

On-Campus Housing



Who is Guaranteed On-Campus Housing?

Freshmen are guaranteed on-campus housing in a residence hall. Students may secure on-campus housing for a second year by signing a 2-year housing contract. On-campus housing options are also available for incoming transfer students.

Residence Halls Amenities

- Vending areas
- Kitchens
- Computer Labs in some halls
- Wireless internet and Ethernet connections are available in each room, along with cable connections.
- Laundry facilities — each residence hall is equipped with a laundry room containing washing machines and dryers. Laundry equipment is coin-operated or JACard accessible.
- Study lounges — located in every hall and are separate from TV lounges and lobby lounges and should be treated as 24-hour quiet areas.

Are Roommates Assigned?

A freshman student may choose a roommate if they have a friend who is also attending JMU. Otherwise, the Office of Residence Life uses information from a housing survey, taken during the orientation process, to assign roommates based on preferences such as loud/quiet, late/early to bed, neat/messy, etc.

What Happens if I Want to Change Roommates?

Except for a three-week period at the beginning of the semester, students may request a room change any time. Students should consult with their residence hall staff for room change procedures.

Visit jmu.edu/orl for more information about On-Campus Housing.

Roommate Tips

Keep a good attitude.

Going to college and living with a roommate is a new experience and can sometimes be challenging. There are many resources available to help you and your roommate have a positive year. Remember, your roommate may have different values, beliefs and customs than you do. Differences can be very exciting!

Don't feel compelled to be best buddies.

Roommates are not placed together based on a friendship potential scale. There is nothing wrong with just being good roommates.

Talk with each other.

A bothersome habit becomes intolerable over time. Residence Life staff can tell you that most problems can be worked out when roommates discuss them as they occur. Conversation is the key. Remember: your roommate is not a mind-reader.

Mail Service Information

Students living on campus are assigned a mailbox at the campus post office located in Madison Union. JMU's post office provides services through the USPS and UPS.

Additional On-Campus Options

JMU offers Gender Inclusive Housing and Residential Learning Communities as options for freshman and transfer students. Students who choose to live in a Residential Learning Community have the unique opportunity to live and take classes with a small group of students who share similar interests. Accommodations for summer terms are also available.

For more information, visit jmu.edu/orl/housing

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