Living in the residence halls was a great experience for me. It made me feel comfortable at UW-Eau Claire and I made life-long friends while living on campus. The more I left my comfort zone, the better my experience became. I would do it all over again if I could.

AJ Moriarty

Residential life is an important facet of the educational experience at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, giving students the opportunity to experience the value of being part of a diverse community. The way the residence halls are organized, the professionally trained Hall Directors and resourceful Resident Assistants, the role of athletics and recreation, the extraordinary range of activities – all are intended to promote the values of a liberal education – and, yes, to promote a fun and relaxing living environment.
Welcome!
Campus Life

Approximately 3,900 students call the modern residence halls at UW-Eau Claire home. On upper campus there are nine residence halls (one all male and eight coed), and lower campus has two coed halls. Upper-campus residence halls are situated on a hill providing a spectacular view of Eau Claire and the Chippewa River, while the two lower-campus halls are conveniently located near academic and administrative buildings. Each residence hall room is wired for television and Internet. All rooms on campus are smoke-free, and alcohol-free wings also are available. Each residence hall has a front desk staffed around the clock where you can purchase snacks and check out sports equipment, games, tools, vacuum cleaners and kitchen equipment.

Residence life will give you the opportunity to experience the value of being part of a diverse community as well as develop and test human relations skills, personal value systems and leadership skills. If interested, you can work with other students and residence hall personnel to organize extensive social, cultural, educational and recreational opportunities to help create a sense of community and add to your overall experience at UW-Eau Claire.

Due to high demand for on-campus housing, it’s important to apply early. Acceptance by UW-Eau Claire’s Admissions Office does not mean you are automatically assigned on-campus housing. You will need to apply separately for housing. Information will be sent to you a few weeks after you receive your acceptance letter from the university.

Residency Requirement

Freshman and sophomore students enrolled at UW-Eau Claire who are not veterans, married or living with a parent or guardian are required to live in university-operated residence halls when such accommodations are available.

My first year living on campus I was probably as shell-shocked as any freshman but living in the residence halls has more to offer than what you see on a campus tour. It gives you numerous opportunities to develop leadership and networking skills within an extremely supportive community. These experiences helped me become a better advocate and change-maker.

Rose Caldie

stateside advocate and international researcher
Housing and Residence Life Office

The Housing and Residence Life Office staff is available to help you find housing on campus. They are responsible for room assignments and approval of student withdrawals from the residence halls. Room transfer requests should be made through the Hall Directors. Located in Room 112, Towers Hall, the Housing and Residence Life Office is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To contact us, call 715-836-3674, fax 715-836-4857 or e-mail housingoffice@uwec.edu. You also may visit our Web site at www.uwec.edu/housing.

Room Assignments

Where space permits, upperclass students returning to UW-Eau Claire residence halls will be given preference for room assignments, if applications have been submitted during the time designated in the spring by the Housing and Residence Life Office. After the designated time, requests for rooms by upperclass students will be accepted in the order that they are received and considered along with the requests of all other students.

We make every attempt possible to permit students to room with those whom they prefer, however, all roommate requests must be mutual. Incoming students wishing to room together should apply for housing by the end of December. When requests cannot be met because of limitations, students will be assigned to another space, if available.

Room assignments are based on the date all properly completed housing contract items are submitted, so it is beneficial to apply as soon as possible. Since UW-Eau Claire may have more on-campus housing applicants than available spaces, late applicants may be assigned to a limited number of temporary housing accommodations (including hotels) until regular accommodations become available. Whenever possible, specific room assignments will be made prior to freshman orientation in mid-June.

Specific instructions for applying for housing are included with this booklet.

Accommodations for students with disabilities

If you have a disability and need accommodations in housing, please note your specific request in the space provided on the application. You must provide documentation of your disability that supports your specific accommodation. The office of Services for Students with Disabilities is available to assist you.

The following is an email sent to the UW-Eau Claire Director of Admissions in October, 2012.

Hi Kris,

I’m not even sure I can adequately describe how perfect UW-Eau Claire has turned out to be for Grace. She’s always been a happy, confident, go-getter kid, but I don’t know if I’ve ever seen her this happy, alive, inquisitive, vocal or as confident. Those have essentially been her core DNA since the day we brought her home from the hospital and if anyone said they’d be able to dial those up to the level we are witnessing, we’d have immediately thrown the BS flag.

All I can say is the UW-Eau Claire culture and people have facilitated that without question. From her professors, her counselor, the Oakridge dorm, her floor RA, the clubs she’s participating in, Dining Halls, the Library staff… I could go on.

I’m a business guy. I know good organizations when I see them. I know great ones even better. I know precisely how a great industry leader looks, feels and acts. I also appreciate what people must forgo personally to help create such a place. People accepting their responsibility as individual leaders on behalf of the whole, together weaving an insanely good cultural fabric… the organization literally begins to self evolve.

That’s UW-Eau Claire as I see it and what happens when young people have the luxury to experience it.

It’ll set a soul on fire.

My kid’s for one.

Thanks UW-Eau Claire.

Mike Park
Madison, Wis.
Cancellations

You have until May 1, 2015 to cancel your housing contract and receive a refund of your $75 reservation deposit. Under no circumstances will your deposit be refunded after May 1, 2015. The reservation deposit is security for a guarantee on the student’s part that the room will be occupied for the full academic year. The money is held in escrow and applied to second semester fees.

