”...speaking the truth in love, we will in all things, grow up into Him, who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”—Ephesians 4:15-16

Residence Life Mission

The mission of the Office of Residence Life is to support the mission and purpose of Montreat College by providing residence halls that are a healthful, safe, and secure living environment for residents to pursue their academic goals. In the residence halls, students are challenged to recognize the intrinsic worth of all persons through the sharing of a common living environment.

Welcome!

The Residence Life staff is glad to have you here at Montreat College. Whether you are just starting your college education or transferring from another school, we want you to feel at home.

To assist residents in developing a healthy self-governance, the college provides each residence hall with a residence director (RD), along with several resident assistants (RAs). A RD lives in an apartment on the first floor of each residence hall. He/she is responsible for managing the overall operations of the residence hall, developing and supporting their staff, acting as a liaison between residents and Student Services staff and organizing his/her education and social programs in the hall.

Resident Assistants are students selected to work with residents on each floor of the residence hall. They have a meaningful challenge of helping to involve fellow students in a variety of activities and experiences that are designed to make residence living more conducive to healthy growth and development. They are selected on the basis of Christian character, ability to manage their own affairs while helping to organize the affairs of the residence hall and demonstrate a rapport with fellow students. Resident assistants are available to help residents with personal problems and offer guidance and support.
Making Your Room Your Home

Your room should be your “home away from home.” Residence Life encourages you to bring the following items to make your room feel more like home. Use this checklist to bring things from home or purchase items. Consult with your roommate before buying items to prevent duplicates and save some money. If you have any questions at all about items, don’t hesitate to call Student Services at (828) 669-8012 x3631.

**Items to Bring:**

- Linens
- Bedspread/Quilt/Comforter
- Blanket(s)
- Pillow(s)
- Sheets (regular twin size, NOT extra long)
- Towels

**Study Items**

- Computer/laptop
- Thermal protected power strip
- Notebooks
- Pens/Pencils
- Stapler/scotch tape/scissors
- Stationary/stamps
- Alarm Clock

**Cleaning Up**

- Dishwashing liquid
- Trashcan/Trashbags
- Laundry Bag
- Laundry Detergent
- Toiletry Items
- Hair-dryer

**Decorating Items**

- Extra Lamp
- Fan
- Posters/Pictures
- Mounting Putty or Removable Strips (*no nails, glue or foam tape is allowed on walls*)

**Miscellaneous**

- Small portable shelves or plastic drawers
- Throw rug or carpet remnant
- Plants

**Light Dining Needs**

- Small refrigerator
- Small microwave
- Plastic cups, plates, Coffee mugs
- Silverware

**Audio/video**

- Radio/CD player/MP3 player
- Television
- VCR or DVD player
- Phone & answering machine

**Just for Fun**

- Frisbee
- Board games
- Hiking clothing/equipment
- Tennis/Racquetball racquet
- Football, baseball, soccer ball, volleyball, etc.

**Items Not to Bring**

- Halogen lamps, candles, incense or any other open flame will not be allowed in the residence halls. This includes toasters and hot plates. Fines will be imposed for fire code violations.

- Dorm size personal refrigerators and microwaves are permitted. You will want to contact your roommate after you receive your room assignment to decide what each resident will bring.

- Residence hall furniture may be lofted according to designs provided by the manufacturer ONLY. No homemade lofts.

- Fire codes require that students ONLY use UL approved thermal-protected power strips. Household extension cords are not permitted.
Window dimensions are:

- Anderson Hall width 97" x height 57"
- McGregor Hall width 74" x height 62"
- Davis Hall width 80" x height 67"
- Howerton Hall width 68" x height 61"

All windows are equipped with blinds.

Other Information

Each residence hall room is equipped with basic cable TV and local phone connections at no additional cost. A personal touch-tone phone and answering machine must be provided by the student.

There is free high speed internet connection for each resident. Modem hookups are not allowed.

