

# Housing

University Housing is made up of smaller departments including Residence Life and Family & Graduate Housing. These two departments work collaboratively with University Food Services and Residential Networking departments to provide a comfortable and safe environment for those students and families living on-campus at Montana State University. We encourage you to look at the additional tabs for more information pertaining to these various departments and entities.

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## Residence Life

[www.montana.edu/reslife](http://www.montana.edu/reslife)

### Residence Halls

Montana State University offers convenient and affordable on-campus housing for students. The Residence Life Department is committed to providing an environment which is socially stimulating while enhancing the academic experience of the students who live on campus. Students with fewer than 30 earned credit hours (while in a residence hall setting) are required to live in the residence halls. Prospective students are urged to submit an application at the earliest possible date since assignments are made in the order they are received. A limited number of single rooms are available.

### Living Options

There are many living options available that encompass academic and social enrichment for our residents; however, living options do change from year to year, based on student need, academic interest areas, and national trends. Our current living options are listed below.

1. **All Female Halls** (Hannon/Hapner)
2. **All Male Hall** (Langford)
3. **Co-Ed Halls:** Co-ed living environments are comprised of both men and women living on either separate floors or separate wings of the same hall (Headwaters Complex, Johnstone Center, Mullan, South Hedges, North Hedges, Residence Life Apartments, Roskie, and Yellowstone Hall).
4. **Living Learning Communities (LLCs):** Dedicated to academic success, Residence Life offers floors designed to assist students with common majors. Currently, Business, Creative Arts, Emerging Leaders, Engineering, Global Village, Honors, and Sense of Place are scattered throughout all of the residence halls.
  - a. **Business LLC:** The Business Living Learning Community is designed to provide career exploration and exposure to other majors/minors that allow for a career in the business field. Residents will have access to in-hall academic advising, study sessions, and evening presentations by business faculty and local business leaders. This living option is co-educational. (South Hedges)
  - b. **Creative Arts LLC:** The Creative Arts Living Learning Community is open to any student interested in the creative arts. Recently, the lounge space was remodeled to accommodate a workspace for creating models and completing art projects. This living option is co-educational. (South Hedges)
  - c. **Emerging Leaders LLC:** The Emerging Leaders Living Learning Community is a space for residents to explore their role as an emerging leader. As a member of this community residents will have the unique opportunity to learn and practice their individual style of leadership. This is a collaboration between Residence Life and the Leadership Institute to provide programming and mentorship throughout the year. This living option is co-educational. *Students living on the floor must enroll in the Leadership Fellows program and enroll in a special section of UC 102 during the fall semester.* (South Hedges)
- d. **Engineering LLC:** The Engineering Living Learning Community is designed to give residents an edge in their demanding and competitive engineering majors. Residents are provided with programs and workshops that supplement their in-class experience, as well as in-hall study sessions and faculty presentations. This living option is offered for males in Langford and females in Hannon. (Hannon/Langford)
- e. **Global Village LLC:** The Global Village Living Learning Community gives residents the opportunity to make friends from around the world, to learn about other cultures, and to share their own experiences. Residents will participate in programming designed to give them a better perspective of the world they live-in. This living experience is ideal for students planning to study abroad or returning from studying abroad; for international and exchange students; for students studying foreign languages; and for any student interested in the world. This living option is offered for males in Langford and females in Hannon. (Hannon/Langford)
- f. **Honors LLC:** Housed in The Quads and one floor in South Hedges, these co-ed options are for students enrolled in the Honors College. These spaces provide an ideal setting for the study sessions and spontaneous discussions that foster the growth of an Honors student. (Quads/South Hedges)
- g. **Sense of Place LLC:** The Sense of Place Living Learning Community is a brand new community which focuses on residents establishing an understanding of their self and their place in the world. This community was developed for students unsure about what they want to study and what their futures hold. This living option is co-educational. *Students living on the floor must enroll in a special section of US 103 during the spring semester.* (South Hedges)
5. **Sophomore & Above and/or 21+** (Johnstone)
6. **Sophomore and Above Deluxe Floors:** Roskie Hall is the home of two newly remodeled sophomore and above floors. These floors consist of single rooms with the same square footage as a double room in Roskie. This quiet, yet active, living option provides an opportunity for those students who want a change of pace from the traditional freshmen energy.
7. **Sophomore and Above Halls:** The Headwaters Complex, Johnstone Center and parts of Residence Life Apartments are designed to meet the needs of all second year students by creating programs that deal directly with the issues they are currently facing.

