

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE RESIDENCE HALLS

A PLACE TO CALL HOME



YOUR NEW HOME

Welcome to your new home! We know you have tons of questions to ask before you come. That's why we put these guidelines together. What's most important for you to know is that there are many people waiting to welcome you to KWC and ready to answer your questions. If you don't find the answers to your questions in here, please call us so we can help you personally!

Student Life Office - 270.852.3285

THE RESIDENCE HALL STAFF

The Residence Hall Staff is committed to making your living environment a community that focuses on learning, development, and acceptance. Here is a description of who these people are and what they do.

The **Resident Director** is the professional staff member responsible for your building who lives in the apartment in the hall. He or she not only supervises the Resident Assistant staff, but also interacts with all residents. RDs may advise you on personal or academic issues, and they may explain or uphold College policies. A key element to their job is to work with all residents to establish a positive living community. This is the person you will probably get to know the best while living on your hall.

The **Resident Assistant** is a student who has completed training designed to make your residence hall living experience a positive one. Your RA lives on and manages your floor section. These students are great sources of information – a key part of their job is answering your questions. Along with planning social and educational activities, your RA is here to help advise, be a resource person, and uphold College policies.

YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATE

Getting along with your neighbors is obviously important. But having a successful relationship with your roommate can make the difference in whether your living experience here is a positive one.

The key ingredients to successful roommate relations are the four C's:

Communication is the most important aspect of good roommate relations. It means talking to your roommate about anything that will affect you and it means talking when you have a concern. Try to talk about it before it becomes a problem.

Consideration is another handy attribute for living with other people. The best way to learn consideration is to think before you act. Ask yourself how your actions might affect those you live with. If your roommate needs quiet to study and you come home when he or she is hitting the books, think before you pop that new CD into your stereo. Ask him/her if it is O.K. first and you may avoid a lot of problems.

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In addition to the RDs and RAs, other Student Life Staff Members can be very helpful to you.

Our office is located on the first floor of the Winchester Community Center.

COME ON UP AND MEET US!



YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATE (continued)

Compromise means give and take. If your roommate likes to go to bed early and get up early and you are a night owl who likes to sleep in, a little give and take can remedy the situation. You agree to be quiet at night and he/she agrees to be quiet in the morning. Small changes by each party can mean both parties get what they need at not too great a cost to either of them.

Cooperation is when roommates work together toward a common goal. It may be as simple as making sure that the garbage can isn't overflowing or negotiating how you will take phone messages for each other.



SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR NEW ROOMMATE

- How do you study? Alone? In the library? In total silence? With the stereo on? Early or late?
- How do you feel about lending your things?
- Do you need eight hours of sleep? Are you a late night person? An early riser? Do you wake up easily?
- Do you like your room to be neat and organized or can you live with disorder? If so, how much?
- What are your favorite things to do?
- What are three things that you dislike?

THE MOST LIKELY AREAS OF ROOMMATE CONFLICT

The best advice about roommates and new living situations is to be realistic. While you may end up gaining a great friendship, it is more important to work toward living together successfully. Keep in mind that the most likely areas of conflict are different:

- Lifestyle or cultural background
- Ideas about neatness and cleanliness
- Sleep or study patterns
- Ideas about privacy and confidentiality.

If conflict does occur with your roommate, ask your RA or RD for help. Most conflicts aren't new – they're just new to you. Your RA or RD can offer suggestions and help you explore options to resolve the conflict.

MAKING YOUR ROOM YOUR HOME

A good relationship with your roommate will make you feel more at home. But what about those added personal touches to your room? We know that those make a room feel like home. For your safety and to ensure minimal wear-and-tear on your room, you need to keep the following things in mind.

- **Feel free to put posters and pictures on the walls.** But remember no nails or hooks are permitted. What should you use? The white adhesive putty available at many stores is a good choice. Avoid two-sided tape or the colored putty as it leaves residue. You'll have to clean this residue off when you leave or risk being charged for it.
- **Don't plan to remove any furniture from your room.** All college-owned furniture must remain in your room.
- **Feel free to put a rug on the floor.** Many residents like to add a rug to their room. However, please don't affix any carpet or rug to the floor as it may damage it.

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MAKING YOUR ROOM YOUR HOME (continued)

- **Bring a small refrigerator and a small microwave.** But remember cooking, other than preparing snacks, is not permitted in the residence halls.
- **Washers and Dryers are available.** Each residential student receives a laundry card (with a \$10 refundable deposit) which will provide the student's laundry for the entire year. Each semester a student's account is charged a \$50.00 laundry fee to cover the service of 100 cycles per semester. You have the ability to purchase more cycles in the Student Life Office. This laundry program is required for all residential students.
- **Please DO NOT bring hot plates, George Forman grills, toaster ovens, toasters, sandwich makers, woks, or any other appliances used for cooking.** These items either have open heating elements or they are used for cooking food that is more than a snack.
- **No candles, candle burners/warmers, incense, or halogen lamps.**
- **Bring a power strip or bar with a circuit breaker to increase the number of outlets in your room.** This is the safest way to increase the number of outlets available to you. Please use extension cords only to increase the length of one cord. They do not have circuit breakers and can pose a risk of fire.
- **Bring a TV, a stereo, or a computer.** Each room has a cable outlet and a computer jack that will allow you access to the KWC network – after you purchase a network card.
- **Bring your fish – they're the only pets allowed.** No amphibians, no reptiles, no crustaceans, and absolutely no Homo Sapiens. Your room is designed for you, your roommate and, if you like, some fish, but no other living creatures.
- **Feel free to put up curtains in your rooms using a tension rod.** Other types of hardware will damage the walls.

OTHER ITEMS YOU MAY WANT TO BRING TO KWC

- Telephone/Answering Machine (the school does not provide these items)
- Mattress pad
- Towels/Shower Bucket/Shower Shoes
- Alarm Clock
- Backpack
- Small Tool Set (hammer, screwdriver, etc.)
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Waste Paper Basket
- Coffee Mugs/Plastic Cups
- Small Vacuum/Dust Buster
- Favorite Games/Cards
- Camera
- Swim Suit (to wear for activities/events or to the YMCA)
- Laundry Basket/Detergent (liquid laundry detergent only)

ABOUT YOUR ROOM

As you make plans and purchases this summer, we thought the following information might come in handy.

Floor Space: In case you are considering a throw rug or carpet for your room, the wall-to-wall floor space in Kendall and Peoples is approximately 12'x12'. Some rooms may vary slightly or have features that are permanently affixed to the floor. For these reasons, we suggest that you select a piece of carpet slightly smaller (10'x10' or 9'x9') or one that can easily be cut to fit your floor space. (Don't forget to bring a carpet knife.) You may want to wait until you are on campus to buy carpet at a local retailer.

Bedding: Students should bring pillows, sheets, and a blanket and/or comforter for their beds. Standard twin size linens will fit mattresses in all residence halls. We suggest having at least two sets of linens as linen service is not provided.

Window Measurements: Residence hall rooms have blinds in each room. Students may, however, want to add curtains to their windows. The best way to do this is with a tension rod. Other curtain hardware can damage the walls. Kendall and Peoples rooms each have one large window measuring 48"x 64".

Furnishings: Each room has two beds, two desks, two desk chairs, two dressers, and two closets. Some rooms also have a shelf over the desk and a desk light. You may find that you need additional items upon moving in.