Please note that even if you are released from your housing contract, you will not receive a refund of your $75 housing deposit. The UW System Board of Regents has established the following reasons for allowing students to be released from their contract:

1. Student is quitting school, graduating, involved in a university-sponsored educational experience here or overseas or is transferring to another university.

2. Student has a serious medical problem and cannot be accommodated in the residence halls as noted by a family physician or by the Student Health Service.

3. Student gets married and will be living with spouse.

You will continue to be billed for your room for the entire year unless the Housing and Residence Life Office has officially released you from your contract. In order to be officially released from the financial obligation of a yearlong housing contract, you must obtain written permission from the Housing and Residence Life Office. Housing and Residence Life does not have partial-year contracts. All contracts are from the date of arrival through the end of the spring semester. Students withdrawing from the university must report to the office of the dean of the college in which they are enrolled to begin the official procedure. After withdrawing from school, you must coordinate a withdrawal from the residence hall with a hall director and a resident assistant. Rooms must be vacated in the residence halls within 24 hours after withdrawing from school. Students also are required to vacate rooms at the conclusion of the academic year no later than 24 hours after completing their last final examination.

Bridgman Hall

610 Hilltop Circle
Upper campus
126 Women
132 Men

Conveniently located near tennis courts, athletic fields, Crest Wellness Center and Hilltop Center

PC/Macintosh computer lab with Internet access

Enclosed TV lounge with large screen television and comfortable seating

Study areas and student lounge areas

Designated substance-free living areas

Fully furnished student kitchen with microwave and other appliances

Reception desk food sales

Fitness area

Recreation area with ping pong table

Bus stop on University Drive offers convenient access to campus and city bus routes
Living and Learning

Adding a New Dimension to Education in the Residence Halls at UW-Eau Claire

Living in the residence halls at UW-Eau Claire provides countless opportunities to become involved in a wide variety of experiences that contribute significantly to your overall educational experience. Making the decision to live in a residence hall full of diverse ideas, leadership opportunities, and educational programs enables every student to learn more about themselves, their fellow students, and the world that exists around them.

All students at UW-Eau Claire receive top notch teaching from expert faculty members on campus related to a wide variety of fields; however, education does not stop at the end of class. Applying your knowledge and skills in a living community with your fellow students enhances your learning and provides a whole new dimension to your education. The residence halls are great places to learn practical skills and knowledge that will enhance your ability to be successful as a student and in your future beyond UW-Eau Claire.

Learning Outcomes

Housing and Residence Life has established seven key areas of student learning to focus our educational programming we provide all students living on campus. These focus areas, or learning outcomes, drive all of the programs and services we provide through our outstanding student and professional staff. You will hear your Resident Assistant (RA) and professional Hall Director talk about these focus areas and provide opportunities for you to gain experiences in them.

The Learning Outcomes:

- Be engaged citizens showing individual and social responsibility.
- Use critical thinking to effectively solve problems.
- Effectively communicate with others.
- Respect differences.
- Develop a broad cultural awareness.
- Demonstrate wellness in personal and academic lives.
- Develop and maintain meaningful relationships.

My journey as a Blugold has evolved because of my experience in the residence halls. I met people who share my goals and interests and made friendships that will last a lifetime. Residence hall life introduces you to the many opportunities offered here at UWEC. I am thankful because, without it, I would not be the person, athlete or student I am today!

Brooke Patterson

track athlete
AND
nursing student

Living/Learning Communities (LLCs)

Housing and Residence Life offers several exciting living options for students called Living/Learning Communities. These communities create a dynamic learning environment for students by providing experiences connected to a topic unique to their residence hall. Living in a Learning Community is a great way to meet people who share similar interests and interact with a variety of faculty and staff who possess expertise in your interest area.

The Housing and Residence Life staff is fully committed to facilitating learning opportunities for students in every residence hall on campus in these key areas. Getting involved in the residence halls through leadership positions and attending the wide variety of programs offered by residence hall staff is critical in order to take full advantage of the educational possibilities of residence hall living.
Why Living/Learning Communities?

Living/Learning Communities:
- Get to know a small group of people very well.
- Encourage integration of out-of-class activities and programs with in-class learning.
- Help students establish academic and social support networks.
- Provide a setting for students to learn about the expectations of college.
- Bring faculty and staff to the residence halls to interact with students informally.
- Focus on learning through a variety of experiences including class, activities, trips, etc.
- Take a class each semester with fellow participants focused on your community’s theme.

Living/Learning Communities have been shown, through multiple studies, to contribute to student learning in meaningful ways. Housing and Residence Life has established the creation of Living/Learning Communities as a high priority to help integrate academics and academic support into residence hall life.

Housing and Residence Life has worked with several academic departments and programs to create the Living/Learning Communities. With the wide variety of programs offered, we are confident you will find something that will pique your interest!

Find the LLC application and the most up-to-date information about these communities on our web site at www.uwec.edu/housing.

The LLC Communities

The First Year Residential Experience (FYRE) Community
The FYRE community is an internationally designed space for first year students to live and learn together. It’s for those students who want to get the absolute most out of their first year as Blugolds, academically, personally, and socially; and want to live with those who share that same energy and enthusiasm. Together you will explore Eau Claire and help each other make the transition to college life.