Please visit the Residence Life website, [www.montana.edu/reslife](http://www.montana.edu/reslife), contact the Residence Life Office at 406-994-2661, or email [housing@montana.edu](mailto:housing@montana.edu) for the specific halls and floors which provide the living options outlined above.

## Facilities

### Room Equipment and Furnishings

All rooms have closets, extra-long twin beds (except Quads), mattress pad, chests of drawers, study desks, waste baskets, chairs, and window coverings. Each room is wired for cable television, secure wired, and wireless internet connections. Also, a linen service is available for residents, providing sheets and pillow cases. These items can be exchanged once a week for a clean set of linens. It is the responsibility of the residents to maintain order and cleanliness in their rooms.

**Laundry**

Laundry rooms are in every hall with the exception of the Madison and Jefferson Halls in the Headwaters Complex and are equipped with Cat Card-operated automatic washers and dryers. Ironing boards and a limited number of irons are available at the hall desks.

**Residence Hall Association (RHA)**

All students residing in the residence halls are members of the Residence Hall Association. Organized on floor, hall, and inter-hall levels with programming, judicial, and governmental committees, RHA strives to uphold and promote the interests of students residing in the residence halls and to provide an active voice in residence hall administrative policy and operating procedures.

**Visitation Policy**

Members of the opposite sex may visit in the privacy of individual rooms. Cohabitation is prohibited.

- Definition of a resident, as it pertains to this policy: A student who has contracted with the university to live in a specifically assigned hall and room for a designated period of time.
- Definition of visitor: Visitors are in the room for less than overnight periods. They may use the facilities in a manner in which they would not be considered regular hall residents. They do not sleep in the room. Visitors are subject to university regulation.
- Definition of guest: Guests are non-residents staying with a student resident for a period not to exceed three (3) days. Guests are to present a photo ID and be registered at the hall front desk and are subject to university policies and regulations.

In an effort to accommodate a variety of student lifestyles, the residence halls offer twenty-four hour visitation, in which residents may have visitors at their discretion and with the consent of their roommate.

**Personal Funds and Property**

Students are urged to help safeguard their personal funds by establishing local checking accounts. All other valuable personal property should be adequately protected. Montana State University is not insured nor responsible for the loss or destruction of any personal property of students. Students are encouraged to carry their own personal property insurance. Montana State University has strict regulations regarding firearms on campus; contact the Office of Residence Life for details.

**Board Charges and Meal Plans**

All residence hall students are required to participate in a meal plan. Meals are not served in the residence halls during Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break, which is reflected in the meal plan charges.

Student meal plans can be viewed on the Residence Life website (<http://www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans>).

In addition to these meal plans, off-campus students (only) have the option to purchase a variety of commuter meal plans, which can be viewed on the University Food Service webpage ([http://www.montana.edu/ufs/residence\\_dining\\_commons/meal\\_plans/commuter\\_meal\\_plans.html](http://www.montana.edu/ufs/residence_dining_commons/meal_plans/commuter_meal_plans.html)).

**Semester Charges**

Prices for the current academic year/semester can be obtained through the Residence Hall Room & Board rates page (<http://www.montana.edu/reslife/rates>).

*Note:* Charges listed are estimates for the academic year/semester and are subject to change without notice.

**Payment of Charges**

Room and board fees, ResNet, and the RHA social fee are paid in full at the beginning of each semester during the fee payment period. Installment payments for room and board must be arranged in advance with the Office of Student Accounts. There are no deductions for room or board for late arrivals (at the beginning of the semester) or for early departures (at the end of the semester).

**Application for Housing**

Apply online at [www.montana.edu/reslife](http://www.montana.edu/reslife).

**Prepayment**

A \$200 non-refundable prepayment is required when submitting a Residence Hall Application. The University will not process housing requests until the student has submitted a completed housing application and the \$200 nonrefundable prepayment. The \$200 will be applied to the total housing costs upon payment of fees.

