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# New for 2024–2025

**The Housing Deposit will open on February 1, 2024.** All students who want to participate in Continuing Student Room Selection must pay the \$150.00 non-refundable housing deposit. The deposit can be paid online in your MyWCU account or at Student Accounts.

**There will be limited space available on campus for students not subject to WCU Policy**

**96.** Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 may be waitlisted. Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 should log in and attempt to complete their Residence Hall Agreement as early as possible. Residence Hall Agreements will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until we reach our maximum capacity. After this, students not subject to WCU Policy 96 may be waitlisted for on-campus housing. Students subject to WCU Policy 96 will not be waitlisted.

**Students will be assigned an access time to complete their Residence Hall Agreement.**

Access times will be randomly assigned. Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 can access the agreement starting February 27 as long as they paid their housing deposit by February 15, 2024. Students subject to WCU Policy 96 who have paid the housing deposit can access the agreement starting February 28. Starting March 5, 2024, the Residence Hall Agreement or waitlist will be available to all students that have paid the housing deposit.

Groups of 4 students who have not already selected a room are able to participate in the **Judaculla Suite Request** process. This was piloted last year and based on the success of that process we are continuing it for room selection for 2024 – 2025. Groups of 4 students will have the opportunity to submit a request for a fully open suite in Judaculla. The suites will be awarded prior to Open Room Selection. Only groups of 4 will be considered and all members of the group must have a completed Residence Hall Agreement for 2024 – 2025 and not have previously selected a room for 2024 – 2025.

**Priority for Judaculla Suite Requests and Open Room Selection** will be determined by a random lottery. All students who have a completed Residence Hall Agreement and have not selected a room for 2024 – 2025 by March 20, 2024 will be randomly assigned a lottery number by our housing software program. This number will determine their priority for Judaculla Suite Requests and Open Room Selection.

**Balsam Hall** remains the dedicated home to the Brinson Honors College. Blue Ridge Hall serves as overflow and provides space for members of the Brinson Honors College who have non-honors roommates. With the rise in the number of Honors College students, spaces in Balsam and Blue Ridge will, in large part, be reserved for members of the Honors College and their roommates.

**Reynolds Hall** will not have room assignments for the 2024-2025 academic year. Students currently residing in Reynolds will not be able to reclaim their rooms for 2024-2025.

**Albright Hall, Benton Hall, Black Rock Hall, Harrill Hall, Shining Rock Hall and Water Rock Hall will again be reserved for new, first-year incoming students.** All students residing in these buildings will not be able to reclaim their rooms for 2024 – 2025.

Every student must pay a non-refundable housing deposit and complete a Residence Hall Agreement to reserve a room for the following academic year.

# Steps to Select a Room

1. Pay the \$150.00 non-refundable housing deposit online through your MyWCU account or pay with cash or check at Student Accounts in Killian Annex. Make sure you choose the 2024 Fall Continuing Student Housing Deposit. Note that your deposit must be paid in order to complete the Residence Hall Agreement.

**Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 should pay the deposit by February 15, 2024 to have first**

**access to the agreement.** *Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 who pay the deposit after February 15, 2024 will not have access to the agreement until March 5, 2024.*



2. Complete your Residence Hall Agreement. You will be sent a log in time the day before you are eligible to log in and complete your Residence Hall Agreement. You must complete the agreement online. Log into the housing website at <http://onlinehousing.wcu.edu> using your WCU credentials, click on the 2024 – 2025 Residence Hall Agreement and complete the agreement. Residence Hall Agreements open for students on the following dates:
  - a. **February 27, 2024** – Opens for students not subject to WCU Policy 96 who paid deposit by February 15, 2024.
  - b. **February 28, 2024** – Opens for students subject to WCU Policy 96 who have paid their housing deposit.
  - c. **March 5, 2024** – Opens for students not subject to WCU Policy 96 who paid deposit after February 15, 2024.

You do not need to print the completed agreement but you might want to print or save a copy for your records. Residence Hall Agreements are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. *We anticipate we will have to go to a waitlist for students who are not subject to WCU Policy 96. Students subject to WCU Policy 96 will not be waitlisted.*

3. On the appropriate date (see Selection Dates on next page), visit the website <http://onlinehousing.wcu.edu> and follow the instructions to select your room.