Global Learning Community
The Global Learning Community provides an opportunity for domestic and international students to live together and engage in learning experiences related to living in an increasingly global society. Opportunities exist in the GLC for students to prepare for study abroad and for students returning from study abroad to share their experiences.

Honors Learning Community
Students accepted into the University Honors Program may join the Honors Learning Community. Led by dynamic Honors RAs and Honors student mentors, the community will be a center for the vibrant intellectual, cultural and social life of the university honors program. Classes, films, discussions and even parties will be hosted by the Honors Learning Community. Members will enroll in a minimum of 3 Honors course credits per semester and participate in the University Honors Program.

Chancellors Hall

820 University Drive
Upper campus
81-apartment facility

Each apartment contains four single bedrooms (each with individual video and data ports), living room, kitchen, bathroom and large storage closet

Located on scenic ridge overlooking Putnam Park and the Chippewa River

Near softball and soccer fields

PC/MacIntosh computer lab with Internet access

Study areas and student lounge areas

Reception desk food sales

Conference room with full audio, video, Internet, Web and cable TV capabilities

Elevators to all floors

Designed for upperclass student living
Leadership Learning Community

The Leadership Learning Community provides an opportunity for first-year students to explore the concept of leadership both in theory and practice. Students will attend leadership seminars, listen to speakers, take field trips, and participate in specialized programs designed only for the learning community participants.

Social Justice Learning Community

The Social Justice Learning Community provides multiple opportunities for students interested in issues related to diversity and multiculturalism. Students in the community are involved in a variety of in-class and out-of-class experiences designed to develop a personal sense of social justice and provide ideas for how individuals can work for positive social change. Some of these opportunities include specialized classes, speakers, field trips, and service opportunities that make a difference in the lives of others.

Sustainability Living Learning Community

In the Sustainability Living Learning Community, 20 to 25 students will grapple with what sustainability is and why it matters. You will be able to examine how your life choices affect the environment, social equity, the economy, and people's health.

Healthy Living Learning Community

The Healthy Living Learning Community provides students an opportunity to become engaged in all aspects of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It includes in-class and out-of-class experiences designed to learn about a wide range of wellness topics including but not limited to stress management, healthy eating habits, a variety of exercise options, and the spirit-mind-body connection. The Healthy Living Community includes a variety of specialized educational programs sponsored by the Kinesiology Department, the Student Wellness Advocacy Team, and Student Health Services. This community is offered to all students on a space available basis.

Outdoor Adventure Living Learning Community

Residents of the Outdoor Adventure Living-Learning Community will discover the wonders and challenges of the great outdoors! Residents will be introduced to the world of outdoor adventures, wilderness stewardship, and group dynamics. In addition, members of the community will have the opportunity to take part in adventure trips from indoor/outdoor rock climbing, participate in a ropes course experience, hiking in local parks, whitewater rafting, skiing, snowboarding, and backpacking.

Spanish Living Learning Community

The Spanish Living Learning Community is the “home” of 20 to 25 students who commit to “living” the Spanish language and culture. You also will have the chance to serve as a cultural ambassador to the other resident hall students, campus community and to prospective students.

Hmong Culture Living Learning Community

The Hmong Culture Living Learning Community has been named Tsev Koom Siab (phonetically chay-gong-shia); “Koom Siab” can mean harmony, concordance, unity/unite, cooperation/cooperate, working together, etc. Students living in this community will ideally come from all walks of life, some who are Hmong, and others who would like to learn about this vibrant culture. Tsev Koom Siab will provide several opportunities for students interested in the Hmong people, language, culture, and history.

Find more information about Living Learning Communities at www.uwec.edu/housing.
About the Halls

Rooms
Clean and well-maintained residence halls — each equipped with a 24-hour-access computer lab, study lounge, exercise room, kitchen, TV lounge and laundry room — set the tone for a fun and relaxing living experience. All rooms are furnished with modular furniture, which can be arranged in a number of configurations. Room furnishings include single beds, desks with chairs, bookcases, wardrobes, chests of drawers, draperies, blinds, mirrors, TV and computer wall receptacles, bulletin boards and recycling bins. You’ll need to furnish your own pillows, bed linens, blankets, bedspreads, washcloths and towels. Mattress pads are furnished upon request.

Loft Furniture
All residence halls have loft furniture installed. Lofts provide the flexibility of multiple configurations, including bunks, lofts, one bed up/one down or both beds down. Housing personnel are available to assist with furniture arrangements as needed. Other lofts are not allowed in the residence halls.

Furniture Arrangement
You may not make any physical changes in your room such as adding paneling or barn boards, which will increase the danger of fire or structural hazard. Waterbeds are not permitted in any residence hall. You can find a floor plan showing the dimensions of your room by going to the Web site at www.uwec.edu/housing.

Decorations
Feel free to attach pictures, pennants, posters and other decorations to bulletin boards, but please do not use tacks, nails or tape on walls, doors, ceilings or floors. Masking tape may be used with care on unpainted surfaces. Electric lights should be kept away from bulletin boards and other flammable materials such as crepe paper because of the danger of fire.

Rugs on the floor are permitted and some rooms are already carpeted. If bringing carpet, a 10 foot x 15 foot piece is recommended. University furniture may not be removed from the room at any time. If a person is injured because of a change made by a student to his or her room or furnishings, the university cannot be held liable.