**Prepayment Forfeiture**

Failure to occupy the room or cancellation of the contract before or during the contract period will result in the forfeiture of the \$200 prepayment.

**Refunds of Room and Board Payments**

Students who terminate class registration during a semester will receive a prorated refund of their room and board payments unless they are suspended by the university.

There are no refunds for early departures at the end of the semester or late arrivals at the beginning of the semester. Rooms are held until the first hour of classes on the first class day of the semester.

A student who is absent from his/her residence hall for one or more weeks of consecutive meals due to his/her own illness or participation in University-sponsored activities will be refunded board at \$2 per meal, provided the student notifies the University Food Services Meal Pass Office in advance of the University-sponsored activity. Requests for refunds based on absence due to illness must be submitted to the Residence Life Office, accompanied by a statement from the Director of Student Health Services, or the student's own doctor, indicating required hospitalization or home care.

**Exemptions from On Campus Living**

All incoming freshmen with fewer than 30 credits earned in a university residential setting are required to live on campus for their first two academic semesters. However, there are some criteria that, if met, may qualify a student for an exemption from living on campus. Qualifications for exemption are as follows:

1. Marriage.
2. Physical custody of a dependent child.
3. Have completed one full academic year at another college/university while living in a residence hall.
4. Will be taking 5 or fewer credit hours.
5. Recent substantial financial change beyond the control of the student.
6. A medical or disability condition that precludes a student from living in the residence halls.
7. Will be living at home with an immediate family member (mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather) or legal guardian.

8. Current active military or veteran's status.
9. Have other extenuating circumstances.

To initiate the exemption process, you must submit the required written documentation. This must be received by the Residence Life Office prior to the academic period requested. Exemptions received after the start of any term will be considered, but rarely approved. The Request for Exemption form ([http://www.montana.edu/reslife/documents/pdfs/exemption\\_form.pdf](http://www.montana.edu/reslife/documents/pdfs/exemption_form.pdf)) can be found online.

Part time students (3 - 11 credits) wishing to live on campus may be granted a waiver. Please contact the Residence Life Office at 406-994-2661 for more information.

The specific opening/closing dates for the residence halls will be sent to students with their room assignments. If this information is needed earlier, please contact the Residence Life Office at 406-994-2661, [housing@montana.edu](mailto:housing@montana.edu), or [www.montana.edu/reslife](http://www.montana.edu/reslife).

The residence halls will be closed during Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break. Students may request University housing during break periods for an additional fee. Roskie Hall, Johnstone Center, Residence Life Apartments, and the Headwaters Complex will remain open to accommodate students requesting break housing. Students not currently living in one of the previously mentioned halls will be required to move to an unoccupied room in one of the breaking housing halls. Other halls will only remain open based on the discretion of the Residence Life Administration. Guests are not allowed during break periods.

## Work Opportunities

For students needing to work while attending Montana State University, there are a number of employment opportunities available in residence halls, at front desks, and with the various food services on campus. Information regarding employment may be obtained by contacting the Residence Life Office and University Food Service or through the Employment webpage (<http://www.montana.edu/reslife/staff>). Work study/financial aid status is not necessary to qualify for student employment.

Work Opportunities include:

- Academic Peer Mentors
- Desk Clerks
- Food Services
- Resident Advisors
- Weekend Student Custodians

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## Family & Graduate Housing

[www.montana.edu/fgh](http://www.montana.edu/fgh)

The Family & Graduate Housing Office is pleased to offer convenient, affordable housing as a service to enable families, married couples, graduate students, second degree undergraduates, single parents, and those in a legally dependent relationship to continue their education.

Family & Graduate Housing consists of 541 units in one, two, and three bedroom apartment/house configurations in eight different communities, located both on campus and within walking distance to all campus buildings and amenities. While each apartment complex varies, available options include: washer/drier hookups, free laundry (in apartment complexes without washer/dryer connections), ResNet connection, dishwashers (in several Julia Martin, Paisley, and Branegan units),

storage areas, playground equipment, picnic tables, barbecues, and cable television.