# Selection Dates

For all selection instructions please visit our website at <http://onlinehousing.wcu.edu>, click on “Continuing Student Selection,” and begin by reading the instructions for continuing students.

## **March 12 Same Room Selection**

This selection is for all continuing students who are eligible to and want to keep their current room for the 2024 – 2025 academic year.\* This selection level takes place between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm on March 12, 2024. There is not a specific log in time for this selection.

## **March 13 Same Room Selection Roommate and Suitemate Pull-in**

This selection is for students who have completed Same Room Selection and now wish to pull in a roommate or suitemate. This selection will be held on March 13, 2024 from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. You must have your preferred roommate or suitemate(s) WCU ID number(s) and meal plan preference(s) in order to pull them into your room. They must have also paid the non-refundable housing deposit and submitted a signed 2024 – 2025 Residence Hall Agreement. There is not a specific log in time for this selection.

## **March 15 Honors Room Selection & Roommate and Suitemate Pull-in**

This selection is for students who members of the Brinson Honors College who would like to select a room in Balsam or Blue Ridge. This selection will take place on March 15, 2024 from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. During this selection you are also permitted to pull in a roommate or suitemate at the time you select your room. If you are selecting a room in Balsam your roommate must be in the Brinson Honors College. There is not a specific log in time for this selection. Note that this is the last day students will be able to select a room in Balsam or Blue Ridge Halls. After this selection all remaining spaces in Balsam and Blue Ridge will be held for new, incoming honors students.

## **March 19 Judaculla Suite Requests Due**

This is the deadline to submit a request for a Judaculla Suite. There must be 4 students in the group and all 4 students must have a signed 2024 – 2025 Residence Hall Agreement and have not selected a room prior to this date. Requests are due by 5:00 pm on this date.

## **March 20 Judaculla Suite Allocations Made**

Students will be notified if they were allocated to a suite in Judaculla.

## **March 23 Open Room Selection & Roommate and Suitemate Pull-in**

This selection is for any student who would like to select a room and has not yet gone through selection. This selection takes place on Saturday, March 23, 2024 starting at 9:00 am. Students will receive a log in time based on a random lottery assignment. During this selection you are also permitted to pull in a roommate or suitemate at the time you select your room.

*\*Some students will receive emails in January informing them that they are unable to participate in this selection. Rooms may not be eligible to be reclaimed for a variety of reasons including but not limited to planned usage of the space/building (i.e. dedicated first-year or honors buildings), needing to hold the space for accommodation requests or change in configuration of the space/building.*



# Roommates

Every student must pay a non-refundable housing deposit and complete a Residence Hall Agreement to reserve a room for the following academic year.

## Doubles and Connecting Privates

Continuing students who want to room together in doubles in any building, or connecting privates in Allen, Balsam, Blue Ridge, Judaculla, Noble or Norton must pay the non-refundable housing deposit and submit a Residence Hall Agreement to Residential Living.

**Only one of the students will need to visit the website to complete the selection process.** That student will need the WCU ID number of the roommate or suitemates, as well as their meal plan preference. **Please make sure you click on “add roommate/suitemate” during your process, otherwise, you will not be able to add your roommate or suitemate(s).**

## Suitemates in Judaculla

Continuing students who want to live together with the ability to add more than one roommate/suitemate can do so in Judaculla. You will only be able to select roommates/suitemates who have paid the non-refundable housing deposit and submitted a Residence Hall Agreement. **Only one of the students will need to visit the website to complete the selection process.** That student will need the WCU ID number of the roommate/suitemate(s), as well as their meal plan preferences.

## Incoming First-Year or Transfer Student Roommates

Please email [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu) with the name and WCU ID number of the incoming students you would like to live with at least **three days before your selection process.** They must also have paid their enrollment deposit, submitted a Residence Hall Agreement and requested you as their roommate on their preferences. Make sure that they also have your WCU ID number. You will be able to pull them in during your selection process just like you would be pulling in a current student. However, if they have not paid the deposit, completed a Residence Hall Agreement and requested you as their roommate, you will not be able to pull them in.