If you plan to buy a carpet remnant for your residence hall floor, you may want to wait until you arrive and purchase one locally after you have seen your room. The living space in Anderson hall is approximately 11 ½ x 12 feet (not including the entrance area near the bathroom and closets) and Davis is 11 ½ x 16. Howerton and McGregor rooms vary in size, so you’ll definitely want to wait until you arrive to purchase carpet for those rooms.

The Future Is Yours To Create: Successfully Transitioning to Residence Hall Living

Living on campus promises to be both a rewarding and challenging experience. While living on campus you will be given numerous opportunities to grow intellectually and emotionally as well as develop relationships with individuals from a variety of backgrounds. It is important that you prepare in advance for the transitional issues that you will face, particularly during your first semester, so that you will maximize your chances for success both inside and out of the classroom. While on campus there are plenty of resources and individuals to assist you in making this transition and it is up to you to make use of them. Many students wait too long to ask for help or to get questions or concerns answered. You are responsible for your own experience and for creating your future so we are going to provide you with the tips to assist you in making your mark.

Taking the Mystery out of Move-in Day

Understanding yourself, your likes, dislikes, quirky habits, etc is a good place to start when we think of moving on campus. Everyone has things that they need in their living environment to make them more comfortable i.e. VCR/television, CD player, pillows, pictures, computer, etc. etc. You will want to make sure to bring those things with you, as you will be creating a new home for yourself but be sure to communicate with roommates or suitemates in advance. Take the mystery out of move-in. If possible, take a trip down to your new home in advance of move-in, maybe even meet your roommate for lunch and have a get to know you session. Remember students that are comfortable and prepared may be more successful.

Who Knows What, Where, When & Why

You’re Resident Assistant staff that’s who! RA’s on your floor are students trained to assist you in making the most out of your residence hall experience. If you have a question, ask them, if you have a problem, tell them, if you have a suggestion, give it. Too many residents do not fully utilize the staff within their residence hall, they feel awkward asking for help or stating a concern.

The Neighborhood

A residence hall is very much like a small community. Successful community living takes a lot of time and effort on the part of the community leader and its members. It is up to you to get to know and take part in your community, if you do you will be happier and more at ease. Become a participant in floor or building activities, stay on campus on the weekends, make suggestions on how to make your
community better, or even become a community representative. Always remember you only get out of your community what you are willing to put into it.

*Getting started...developing a healthy roommate relationship*

Living with a roommate can be a challenging experience. Most students entering college have never shared a room with another person before. In addition, a residence hall room might be smaller than the room you live in at home, minus the roommate!

Do not despair! A roommate relationship in college can be managed, and many result in close relationships that are sometimes maintained long after you have left the college experience. Building a positive roommate relationship takes work however, but it is better to put work into this relationship than endure the problems that arise when things do not go well with a roommate.

*The key to a successful roommate relationship is honest and open communication:* This should start from the moment you move into the residence halls, and continue throughout your entire roommate relationship.

When establishing an agreement on how you will live successfully together, think about the issues that are important to you, as well as the expectations that you have for a roommate. Some things to consider discussing are:

- Are you a morning person, who likes to go to bed early so you can get a quick start to your day, or someone who stays up late and eases into the day slowly?
- Do you intend to share personal belongings? If so, is everything in the room O.K for common use, or are some things off limits?
- Will there be set times for quiet in the room to permit study and sleep? When will those "quiet" times occur, and how will this be managed?
- How frequently should guests visit in the room, and are there "no visitation" times that could be set to guarantee periods of privacy in the room?
- How are you going to manage problems with each other if they arise?

Honest open communication is critical to a successful roommate relationship. In addition to setting expectations for each other, you also need to live by the expectations that you set. As a college freshman, you will experience many different situations and through these experiences your initial expectations may change. You and your roommate may not always see things exactly the same (and that can be a good thing), but you should always work to be sensitive to each other's needs. Being able to compromise and understand your roommate's perspective will be important as you work to learn about each other and live together. Sensitivity, ongoing honest open communication, and the ability to listen and hear what your roommate is saying, along with compromise, will move you along the road to successful roommate relations.

* Taken from [www.reslife.net](http://www.reslife.net)

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