Governors Hall
640 Hilltop Circle
Upper campus
208 Women
134 Men
Located near Crest Wellness Center, Nautilus, tennis courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts and ice rink
PC/Macintosh computer lab with Internet access
Large-screen TV lounge and small TV lounge
Study lounge with 24-hour quiet area
Social and conference rooms
Music practice room with piano
Student kitchen with microwave and appliances
Reception desk food sales
Fitness area and game room with pingpong and foosball tables

2014-2015 Room Rates
Double Room: $3655
Single Room/Chancellor’s Hall: $4935
Meal plan information can be found at: www.uwec.edu/Dining/mealplans/OnCampusMealPlans.htm
Lounges
The main lounge of each residence hall is equipped with chairs, couches, tables, lamps, television sets and, in some cases, a piano. All residence halls feature study lounges furnished with chairs, desks and couches.

Computers and Internet
All student rooms in the residence halls, as well as lobbies, lounges, and common areas, are covered for wireless Internet access on the UWEC network. Please do not set up personally owned wireless routers or access points in your room. Doing so could interfere with UW-Eau Claire’s wireless Internet. Any active personal wireless routers or access points identified will be suppressed and your Internet access de-activated by our management team.

We encourage those who have desktop computers, gaming consoles and other non-mobile devices to use your Ethernet (LAN) ports in your room. All odd-numbered ports are activated for your use.

More information is available at rescom.uwec.edu/GettingConnected

The ResCom Help Desk provides free support for residence hall student computers. We may troubleshoot any problems with your Internet connection in your residence hall room and may check for and clean any spyware and/or security/virus exploits on your computer.

Each residence hall has a computer lab that is open 24 hours and has both Windows and Macintosh computers. Students must supply their own laser printing paper. More information is available at rescom.uwec.edu.

Telephones
Students can request an activated land line for their residence hall room. There is a per semester charge for this activation.

Laundry Facilities
The laundry facilities in the halls consist of washers and dryers, washtubs and counters. Blugold debit cards activate the washers and dryers, debiting a reasonable fee per wash. There is no charge for dryer use.

Appliances and Food Preparation
Cooking is not permitted in the residence halls except in kitchens. Due to fire and safety concerns, heating and cooking appliances such as toasters, frying pans, space heaters, hot plates, waffle irons and grills are prohibited. The only appliances permitted are irons, coffee makers, air corn poppers, small refrigerators and small microwave ovens. The Housing and Residence Life Office reserves the right to remove unauthorized or dangerous appliances.

Snacks and Beverages
You will have access to a wide variety of sandwiches, soda, juice, pizza, ice cream, cookies, muffins, pastries and milk products for sale at the 24-hour reception desk of each residence hall.

Living on campus allowed me to interact with a large, welcoming community of people. I was introduced to many organizations, one of which I actively pursued. I’ve served in leadership positions for three years as a member of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and now I’m applying for a full-time staff position with InterVarsity overseas. Campus life helped me uncover a passion for helping others grow in a relationship with Jesus. I am forever grateful to UW-Eau Claire for introducing me to these opportunities.

TJ Gouker
Television
Students should bring high definition (HD) TVs for their rooms and cables for the TV/FM outlets in each room are distributed at the beginning of the year. Numerous commercial stations, foreign language broadcasts, ESPN, MTV, Weather Channel, C-SPAN and CNN are available through the cable system. In addition, UW-Eau Claire has its own television channel and broadcasting studio. TV10 is a student-run station whose programs are cablecast exclusively to residence hall students. Read more about TV10 on Page 19 of this booklet.

Kitchens
Kitchens are available in each of the residence halls. You can check out various cooking equipment such as pots, pans, utensils and silverware from the hall's front desk for use in the hall kitchens.

Social Rooms
Social rooms are located in six of the residence halls: Horan, Towers, Oak Ridge, Murray, Thomas and Governors. Social rooms are open to all members of the residence halls and their guests. The rooms are used for dinner parties and other events as approved by hall directors.

The social room kitchens are equipped with modern appliances including a stove, refrigerator and microwave. About 1,000 students use the social rooms each month for events such as dinners, pizza parties and educational programs.

Fitness Areas
Keep fit with fitness equipment that includes elliptical stationary bicycles, weight training equipment and more that are available in the exercise areas located in the basements of most of the residence halls. Read about the state-of-the-art Wellness Center on upper campus and the opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities starting on Page 22 of this booklet.
All UW-Eau Claire residence halls close during Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks with the exception of Towers, Thomas and Chancellors halls. These halls remain open for international students, students involved with university sponsored programs or students who are working.
**Alcohol Policy**

The alcohol policy at UW-Eau Claire states that students 21 years or older may consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms. Underage students may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages in the halls. No alcohol is allowed outside student rooms, and group parties are not allowed in student rooms. Students should be cognizant of the legal liability inherent in providing alcohol to any person who is not of legal age.

**Substance-Free by Choice Areas**

Substance-free housing is defined as areas where alcohol use is prohibited for students of all ages. The following halls have substance-free areas: Bridgman Hall (4th floor east and west), Horan Hall (1st floor north and south), Oak Ridge Hall (2nd floor east, north and west), Towers Hall-North (2nd and 3rd floor north and south) and Towers Hall-South (2nd floor east and west and 3rd floor west).

