

Summer Experiences Residential Life Information

Orientation

Orientation for students begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. on move-in day and students should plan on saying goodbye to their parents at that time. Students will tour the campus, hear important presentations from program personnel, have dinner together as a group, and participate in orientation activities in the evening.

Mailing Address

Below is the mailing address. Note: the residence hall mailing address is different than the Summer Experiences office address. Mail for students should be sent to the following address:

Student's Name
Summer Experiences
Campus Box 20003
6515 Wydown Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63105-2215

The campus mailroom is open Monday-Friday and any flat mail delivered during those days will be picked up by our program staff and taken to the residence hall for dispersal at nightly check-in. **We strongly discourage sending packages during the short duration of the program.** In the event that a student needs a package sent for emergency reasons, please have it sent overnight or express mail and let the residential supervisor know when it is arriving. The mailroom is not open on the weekends and furthermore it can take several days to process package deliveries on campus.

For Summer Scholars, please do not have textbooks shipped to campus. You need to purchase your textbooks ahead of time and have them delivered to your home, or purchase books at the campus bookstore upon arrival.

Cell Phones

All students, including international students, are required to have a cell phone with a U.S. phone number during the program.

Leaving Campus during Free Time

Students are permitted to leave campus in groups of 2 or more beginning at 5:00pm on week days and 9:00am on weekends. Students must sign-out of the residence hall and return by scheduled in the dorm curfew of 9 p.m. Students will not be permitted to leave campus outside of these times unless permission is received from a parent or legal guardian.

Permission to Leave Campus outside of Free Time

In order for a student to leave campus outside of approved off-campus hours or with someone who is not their parent or legal guardian, we must receive a completed **Permission to Leave Campus Form** at least 24 hours prior to absence. A separate form must be completed for each absence. This form is available on the **Information for Admitted Students** section of the website under **Special Permission Forms**. Examples of when we need this form would be:

- A family member or friend would like to take a student off campus for dinner.
- A student needs to be absent from the residence hall overnight.
- A student wants to take an Uber or taxi to an off campus location.

Curfew

There is a nightly curfew, which the staff will strictly enforce. Students must sign-in to the residence hall by 9:00pm and be in their rooms by 11:00pm. Once students have signed in, they cannot leave the building until the next morning at 7:30am when the dining hall opens.

Residence Hall

Students will be living in an air-conditioned residence hall with other program students. The outer doors to all residence halls are kept locked 24 hours a day and students access the building with key cards. There is an elevator.

No more than 4 students will share a suite with a bathroom. Rooms contain extra-long twin bed, dresser, desk, desk chair, bookshelf, and closet per student. Each floor has a small study room and a lounge with a kitchenette (sink, refrigerator, and microwave). The 1st floor or basement has laundry facilities and ice machine, classrooms and study areas, and a lobby area with TV.

We cannot guarantee room/suitemate requests. Suites are organized based on gender identity, age, and year in school. All residence halls are mixed gender; individual floors can be mixed gender.

Students who have concerns about their housing assignment in relation to sexual orientation, gender identity, or special needs may request assistance. Please contact Becki Baker at summerexperiences@wustl.edu or (314) 935-4807. All inquiries will remain confidential.

Program Staff

Living in the residence hall will be our residential program assistants, current Washington University students who will provide academic advice, plan social activities, and ensure the rules and regulations of the program are followed. We also have a residential supervisor living on campus to oversee the residential aspects of our programs and act as an emergency contact for students and parents.

Computers

There are several on-campus computer labs available for use. A secured wireless connection is available. **DO NOT BRING** a wireless router. Non-university-owned wireless routers and access points are not allowed on the Washington University residential network due to security concerns. Instructions will be provided at move-in on how to log into the WIFI network.

Meals

Funds for meals are programmed onto students' key cards. There are vegetarian selections, but please note that *specialty prepared kosher and halal meals are not available in the summer*. All meal locations on campus close by 7:00 p.m. during the summer months, so many students like to have a small stash of snacks available in their rooms.

Students with food allergies and dietary restrictions should make sure to include this information on their **Personal and Medical Information Form** and complete a **Food Allergy or Intolerance Agreement**. Please note we are not a nut-free campus.

We encourage all students with dietary needs, food allergies, or intolerances to contact the campus director for nutrition, Connie Diekman connie_diekman@wustl.edu, before the program begins, as well as, a campus chef after arrival, to learn how to dine enjoyably and safely on campus during the summer. Students may also reach out directly to [dining services](#) to discuss how to accommodate their needs while on campus during the program.

Disability Resources

[Cornerstone: The Center for Advanced Learning](#) assists students with hearing, visual, orthopedic, learning, or other disabilities. Services include readers, note-takers, tutors, counseling, appropriate academic accommodation (e.g., alternate testing conditions, extended testing time), and referral to community resources. Please contact Becki Baker at summerexperiences@wustl.edu or (314) 935-4807 before arrival to campus if a student requires these resources.

Banking Services

A full-service *Bank of America* is located in Mallinckrodt Student Center. There are also several *Bank of America* ATM machines on campus, which take cards with the following logos: Visa, Plus, Mastercard, Cirrus, American Express, Discover, Maestro, Honor, and Star.

Security on Campus

Safety and security require everyone's participation and support. The [Washington University Police Department \(WUPD\)](#) is available 24/7 to provide assistance to students. "Blue Light" telephones--connected directly to the police department--are located throughout campus and will instantly alert WUPD to the location of someone needing help. Students may also call (314) 935-5555 at any time for assistance. Safety tips while on and off campus are included in every student's orientation folder.

Weekend Outings and Nightly Social Events

Residential Program Assistants lead weekend outings and arrange nightly social events that introduce students to the vibrant, exciting city of St. Louis and life on campus at Washington University. Weekend outings are organized based on student interest and include trips to local museums, attractions, and restaurants. Nightly social events include activities such as capture the flag games and movie nights. Weekend outings and social events are included in the program fee and are optional to attend.

Seminars

Throughout the program, we offer a variety of seminars focused on developing college readiness and independent living skills, as well as, seminars designed to explore topics such as diversity and college admissions. These seminars are included in the program fee and are optional to attend. Students who do attend all seminars in a series and complete a reflection essay will be offered a special certificate of participation. Seminar schedules will be provided at orientation.

Spending Money

Any program-sponsored social events are included in the program fee and will be free for students to attend. We recommend students bring \$50-\$75 per week for spending money to use on laundry (\$2 for one load to wash and dry), meals away from campus, souvenirs, etc.

Visitors Policy

Visitors are not permitted to be in the residence hall with the exception of move-in and departure times unless accompanied by a staff member.

Required Activities

While most of our special programming activities are optional to attend, we do require that students attend a weekly residential small group meeting and have a weekly one-on-one with their designated program assistant. There may be other required meetings as needed during the summer.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours are strictly enforced beginning at 11:00pm until 7:30am.

Tobacco Free Campus

Washington University prohibits smoking or the use of any tobacco products **anywhere** on campus.

Room Entry

The program staff and other university personnel reserve the right to enter rooms for purposes of maintenance, security, discipline, and the orderly operation of the program.

Lost Keys/Lockouts

If a student loses their room key card or is locked out of their room, they will need to go to the Summer Conferences Office for a replacement. There is a \$5 charge during business hours. If a lost key or lockout occurs after business hours the fee is \$25 and WUPD will need to be contacted to let the student into their room. All fees will be collected before the end of the program.