Below are the most common questions for Housing and Residence Life. If you have a question not answered below please feel free to contact CWU Housing via the contact information on their website: http://cwu.edu/housing/contact-us

**Participant Question**

**CWU Response**

**Housing**

**I am not yet 18, will I be able to apply?**

Absolutely! We will need to have your parent/guardian sign off on your contract as well before you sign off on it.

**Can I move in early?**

We don't have an early move in program. There are a couple of programs that have students come in early, but overall we do not have an early arrival program.

**How do you room by yourself?**

You would have to have a single room, or have an accommodation to have a room alone. You are not able to have a double room by yourself.

**After signing up for housing (through the myhousing site) and having a roommate picked out what are the next steps payment?**

You are set - you will be billed when your receive university bill.

**Do we get the $200 deposit back?**

Yes - assuming there isn't any room damage.

**If I am a transfer student can I stay in a dorm room?**

Yes! We encourage transfer students to live in residence halls and many do for their first year or two (and some throughout the time they are at CWU).

**If I changed my option for housing should it still show my 1st option?**

You should only see the housing that you have, which should only be a single option. Please contact us directly with questions - housing@cwu.edu.

**How do often do you all approve housing exceptions is it common?**

The appliances that are allowed in the residence halls are single serve coffee device (such as a Keurig type device).

**Housing**

**Are there limits to what furniture we can bring?**

No - but every thing that is in the room needs to remain in the room throughout the year, and you can't be sparring a space approximately 12x 12x with another person. So you will want to be aware of that.

**How do you pay for housing? do they take it directly from our student account?**

Yes - room costs are based on type of hall (renovated vs. legacy hall) and the type of room (single, double, suite) set the other part.

**What will move in day look like?**

Self-selection ends June 1, however the housing application is open until school starts in the fall.

**Are there on-campus apartments that come with a personal kitchen?**

Yes, there are! Go to cwu.edu/housing to discover the different types of housing and their features!

**What furniture is in the main living rooms?**

Our suites often have living room spaces, most which are furnished with a couch/love seat, coffee table, etc.

**Are there lockers or places to store your stuff in the communal kitchen?**

Yes - most rooms have some additional floor space for storage organizers, tv stand, a chair, etc.

**Are prices different per hall or per room capacity (single/double)**

Housing prices are set based on two criteria: type of hall and type of room. Hall types (legacy vs. renovated/new) set part of the cost and the type of room (single, double, suite) set the other part. You can see next year's rates at www.cwu.edu/housing.

**Is there floor plans with room dimensions?**

The floor plans online can give you a sense of the room but exact dimensions are not available due to the unique architecture of the residence halls.

**Where can we find the prices for our dorms?**

Room rates are listed online at www.cwu.edu/housing

**Are there additional floor spaces for storage?**

Yes - most rooms have some additional floor space for storage organizers, tv stand, a chair, etc.

**Is there a limit to the size of a TV we bring to our dorm?**

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It depends on the type of damages. Some are very clearly from one roommate, others are shared. Most times, students let us know if they were responsible for damage.

**Are students required to live on campus their first year?**

Yes! We encourage transfer students to live in residence halls and many do for their first year or two (and some throughout the time they are at CWU). If you're transferring in mid-year (say spring quarter) is the application process for housing the same? Yes - room costs are based on type of hall (renovated vs. legacy hall) and the type of room (single, double, suite) set the other part. You can see next year's rates at www.cwu.edu/housing.

**If I know who I want to room with. How do we make sure we get the same room?**

You could either select the same residence hall room (many students apply simultaneously) or list each other specifically as roommates and then select a room. Let us know if you need any help at housing@cwu.edu.

**Is there a limit to the size of a TV we bring to our dorm?**

No limit, but be mindful that most students find they need less than they anticipated when moving in. Many students do not use a tv in their room and just use the tv in the lounge areas.

**What is the application process for housing the same?**

The application process is, but the selection is now - after June 1, we assign students, they connect you.

**If I'm in a student apartment, do I need a meal plan, or can I supply my own food?**

If you are in an on campus apartment you do not need to have an on campus meal plan.
We are able to change rooms right? How are roommates selected? Are singles available? What is the size of the beds for bedding? Can you apply for housing before you have a roommate? How much are the apartments per month? Meal plans are included in that cost. There is not a curfew for the dorms. Is there a curfew for the dorms? How do I apply for rooms if I am under 18? What dorms are closest to the athletic department? How do I apply for housing if I am under 18? How do you pay for housing? Do they take it directly from scholarships or do we pay monthly? Housing is applied to your student account just other university charges. We don’t take any money in our Housing Office.