**Smoking**

As part of a new campus policy, smoking is only permitted in designated smoking areas placed well away from the residence hall buildings.

**Illegal Drugs**

The use and/or possession of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited in UW-Eau Claire buildings or on university property. Possession or use will lead to civil as well as university disciplinary action.

**Fire-Fighting Equipment and Alarms**

Fire-fighting equipment is located throughout each residence hall for the protection of residents. Tampering with fire hoses, fire extinguishers or fire equipment will be just cause for dismissal from the residence hall and UW-Eau Claire. People placing false alarms, interfering with the proper functioning of the fire alarm system or interfering with the lawful efforts of firefighters are subject to prosecution under Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 941. Penalties specified are fines up to $500, imprisonment up to one year, or both. Open flames of any kind, including candles, halogen lamps and incense, are prohibited in the residence halls.

**Murray Hall**

11 Garfield Ave.
Upper campus

164 Women
142 Men

Located near Hilltop Center and McPhee Center

Large-screen TV lounge

PC/Macintosh computer lab with Internet access

Social and conference rooms

Student kitchen with microwave and appliances

Reception desk food sales

Piano

Fitness area with universal weights, exercise bikes and rowing machine

Game room with pingpong table
Mailboxes

You will be assigned a mailbox located in your residence hall lobby. The mailbox may be opened only by a key. Federal law prohibits the distribution of mail across the counter of the reception desk. When you receive a package, a notice will be placed in your mailbox. This notice should be shown with your UW-Eau Claire ID to claim your package at the reception desk. You will be asked to sign for a package. No one else may claim a package for you.

Mail is delivered to each hall every day, except Sundays and holidays. To ensure proper delivery, mail should be addressed as follows:

- Student’s Name
- Room Number and Name of Residence Hall
- Residence Hall Street Address
- Eau Claire, WI 54701

Residence Hall Addresses

- Bridgman Hall: 610 Hilltop Cir.
- Chancellors Hall: 820 University Dr.
- Governors Hall: 640 Hilltop Cir.
- Horan Hall: 651 Hilltop Cir.
- Murray Hall: 11 Garfield Ave.
- Oak Ridge Hall: 810 University Dr.
- Putnam Hall: 99 Garfield Ave.
- Sutherland Hall: 620 Hilltop Cir.
- Thomas Hall: 101 Garfield Ave.
- Towers Hall (both): 642 University Dr.

UW-Eau Claire also offers on-campus mail service. No postage is necessary for this service; however, mail will only be delivered to campus addresses. The campus mail service offers pick-up and delivery services to every residence hall, as well as various locations around campus, Monday through Friday.

I transferred to UW-Eau Claire after a year at another school and it was one of the best decisions I’ve made. Being a part of the Blugold community gave me opportunities I struggled to find elsewhere. The learning and living communities encouraged me to focus on environmental and social issues that also relate to my combined majors in illustration and English literature. I am confident that my experiences here will continue to push me forward after I graduate.

Tina Doffing
Visitation

Visitation is the privilege of having members of the opposite sex in residence hall rooms during designated hours. During the first month following the opening of school, students in the residence halls will have an opportunity to vote on a policy of 24-hour visitation.

The Residence Hall Association (the residence hall governance body) requested that students be given the option of voting on one of the following weekday hours of visitation: midnight-midnight (24-hour visitation) or 9 a.m.-2 a.m. (17 hour visitation). If 75 percent of residents in a hall vote for 24-hour visitation for either weekends or during the entire week, the residents of that hall may have guests stay with them on a given night, with the approval and consent of both roommates.

Roommates have the right to deny extended visitation, as well as deny an overnight guest on a particular evening, whenever that visitation or overnight guest has a negative impact on their right to sleep and/or study. An overnight guest is defined as any person who is not assigned to live in the room by the Housing and Residence Life Office.

In cases where roommates cannot agree, the right of a person to occupy his or her room without the presence of an overnight guest will take precedence over the right of a roommate to host overnight guests. All guests must abide by university and residence hall regulations. Students are responsible at all times for behavior of their guests. The staff of Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to require any guest to leave at any time. No guest may spend more than two consecutive nights in the residence hall.

Oak Ridge Hall

810 University Dr.
Upper campus
64 Men
306 Women

Located on upper campus near sand volleyball courts and basketball courts
PC/Macintosh computer lab with Internet access
Large-screen TV lounge
Study lounges
Social room
Designated substance-free living areas
Student kitchen with microwave and appliances
Reception desk food sales
Music practice room with piano
Fitness area with exercise equipment
Barbecue area
Bus stops at Oak Ridge offering convenient access to lower campus and city bus routes
Coming to college was scary at first since I am the first one in my family to attend, but my dreams were much bigger than my fear. My experience in the residence hall was amazing because of my wonderful, loving, and supportive RA. She was such a positive role model. It made me want to become an RA and help others the same way.

Barbara Vue

first generation AND resident assistant

**Firearms and Weapons**

Firearms (whether carried concealed or openly) and other devices designed as weapons and capable of producing death or great bodily harm are prohibited in the residence halls. All firearms, ammunition and bows and arrows will be registered and stored by the university’s police office.