## Selecting a room without a roommate preference

You can select a room without a roommate choice. However, all double rooms will be filled by two students. If no other student selects your room during the room selection process, then Residential Living will randomly assign someone else with you.



# The Sophomore Experience

Residential Living is proud to offer continued support to our Sophomore students through the RISE Program. The RISE program provides developmental programming and creates traditions for sophomore and transfer students. The four pillars of the program are: life and career planning, academic success, servant leadership, and civic engagement.

## Students Subject to WCU Policy 96

As announced by the Department of Residential Living, students who were classified as and entered as first-time-full-time freshmen in Summer 2023, Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 are required to live in on-campus housing for their first four academic semesters. In addition, transfers entering in Spring 2024 who are within one year of high school graduation are required to live in on-campus housing for their first two academic semesters.

Students subject to these requirements are expected to participate in the room selection process including paying the housing deposit and completing a Residence Hall Agreement. If a student does not submit and get approved for a Residency Exemption or does not participate in the room selection process, the Department of Residential Living may assign the student a room and meal plan or post the Second Year Residency Assessment to the student's account, whichever is appropriate per WCU Policy 96.

Students must submit a request for a Residency Exemption each year. Approval for a request for the 2023 – 2024 academic year does not mean the student is exempt for the following year.

The Department of Residential Living will check to see that all students have either participated in room selection or been approved for a Residency Exemption in June 2024. If a student has not been approved for an exemption and has not selected a room but is enrolled for Fall 2024 classes, then charges will be posted to their account per WCU Policy 96.

# Changes and Cancellations

## Room Selection Changes

Once you select a room during any part of the room selection process, you will not be able to make a change until all continuing students have had an opportunity to select a room. We anticipate this to be approximately April 1, 2024. Students will be notified via catamount email when the system opens for changes to room assignments.

Once open, you may log in and change your room assignment and/or roommates until June 1, 2024. After that, no changes will be made until the room change period begins during the fall semester. Room changes can be made online or by coming to the Residential Living office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Brown Hall.

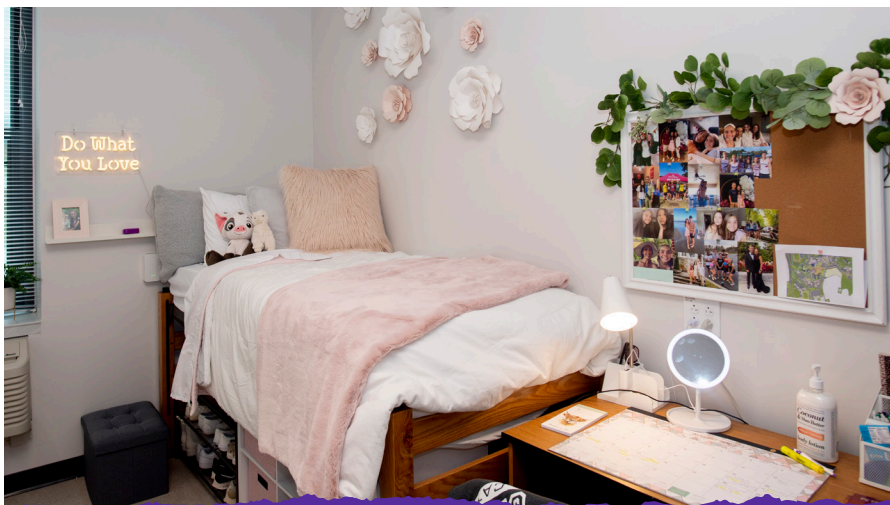
## Cancellation of your Residence Hall Agreement

Read the Residence Hall Agreement carefully. **This agreement is for the full academic year 2024 – 2025. Cancellation of the Residence Hall Agreement after June 1, 2024 will be subject to a Contract Cancellation Charge of \$1,000. All cancellations must be in writing.**

If you choose not to select a room for any reason after paying the deposit and completing the Residence Hall Agreement **you must cancel in writing prior to June 1, 2024 to avoid the Contract Cancellation Charge.**

All deposits are non-refundable.

To cancel a Residence Hall Agreement, contact the Residential Living Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brown Hall, 828-227-7303 or via email at: [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu).





# Residence Halls

## ALLEN



7 floors, co-ed by bath, A/C.