If you have applied to one of the living learning communities already and have not heard back yet, how long should a person wait to sign up for housing? I just want to apply for housing as early as possible in order to get my preference and if I don’t hear back soon from the community learning dept what do you suggest I do?

I suggest you log in and select a room in a building that you might want to live in and then if you get into the LLC we can switch your housing have you select a room in the LLC. I know who you want to live with, it is best to match before either of you select a space. Once either of you select a space, you are not able to match with each other, although you are able to still live with them, it just won’t be through matching.

Can I choose my roommate whenever or do I have to have them picked out when signing up for housing? What if our roommate is not lgbtq friendly? Can we switch them picked out when signing up for housing?

Absolutely! We want the space to be the best for you. Your RA staff and professional staff will help at every turn and are highly trained in supporting all our students.

If you are under 18 years old, the application will be sent to the parent/guardian’s email address we have on file. They would read and sign the application and send it to the Housing Office. The application will then be sent to the students CWU Outlook e-mail account. Students would read and sign the contract and send it to the Housing Office where the staff there process the contract. Please give 24 hours for the staff to process the contract. Next the student can log back into their housing application and complete the application housing@cwu.edu.

Where can we find layouts or pictures of the rooms we chose? We would encourage you to take a look at the website to get more information about the halls - part of it will be if the location matters to you or even if the cost matters to you.

All beds are XL twin beds here. We locally buy our mattresses from Oregon Mattresses and choose pillow top mattresses so a roomy depth is also helpful.

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Housing works with Disability Services to provide housing accommodations. Please visit cwu.edu/disability-support or contact them at ds@cwu.edu.

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Housing rates can be found here - http://www.cwu.edu/housing/apartment-rate-information

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If you have a question not answered below please feel free to contact Orientation and Transition Programs via the contact information on our website: http://cwu.edu/orientation/contact

Below are the most common questions for Dining Services.

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Dining

- If you don't get a meal plan cause your living off campus, do you still have access to all dining? Can you pay for everything in regular cash?
  - Yes that's correct! You can also get Wildcat Bucks to use for food. Get more information about Wildcat Bucks on our CENTRAL 101/301.

- Meal money carries over from quarter to quarter until Spring quarter. You have to use your plan by the end of Spring quarter or you lose it.
  - You can use Dining Dollars to purchase ingredients at the market to make meals yourself.
  - Yes, it is. All of the items are priced individually.

- Can you change your meal plan during the beginning of each quarter? This change period usually begins on the first day of classes and ends exactly 1 week afterwards.
  - No, you are only required to have a meal plan if you live off campus.

- What is the best place to get food on campus?
  - All of the rates are found on our website cwu.edu/housing/residence-hall-information.

- Are meal plans required for first-year students, if they aren't living on campus?
  - What's the best place to get food on campus?
  - It's still good!

- You have less of new and exciting healthy eating options. We just opened a new restaurant called Fresh Bar that features healthy vegan, vegetarian, sustainable foods. It also utilizes product from our farm.

- If you have extra money left on your meal plan at the end of the quarter, that money carries over to the next quarter. At the end of the school year (spring), you would need to use all of the remaining balance on your card. If, at the end of the first quarter you have a lot of money left on your meal plan, at the start of the next quarter you have the option to change your meal plan to a smaller plan if that is your desire or if you ran out of money on your meal plan at the end of the quarter you can change to a bigger meal plan.

- Most students take 15-18 credits per quarter. Over 18 credits can be challenging.

- How much are the meal plan options?
  - How/when do we sign up for classes?

- If you have a question not answered below please feel free to contact Dining Services via the contact information on their website: http://cwu.edu/dining/contact-us

- How many classes would you take for your major?
  - If you submit your required transcript and it appears that the department has not responded within two weeks.

- In some cases, the departments may need more time to respond to your declaration.

- How soon do the departments usually respond to your declaration?
  - However, their priority is current students. They may delay processing incoming student requests until closer to orientation.

- Can you definitely double major? It is important to work with your advisor, starting at orientation, to develop a plan for double major and the time it may take to complete your academic journey.