Electric and gas utility costs are included in all units except McIntosh, Paisley, and the West Side Houses. Water, sewer, and garbage costs are included in the rental price of all units.

As a benefit to our residents, the Family & Graduate Housing Office offers a variety of services to assist with making the transition to campus-life: a newsletter is published monthly to inform residents of upcoming campus and community events; a staff of community assistants (CA's) is available to provide activities and programs and answer questions; ASMSU Day Care Center is available for children 2-1/2 years through kindergarten; events and programs catered to adults, children, and families are conducted throughout the year; a staff of skilled craftsmen are available to assist with any maintenance problems; a 24-hour call-out service is available to assist with emergencies.

To receive a brochure, application, or to inquire about Family & Graduate Housing's eligibility requirements, please contact:

Family & Graduate Housing Office  
1502 West Garfield  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
406-994-3730  
Email: [fgho@montana.edu](mailto:fgho@montana.edu)  
[www.montana.edu/fgh](http://www.montana.edu/fgh)

MSU Family & Graduate Housing provides an equal housing opportunity. Discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, gender, marital status, familial status, or age is prohibited.

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## University Culinary Services

[www.montana.edu/ufs](http://www.montana.edu/ufs)

### Meal Plan Options

Our meal plans offer students the flexibility and freedom to eat what, where, and when they want with the convenience of two locations across campus. Students living in the Residence Halls may choose between a **5-Day Meal Plan (Mon-Fri)** or one of the **7-Day Meal Plans (Sun-Sat)** options. All plans allow for unlimited entry and unlimited food at any of the three locations during hours of operations.

### Residence Dining Commons Hours of Operation

#### Miller Dining Commons

Monday - Friday 7am to Midnight  
Saturday - Sunday 7am - 7pm

#### Harrison Dining Commons

Sunday - Thursday 7am to Midnight  
Friday - Saturday 7am - 7pm

### Choosing A Meal Plan

#### Bobcat Anytime Gold

This plan provides unlimited access to the all-you-care-to-eat residential dining venues seven (7) days per week during operating hours and a \$150 balance in CatCash per semester.

### **Bobcat Anytime Silver**

This plan provides unlimited access to the all-you-care-to-eat residential dining venues seven (7) days per week during operating hours per semester.

### **Bobcat Anytime Copper**

This plan is designed for students who will not be on campus on the weekends. It provides unlimited access to the all-you-care-to-eat residential dining venues five (5) days per week (Monday-Friday) during operating hours and a **\$150** balance in CatCash per semester.

### **Bobcat Anytime Bronze**

This plan is designed for students who will not be on campus on the weekends. It provides unlimited access to the all-you-care-to-eat residential dining venues five (5) days per week (Monday-Friday) during operating hours per semester.

### **CatCash can be used at:**

- Any of the campus retail food operations
- Bookstore
- Concessions
- Dining Commons
- All laundry facilities in the Residence Halls
- WEPA Print Kiosks

### **Notes:**

- A student who is absent from his/her residence hall for one or more weeks of consecutive meals due to his/her own illness will be refunded based on a pro-rated system. Requests for refunds based on absence due to illness must be submitted to the Residence Life Office, accompanied by a statement from the Director of Student Health Services, or the student's own doctor, indicating required hospitalization or home care.

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## **ResNet**

[www.montana.edu/resnet](http://www.montana.edu/resnet)

The MSU Residential Network (ResNet) is a campus network that provides secure wired and wireless connections for students living in the Residence Halls and in Family & Graduate Housing. ResNet is available as part of the room and board plan. If you own a computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone or plan to purchase one, you will be able to browse the Web from the comfort of your own room. For those residents not bringing a computer to school, ResNet also provides computing facilities with ResNet access, Microsoft Office software, and high speed printing in six computer labs located in the Residence Halls.

### **Help Desk**

ResNet provides a full service help desk to those students living on campus. If you are experiencing any network related problems, general technical issues, or have questions about your service, ResNet's technicians are available 6 days a week as part of your room and board plan.

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### **Font Notice**

This document should contain certain fonts with restrictive licenses. For this draft, substitutions were made using less legally restrictive fonts. Specifically:

Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

The editor may contact Leepfrog for a draft with the correct fonts in place.