**Double Rooms:** \$3,368.00\*

**Private Rooms:** \$3,928.00\*

## BALSAM



4 floors, co-ed by bath, A/C.  
The Brinson Honors College students will be housed in Balsam Hall.

**Double Rooms:** \$3,573.00\*

**Private Rooms:** \$4,118.00\*

## BLUE RIDGE



4 floors, co-ed by bath, A/C.  
Priority for Blue Ridge will be given to Honors College students.

**Double Rooms:** \$3,573.00\*

**Private Rooms:** \$4,118.00\*

*\*All rates are per semester and pending approval of the Board of Governors. For more detailed descriptions of each residence hall, please visit [roomselection.wcu.edu](http://roomselection.wcu.edu) and click on the link in the right-side bar for "Explore our Residence Halls."*



All Residence Halls are non-smoking and have 24-hour visitation with roommate's agreement. Please expect that all rooms within any residence hall, regardless of similarity, can vary in actual square footage and layout. All rates are per semester and pending approval of the Board of Governors.

## BUCHANAN



4 floors, co-ed by wing,  
community bath.

**Double Rooms: \$2,397.00\***

## JUDACULLA



4 floors, co-ed by suite, A/C.  
4 students per suite.

**Double Rooms: \$3,137.00\***

**Private Rooms: \$3,601.00\***

## MADISON



4 floors, co-ed by bath, A/C.

**Double Rooms: \$3,344.00\***

**Private Rooms: \$3,825.00\***

*\*Housing rates are pending approval/review from the Board of Governors.*

# Residence Halls

## NOBLE



5 floors, co-ed by bath, A/C.

**Double Rooms:** \$3,609.00\*

**Private Rooms:** \$4,159.00\*

## NORTON ROAD



4 floors, co-ed by bath, A/C.

**Double Rooms:** \$3,379.00\*

**Private Rooms:** \$3,669.00\*



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## ROBERTSON



3 floors, co-ed by room/bath, efficiency style apartments.

**Double Rooms: \$2,842.00\***

## THE VILLAGE



A/C, co-ed by bath. Student Organizations wishing to live in the Village must go through an application process.

**Double Rooms: \$3,292.00\***

*\*Housing rates are pending approval/review from the Board of Governors.*



# Meal Plans

(PER SEMESTER RATES)

## Unlimited Premium Plan

- Unlimited Board Meals valid upstairs at the Courtyard Dining Hall or The Lodge in Brown Hall. Five guest meals in Courtyard Dining Hall or The Lodge in Brown Hall. One exchange meal at participating retail locations per day plus \$240.75 in Declining Balance. **Cost:** \$2,782.00\*

## Unlimited Basic Plan

- Unlimited Board Meals valid upstairs at the Courtyard Dining Hall or The Lodge in Brown Hall. Five guest meals in Courtyard Dining Hall or The Lodge in Brown Hall. \$133.75 in Declining Balance. **Cost:** \$2,391.45\*

## Weekly 14

- 14 Meals swipes per week. Each swipe can be used for access to either the Courtyard Cafeteria and Brown Lodge or as an Exchange Meal at participating retail locations plus \$347.75 in Declining Balance. **Cost:** \$2,209.55\*

## 150 Block Plan

- 150 meal swipes. Each swipe can be used for access to either the Courtyard Cafeteria and Brown Lodge or as an Exchange Meal at participating retail locations plus \$561.75 in Declining Balance. **Cost:** \$1,974.15\*

*\*Meal Plan rates are pending approval/review from the Board of Governors. Prices include tax. Questions regarding meal plan options should be directed to Catamount Dining at [campusdining@wcu.edu](mailto:campusdining@wcu.edu).*



# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I pay the \$150 non-refundable housing deposit?

You can pay online with a debit or credit card through your MyWCU Account or you can pay with cash or check at Student Accounts in Killian Annex.

## When can I complete the Residence Hall Agreement?

Access to the Residence Hall Agreement will be given based on your subjectivity to WCU Policy 96 and when you paid your housing deposit. Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 who paid the deposit by February 15, 2024 will get access beginning February 27, 2024. Students subject to WCU Policy 96 will get access beginning February 28, 2024. Students not subject to WCU Policy 96 who paid their deposit after February 15, 2024 will have access starting March 5, 2024. Students will get access times sent to their catamount email address the day before they can log in to complete the agreement.