**Pets**

For many reasons, including health and sanitation, pets are not permitted in the residence halls. Small fish are the only exception, and tank size should not exceed 10 gallons.
Hey! Get Involved!

**CUBE Fest: Creating the Ultimate Blugold Experience**

All residence hall students are invited to participate in CUBE Fest (Creating the Ultimate Blugold Experience), a series of Residence Life events and activities designed to support the transition from high school into our university community. CUBE Fest kicks off the academic year with a variety of welcoming activities on opening weekend and continues with several social get-togethers that explore such issues as roommate and other relationships, assertiveness and empowerment, and academic success and goals.

**Residence Hall Judicial Board**

The Residence Hall Judicial Board has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to violations of existing rules and regulations of UW-Eau Claire residence halls if violations occur within or around the residence halls. The judicial board functions not as a court of law but rather as a body to review alleged violations of university and/or residence hall rules and regulations. It makes recommendations and assesses discipline that will most effectively benefit the student as well as protect the rights of the majority of on-campus students. Residence hall students will receive a detailed copy of the Judicial Code upon arrival on campus. The judicial board consists of six members, when possible a balance of men and women, selected randomly from a judicial council of 11 students. All 11 residence halls have representatives on the judicial council. The members of the council are elected by their fellow students and are not staff members of the university.

**Hall Council**

The members of hall councils are the heart and spirit of self-government and take the initiative in creating programs and activities for the residents of their halls. The councils enact legislation to promote the general welfare of the residents and are responsible for the enactment and maintenance of a visitation policy subject to a 75 percent majority vote by the members of their hall. The councils elect students to represent their hall on the Residence Hall Association General Assembly. Students are highly encouraged to attend their hall council meetings.

Putnam Hall

99 Garfield Ave.
Lower campus
148 Women
96 Men

Located near academic buildings, McIntyre Library, Chippewa River and Little Niagara Creek

Adjacent to Putnam Park and Putnam Drive, a 333-acre natural reserve

PC/Macintosh computer lab with Internet access

Large-screen TV lounge

Study lounge

Student kitchen with microwave and appliances

Reception desk food sales

Piano area
Central Residence Hall Organizations

The Residence Hall Association is the student government body representing all students living in the residence halls. The organization is comprised of representatives from all residence halls who are elected by each hall council. The RHA discusses issues related to residence hall life and recommends new policies and initiatives to better the lives of all students living on campus. The RHA also offers social and educational events open to the entire campus. These events are designed to get students involved in their residence hall community. RHA meetings are open to everyone seeking to become active on campus.

The National Residence Hall Honorary seeks to recognize and honor students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership on campus within the residence halls. NRHH is an active organization that provides leadership opportunities, programs and activities to all those who live on-campus. These include leadership retreats, a recognition banquet, distribution of Fruit Baskets and Finals Kits.

Peer Diversity Educators is a student-run organization whose members facilitate diversity programs in the residence halls and university classrooms. PDE programs are highly interactive and cover all aspects of diversity. Members are chosen through an application and interview process, as this is a paid position.

TV10

TV10 is a residence hall student-staffed station whose programs are cablecast exclusively to residence hall students. The station’s programming is both informative and entertaining.

“It’s U We C,” “Screen Test,” “Expose Yourself” and “Untitled” are four informative programs. The studio also features exclusive coverage of special events such as panel discussions and sports. TV10’s “Wing Feud” and “Roommate Game” are examples of the lighter side of the station’s self-produced shows. In addition, four new or classic movies are shown each week.

TV10 is an ideal co-curricular activity for the journalism or speech student, but it also affords a chance to express other skills not directly related to television production, with opportunities for the artist, the music lover and the public relations or business major.

Beyond academics, the experiences and organizations I have taken part in on this campus have helped me grow into a more positive and confident leader. I have grown so much while serving as Hall Council president and as a Resident Assistant. Living on campus also made it easy to participate in other campus organizations such as the Ping Pong Club, NRHH and NOTA.

Cheryl Peick

engineer of shapes
AND
illustrator of beasts
Room or Hall Damage

Shortly after checking into the residence hall you will sign a room inventory card giving a detailed description of your room’s condition. When you checkout at the end of the year your room’s condition will be compared to the inventory card. Any damages, excluding normal wear and tear, will be charged to the person responsible. If you do not schedule a checkout you will be charged a $25.00 improper check out fee. Any damages that occur should be reported to the resident assistant.

You should not give out your combination and should shut your door when leaving your room since you are responsible for the contents of your room, even in your absence. Nails, tacks and tape of any kind can be particularly damaging to the furnishings and must not be used. Screens must not be unfastened in any way at any time. A service charge will be made to replace damaged screens and windows.

Health Service

Located on upper campus in Crest Wellness Center, Student Health Service offers ambulatory health care Monday through Friday between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each semester when classes are in session. The center is staffed by a full range of health care professionals. Confidential health care services related to acute episodes, chronic illness, health maintenance and health education are provided. Appointments are required, except in the case of an emergency. Health Service appointments can be made by calling 715-836-5360. Many services are provided without charge, while others are provided at a nominal fee. For general information or other questions about Student Health Service, call 715-836-4311.

