with the resident at all times.

Is smoking allowed in residence halls?

No. Smoking any type is prohibited in the residence halls, including residents' rooms. Anyone wishing to smoke must do so outside at least 25 feet from the building entrance.

Is alcohol allowed in the freshmen residence halls?

Ghafari and Atchison Halls are alcohol free. No one is allowed to possess, transport, consume or be in the presence of alcohol in any area, regardless of age. This includes resident rooms and any other public areas. Neither residents nor their guests (even if they are of legal drinking age) may bring alcoholic beverages into the freshman halls.

What will it cost me to live on-campus and have a meal plan (room and board)?

The 2009-10 academic year room and 19 meal plan board cost in Atchison and Ghafari Halls is \$7,210. The 2009-10 academic year room and 15 meal plan board cost in Atchison and Ghafari Halls is \$7,480.

What are my meal plan options in Ghafari and Atchison?

Freshmen must purchase a meal plan if they plan to live in on-campus housing. Two options are available. The 19 meals per week plan can be used during weekday breakfast, lunch, dinner or late night dining, and weekend brunch and/or dinner. The 15 meals per week plan includes 15 meals a week that can be used during any of the 23 meal periods offered Monday – Sunday. This meal plan also includes \$100 Warrior Dollars for use during the semester.

Is there a health service on campus?

Yes. The health fee is included as part of your payment of the omnibus fee on your student account. All students have access to 1 free visit per semester to the Campus Health Center for a simple office visit or for acute illness, plus additional low cost visits, discounted vaccinations, women's health exams, and other services. This does not include diagnostics, supplies or treatments. The Health Center does accept many types of insurance, including Aetna, the WSU insurance for international students. For uninsured patients the fees are discounted or reduced on a sliding scale.

How can I join a student group?

There are many opportunities to get involved and connected on-campus. You can join the hall council to coordinate fun and educational programs for residents and help set community standards. You may also get involved in any or the other 200 student groups around campus, or even apply to become an RA to be a leader on your floor and help other students succeed! To see a listing and description of our student groups and other ways to be involved on-campus go to www.doso.wayne.edu.

When should I send in my housing application?

Students should submit their housing application as soon after being admitted to the university as possible. The form can be found at http://housing.wayne.edu/pdf/0910_freshman_app_final.pdf. Once we receive the application we will send you a housing license agreement and a dining contract to sign.

Do I need to send money with my housing application?

There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee that must be submitted, along with a \$100 security deposit.

Can I cancel my contract?

After May 1, 2009 you are bound by the terms of your housing license agreement and are not permitted to cancel unless you leave the university. Requests for exceptions to this policy must be submitted in writing to the Housing Office.

What other information can I expect to receive from Housing over the summer?

After submitting completed housing and dining contracts, students will receive an assignment packet in the mail in mid-July at their permanent address. The packet will include information about the hall and room you are assigned to, roommate & meal plan information, as well as information about move-in, what to bring/not bring, and mandatory events for first year students including residence hall orientation and start New Student Days.