## Where do I complete the Residence Hall Agreement?

You must **complete your agreement online!** Log into the housing website at <http://onlinehousing.wcu.edu>, using your MyWCU credentials, click on the 2024-2025 Residence Hall Agreement and complete the agreement. You do not need to print the completed agreement but you might want to print a copy for your records.

## What if I pay the deposit, complete the Agreement and then don't select a room?

If you do not select a room, then Residential Living may assign you to a room.

## What if I don't get the room I want, can I change it later?

If the building you want to live in is full when it's your log in time, then we suggest you find an alternate room. Once all students have had an opportunity to select a room you will be able to log in and change your fall assignment until June 1, 2024. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, no changes will be made until room changes begin the second week of fall classes.

## Will I have to pay the cancellation fee if I cancel before June 1, 2024?

If you're not subject to WCU Policy 96 and wish to cancel your agreement you will not be charged a cancellation fee if you cancel prior to June 1, 2024. If you are subject to WCU Policy 96, be sure you understand your ability to cancel and the assessment associated with cancelling if you are in the second year of your residency requirement. Please remember that all cancellations must be in writing by either submitting the Housing Cancellation Form or emailing [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu).

## How much is the cancellation fee if I decide after June 1, 2024 that I want to commute to campus?

The cancellation fee is \$1,000.00 and will be applied to your student account once we receive your Housing Cancellation Form.

## Do I get my \$150 deposit back when I cancel?

The deposit is non-refundable.

## If I live in a room designated for students with accommodation needs will I be able to select it?

No. If you were assigned to a room based on an accommodation request or were placed in a room with accessibility features, then you cannot re-claim the room. If you have an accommodations request, you must re-apply and be approved each year. A link to the application for a housing accommodation can be found on the website, [roomselection.wcu.edu](http://roomselection.wcu.edu). All housing accommodation requests are reviewed and approved by the Office of Accessibility Resources.

## If my roommate/suitemate pulls me into a room during their selection process do I also need to log in?

If your roommate/suitemate pulls you in, then they have completed the process for you. Please make sure you give them your meal plan preference. The system will give you an error if you try to log on after you've been assigned. You can view your assignment by clicking on the "Assignment Information" link.

## Do I have to have a meal plan if I live on campus?

Yes, even students living in buildings with community kitchens or living in Robertson must have a meal plan.

## If I select my double room by myself does that mean I won't get a roommate?

Someone else could select it during their selection process or Residential Living will assign you a random roommate.

## If I am participating in Open Room Selection, when will I receive my log in time?

Emails with your log in time will be sent to your catamount email on March 22, 2024.

## Will I be able to keep the same mailbox number?

Yes, if you participate in room selection prior to June 1, 2024.

## What if I want to room with an incoming freshman or transfer student for fall?

Please email [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu) with the name and WCU ID number of the incoming student(s) you would like to live with at least **three days before your selection process**. They must also have paid their enrollment deposit, submitted a Residence Hall Agreement and requested you as their roommate on their preferences. Make sure that they also have your WCU ID number. You will be able to pull them in during your selection process just like you would be pulling in a current student. However, if they have not paid the deposit, completed a Residence Hall Agreement and requested you as their roommate, you will not be able to pull them in.

## Will I be able to log back in once I complete the process and sign up for a room?

Once you have selected your room you are done. You will be able to click on the "Room Selection" link, however, you will be redirected. You can view your assignment by clicking on the "Assignment Information" link.



# Helpful Tips

While waiting for your selection day to begin, we suggest you print the instruction page(s) and read them carefully. You will have only 10 minutes to complete the room selection process once you have selected a bed space. Also, consider room and building options in advance. It is important that you have several choices in mind.

**Computer requirements:** We recommend using a PC for this software; however, if you are using a Mac, the recommended browser is Firefox. This site uses pop-ups. Before logging in, please configure your browser or pop-up blocker software to allow for pop-ups from this specific site.

**Questions?** Call Residential Living at 828-227-7303 or email [housingquestions@wcu.edu](mailto:housingquestions@wcu.edu).