Parking and Transportation

A motor vehicle of any kind parked in any university parking area during designated times must be registered officially with the university through the Parking and Transportation Office, located in Schneider Hall, Room 106. The vehicle registration must be completed at the time a student registers for classes or begins operation of a vehicle on campus. There is limited parking available on campus for residence hall students. All residents are responsible for becoming familiar with campus parking regulations. Guests may obtain a temporary permit at the Visitor Center. Students also may ride the Eau Claire Transit buses at no cost with a valid Blugold Card ID. This free service is offered on all local bus routes serving the university and city of Eau Claire. Students can catch Bus Route 9, which stops at the residence halls Monday through Saturday.

Employment Opportunities

The Housing and Residence Life Office hires student employees in the following areas: front desk receptionists, mail sorters, security staff, weekend custodians, maintenance, recycling, computer labs and upholstery. Convenient, flexible hours, supervision and training make these jobs appealing to residents. If you are interested in employment, apply with your hall director for front desk, mail and security positions or in the Housing and Residence Life Office, 112 Towers, for the other opportunities. Positions are available to students regardless of their financial aid status.

Housing and Residence Life is an equal opportunity employer.
Dining in style

From the cafeteria to coffee shops to nationally franchised eateries, Blugold Dining at UW-Eau Claire is a cut above the rest. No matter whether you’re choosing one of several flexible meal plans, using your Blugold Account or paying cash, you’ll find that dining on campus offers great variety and is easy and convenient.

Lower-Campus Dining Locations

**Davies Center**

*The Dulany* – An elegant lunch buffet with an upscale menu and table service every weekday. First floor.

*Intermezzo’s Café* – Features Caribou coffee and serves hot and cold coffees, espresso drinks, blended smoothies and other drinks and delicious gourmet bakery items. First floor.

*The Cabin* – Features Green Mountain coffee and serves hot and cold coffees, espresso drinks, delicious bakery items, sandwiches, salads and other grab-and-go snacks. Visit The Cabin in the evenings for beer, wine and appetizers. First floor.

*Marketplace* – Traditional food court featuring Erbert & Gerbert’s Bistro (breakfast sandwiches & wraps and hot & cold sandwiches for lunch and dinner); D’Italia (Italian favorites including pizza, and create-your-own pasta); Blu Flame Grill (traditional grill favorites emphasizing locally sourced meats); Mongolian Grill (create-your-own Asian stir fry); The Skillet (serving breakfast all day) and the Soup & Salad Bar. It also offers Simply to Go salads and sandwiches, plus freshly baked Hilltop Bakery treats and ice cream favorites. First floor.

*Sushi DO* – Features handmade sushi and other Japanese sides. First Floor

*Green Bean* – The campus convenience store featuring a large selection of snacks and beverages including organic and all natural items. First floor.

**Centennial Hall**

*Einstein Bros. Bagels* – Known for their bagels, cream cheese shmears and coffee heritage, Einstein Bros. Bagels is also a hit on campus with their breakfast and lunch bagel sandwiches, wraps, soups, bistro salads and delicious sweet treats.

**Haas Fine Arts Center**

*Simply to Go Cart* – Green Mountain coffee, bakery items, sandwiches, wraps, salads, grab-and-go snacks, bottled beverages. Lobby.

Upper-Campus Dining Locations

**Hilltop Center**

*Riverview Café* – The campus cafeteria that offers the most purchasing power to meal plan participants. They are open daily and offer an all-you-care-to-eat option for breakfast, lunch (brunch on weekends) and dinner. The East side of the Café features Homestyle Favorites, Soup & Salad Bar, Riverview Grill and the Vegetarian and Vegan Bar. The West side of the Café features Pizza Fresca, West Avenue Deli, Pasta-ibilities (daily pasta dishes) and The Big Ole (Mexican cuisine). Second floor.

*The Dugout with Freshens & Green Mountain Coffee* – Features Freshens fruit smoothies and Green Mountain hot and cold espresso drinks. First floor in the Bowling & Billiards Center.

*Hilltop Market* – The upper campus convenience store featuring grocery items, deli meats and cheeses, bread, beverages and more! First floor.

Meal Plan Options (2014-2015 rates)

**Meal Plans for Campus Residents:**

- **Upper Campus Meal Plan** – $1,560 per semester
- **Platinum Meal Plan** – $1,665 per semester
- **Lower Campus Meal Plan** – $1,600 per semester
- **Declining Balance Meal Plan** – $1,400 per semester (Not available to first-semester freshmen.)

**Meal Plans for Off-Campus Residents:**

Available to residents of Chancellors Hall and The Priory, and off-campus students, faculty and staff.

- **50/50 Meal Plan** – $400
- **Diners Club Meal Plan** – You choose how much to deposit!
University Recreation

Based in Hilltop Center on upper campus, University Recreation administers a comprehensive program that provides students with opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that reduce feelings of anxiety, tension and stress. The emphasis is on fun and fitness.

Hit the wall — the 27-foot-high indoor Climbing Wall, that is. Located in the McPhee Physical Education Building, this state-of-the-art wall offers different degrees of climbing difficulty and a variety of routes for climbers to take.

The Challenge Ropes Course, located behind Crest Wellness Center, provides a unique teaching environment where diverse populations can experience varying amounts of physical, mental and/or emotional risks. Users develop skills in problem solving, leadership, communication, decision making, trust building, teamwork, self-worth and accomplishment.

Intramural Leagues give hall residents and other students an opportunity to organize teams and compete in more than 30 men’s, women’s and co-rec activities including flag football, soccer, softball, sand volleyball, roller hockey, basketball and tennis.