- Major Exploration

  - How do you decide if you can double major?
    - All students are required to declare a major prior to earning 75 credits. Students should contact the department in which the intended major is located. For example, a Chemistry student would need to contact the Chemistry department to see what the qualifications are to be a Chemistry major.

  - Major Exploration

    - How many General ed credits do I need? Does that vary in degree?
      - You will receive an advising guide (during the summer) that will have detailed information on the general education curriculum.

    - Major Exploration

      - Can students double minor?
        - Yes they can! Just keep in mind it may extend their time at Central.

    - Major Exploration

      - How many classes would you take for your major?
        - It depends on the major. You can use the catalog to view specifics for each major catalog.acalog.cwu.edu/index.php. Look at the listing of degrees and programs.

    - Major Exploration

      - How and when would an AA transfer know if there are any prerequisites that a major they haven't met with their AA.
        - All students with college credits will meet with an advisor during Links Orientation. During that meeting they will review how you transfer credits fit with the major requirements.

      - You are also encouraged to review the major worksheets as outlined in the Exploring Majors recording from April 15th.

    - Major Exploration

      - Is there a maximum number of credits allowed per quarter?
        - Most students take 15-18 credits per quarter. Over 18 credits can be challenging.

    - Major Exploration

      - Will AP test scores from this spring still be accepted for credits for next year?
        - Yes, please view the catalog for details.

    - Major Exploration

      - should we be reaching out to departments if we have obtained our AA with an emphasis in our intended major?
        - That is not required but you may want to check in with the department. They may ask you to wait until Links Orientation when they can provide common content to a larger group of students at once.

    - Major Exploration

      - If we have an AA degree and already know what degree we want to pursue, when and how can we plan our classes? Find out how long it will take to earn a Bachelors?
        - In the summer, you will meet with your academic advisor. During that meeting you will be able to gain information about academics at Central and discuss your major and classes.

    - Major Exploration

      - Since ROTC students are required to take classes for the full four years, what do they generally do if they come in with a lot of college credits they have already earned?
        - You will need to contact the ROTC program at armymrotc@cwu.edu

    - Major Exploration

      - Do we have to apply for every major? Would there be a chance of being denied?
        - At some point every student seeking a degree will need to apply for a major. There are various requirements for each major and it is possible to be denied admission to a specific major program.

    - Major Exploration

      - How do we access the catalog?
        - Students are assigned to a staff and/or faculty advisor from the academic program once the student is admitted to a major. Undecided students are assigned to an exploratory group of students at once.

    - Major Exploration

      - How and where do you figure out who your advisor is?
        - If you are a student coming to Central this fall, you will sign up for classes this summer during Links Orientation with an academic advisor. At that time, your advisor will provide instructions on how to sign up for classes.

    - Major Exploration

      - How/when do we sign up for classes?
        - All students who are graduating high school are first-year students. If you are a student who is graduating high school and has more than 45 college credits (non-Running Start credits), submit all your credits to Admissions to make sure you are listed as a transfer student.

    - General

      - If I am not interested in working in the culinary business, where else are job opportunities available?
        - You may browse jobs at careers.cwu.edu

      - General

        - Campus is not open to the public at this time. You can view our virtual campus tour at admissions.cwu.edu/portal/online_tours.

      - General

        - Can we visit Central at this time? Is campus closed?
          - Either at orientation or at move-in. You can submit your photo via the instructions in CENTRAL 101/301 (coming soon)!
| General | Can you still get scholarships when in college? | Yes! CWU has a scholarship portal for incoming and returning students to use called Scholarship Central. Scholarship Central opens October 1st and closes February 1st. You can also apply and use scholarships outside of Scholarship Central. |
| General | I cannot remember how to access my email, where can I find that? | Email is accessible via the MyCWU dropdown at the top of the CWU homepage. See Outlook. To log in use your CWU username@cwu.edu with your CWU password. |
| General | Since Lynx orientation may be cancelled, how and when will we meet with our advisors to help direct us to which classes we may need? | The Orientation and Advising team are working together to provide virtual time for you and your advisor to meet and discuss your academic journey! You will receive an email about this process. |
| General | Can I apply for a job before school starts? | Once you are enrolled in classes for fall 2020, you are able to apply for any Central student jobs that are available through your MyCWU. |
| General | How often should I be checking my CWU email? | We recommend, if you are able, download the Outlook Mail app to your phone and add your CWU email to it. Make sure notifications are on so you can see emails as they come in. If you do not turn notifications on, we recommend you check your email daily! |