

# Frequently Asked Housing Questions

## **What are the measurements of my room? What size are the mattresses and beds?**

Specific room and furniture measurements can be found at: [www.uwec.edu/housing/ResidenceHalls](http://www.uwec.edu/housing/ResidenceHalls).

## **What type of furniture is in my room?**

All rooms have modular furniture. Each student has his/her own bed, desk and chest of drawers. Only University-provided bed loft systems are allowed in residence hall rooms.

## **How can I get my furniture arranged in my room before I arrive on campus in August?**

After talking with your roommate, you can submit an [online loft request form](#). Your room will be arranged when you arrive on campus if we receive your request by August 1<sup>st</sup>. If two different forms are submitted for the same room, the changes will not be made before you arrive on campus.

## **How can I make phone calls if I don't have a cell phone?**

If you would like to have a land line activated in your residence hall room, please complete and submit the [land line request form](#). You will then be able to make on-campus and local area phone calls from your residence hall room. (Dial 9-local phone number.) You will be able to use any long distance calling card to make long distance phone calls. (Dial 9-1-calling card number.) You must provide your own telephone for your room.

## **Is there cable?**

The University pays for [cable](#) and all on-campus students have access to it. There are hook-ups in each room and a TV cable is provided; however you must provide your own television. [TV-10](#) is a student-run television station whose movies and programs are cablecast exclusively to residence hall students. There are also big-screen televisions in each residence hall TV Lounge.

**Be sure to also check out our website at: [www.uwec.edu/housing](http://www.uwec.edu/housing)**

## **Do the doors in the residence halls get locked at night?**

Entrance to each residence hall is restricted to the main doors at night until 6:00 a.m. Your Blugold card with security sticker is required for entrance after security hours begin. You must also register your guests at your hall's security station after security hours have started at night. (Security hours can vary a little.)

## **How do I get my mail?**

Each resident shares a mailbox with his/her roommate. In some halls, students have their own mailbox. You will be issued a key for the box and can get your mail anytime. Mail is usually delivered by 1:00 p.m. Outgoing mail is usually picked up at 10:00 a.m.

## **Where can I work out?**

Each residence hall has an exercise room. You can also get a membership to the fitness center in [Crest Wellness Center](#) or at [McPhee](#).

## **Are there quiet places to study in the residence halls?**

Each residence hall has a quiet study area. Quiet hours start at 10:00 p.m. The [library](#) is also within walking distance.

## **How many people share a bathroom?**

Most wings have 3-4 showers in each bathroom. About 30-35 residents share these showers. All showers are individual stalls.

## **How do I do laundry?**

Each residence hall has several washers and dryers. It costs \$2.00 to wash one load; however, dryers are free. You must use your [Blugold card](#) to do laundry. This means that you must have money on your Blugold account. Your Blugold account is separate from your meal plan.

## **Is alcohol permitted in the residence halls?**

Alcohol is not permitted in the residence halls unless you are 21 years of age or older. Students 21 or older may consume alcoholic beverages in their room. There are several floors that are designated as chemical free. On these floors, students have chosen to remain chemical free even if they are 21 years of age.

## **Roommates....**

### **Should I contact my roommate before I move in?**

Yes, you should contact your roommate as soon as possible. This will help relieve some stress. Address and telephone information for your roommate(s) is included with your room assignment information. You should discuss what each of you is planning to bring so you don't have duplicate items. Email and Instant Messaging are okay, but be sure to make at least one phone call to your roommate before coming to campus. Facebook and MySpace can present an inadequate picture of a person. If there are surprises on your new roommate's profile, be sure to call and ask about it.

### **What if my roommate is an upperclassman?**

Don't worry! Most times, having an upper class roommate is very beneficial. They know all the "ins and outs" of college life. They can make your college experience much less stressful.

## **What should I buy?**

Choosing what to bring to campus is a personal choice. We suggest that you consult with your roommate before making any purchases. This will prevent you from purchasing something you will not need. Items commonly shared include refrigerators, televisions, DVD players, microwaves, carpeting, land line telephones, stereos and couches/chairs/futons.

## **Should I bring a computer?**

This is a matter of personal preference. There are many general access computer labs on campus. There is also a computer lab in each residence hall. Each room is equipped with Ethernet hookups for each roommate. Please refer to the [ResCom Help Desk](#) for further information about computing services.