Thomas Hall

101 Garfield Ave.
Lower campus
73 Women
71 Men

Located on the Chippewa River near academic buildings and McIntyre Library
Two single rooms available
Elevators to all floors
PC/Macintosh computer lab with Internet access
Large-screen TV lounge
Study lounges
Student kitchen with microwave and appliances
Reception desk food sales
Social room and music practice room with piano
Fitness area with universal weights, rowing machines and exercise bikes
Near Putnam Park, a 333-acre natural reserve
Open during vacation periods
The **Free Time Recreation Program** offers students the opportunity to participate in open gym, play indoor tennis and racquetball, jog, use the weight room and swim. Aerobics (low impact/high energy), step, spinning and hydrorobics (water exercise) classes are available.

The **Outdoor Recreation Resource and Rental Center**, on Hilltop Center’s lower level, offers students the largest inventory of outdoor equipment in the Eau Claire area. Students may rent a variety of gear including tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, camping accessories, ski equipment, canoes, fishing equipment and more. Quality low-cost trips and outdoor education programs also are organized throughout the year. Students are encouraged to participate in group adventures that include backpacking, rafting, downhill and cross-country skiing, ice fishing and rock climbing. The trips are held around the regional Eau Claire area and beyond.

The **University Recreation Fitness Center** is located on upper campus in the Crest Wellness Building. The center features a scenic view overlooking the Chippewa Valley, five flat-screen TVs, large free-weight and cardio rooms, locker and shower facilities and a massage room. Hardware includes a full line of Cybex and Paramount selectorized equipment, free-weight equipment, treadmills, Precor and Reebok elliptical steppers, recumbent and upright bikes, stair steppers, NordicTracks and a rowing machine.

If lifting is your thing, you’ll want to check out the **McPhee Strength and Performance Center**, located on the first floor of the McPhee Physical Education Center. Covering more than 5,700 square feet, the MSPC holds 20,000 pounds of free weights, 5,000 pounds of dumbbell weight and 1,000 pounds of Olympic bumper plates. The MSPC is home to 52 pieces of weight training equipment and 22 cardiovascular units.

Both facilities have dedicated staff who are excited to help you develop an effective and fun fitness program. Massage therapy and personalized
training programs are available to students. If you would like to become a member of either center or are interested in a dual membership, bring your Blugold ID card to the University Recreation office at Hilltop Center, complete a membership card and pay your fees.

The **Bowling and Billiards Center (BBC)**, located in Hilltop Center, offers a variety of leisure time recreational opportunities. Bowling, pocket billiards, foosball, electronic darts, board games, table tennis and electronic games are popular activities. Students also may rent sports equipment from the BBC. Basketballs, softballs, bats, bases, footballs, tennis balls and rackets, volleyballs, soccer balls and broomball equipment are available to check out (a valid Blugold Card ID must be presented for use of equipment).

The **Sport Clubs Program** provides opportunities for students to pursue a recreation or athletic interest that is not encompassed by academic and/or varsity athletic programs. Clubs include Alpine Skiing, Baseball, Bowling, Cheerleading and Stuntmen, Dance, Disc Golf, Hobnailers Outdoor Adventure, Hwa Rang Do/Tae Soo Do, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball and Scuba Diving.

As a service to the university community, University Recreation offers a variety of workshops and non-credit classes that primarily relate to health, fitness and nutrition. For information about these and other special programs, call 715-836-3377 or visit the Recreation Web site located at [www.uwec.edu/recreation](http://www.uwec.edu/recreation).

During my first year at UW-Eau Claire, my resident assistant and hall director helped me return to normal life as a cancer survivor and comforted me during the loss of a loved one. Their help was so critical to my success as a student that I became a resident assistant in hopes of doing the same for others.

**Brenden Hernandez**

**computer scientist AND artist**
Hall Directors
Each hall has a director who is professionally trained and experienced in working with college students. The Hall Directors live in the halls and are readily available to help students with their academic, social or personal needs. The residence hall director is responsible for developing and maintaining a living environment and community that emphasizes educational, social and cultural experiences. The Hall Directors also assist in the effective management and maintenance of the area so the needs of both the students and the university are met.

Resident Assistants
Resident Assistants are full-time students who, as residence hall staff, are in closest contact with the residents in their living unit. The function of the RA is to work with residents and staff members to facilitate an environment within the residence hall that will contribute to the intellectual, social and cultural development of the students. The foremost obligation of the RA is to be a resource to students within the wing.
UW-Eau Claire made it possible to follow both of my passions, allowing me to obtain the best instruction in the field of education and continue to practice techniques and pursue my interest in photography with the help of others living in my residence hall. I also learned how to live with others who are different than me. These experiences are shaping me into a strong leader who can view the world through a variety of lenses and filters.

Stepping up, diving in, speaking out, being there – nothing beats the firsthand experience of getting involved. Housing and Residence Life at UW-Eau Claire offers far more than a great place to live. It creates and promotes an environment that gives you opportunities to realize your full potential and have experiences that last a lifetime. Whether it’s decorating your hall’s Homecoming float, planning the All Hall Fall Ball, running for hall council or kayaking the Chippewa River, you’ll have the advantage of enjoying the total college experience, not just part of it.