Welcome to Housing and Residence Life

We hope you are excited and eager about the challenges and experiences that await you for the upcoming year. Our housing and residence life staff is committed to helping you be successful as a student and in helping you connect with the University community so your home-away-from-home is safe, clean, well maintained and comfortable. Housing and residence life prides itself on our programming initiatives and collaboration with other University offices to provide each student with a unique and individualized residence hall experience.

The mission of the staff in housing and residence life is to provide a residential environment that supports and encourages every student to be a responsible global citizen, become a lifelong learner and to develop personally.

Please read the following pages carefully as we have attempted to answer as many questions as possible. At the end of this brochure, you will find the instructions for submitting your residence hall agreement and preferences. Please also note that as a first-year student you will most likely be assigned to a traditional double or triple room or a double occupancy residential suite room. The Office of Housing and Residence Life cannot guarantee any specific room or building type.
SRU RESIDENCE HALLS PROVIDE:

• A safe, secure, comfortable living and learning environment.
• 24-hour desk attendant coverage in each hall, including assistance with guest registration, printing services for academic work, checking out hall equipment and lock outs.
• Live-in staff available for answering questions, mediating conflicts, as well as establishing social and educational programs encouraging community development.
• Housing and Residence Life will provide students with the opportunity to engage with outside departments such as the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL), Women’s Center, Hope Peer Educators and the Office for Inclusive Excellence to gain valuable extra-curricular experiences and meaningful relationships.
• Sprinkler systems and smoke detectors that cover both common areas and individual living areas in every building.
• Convenient laundry facilities located in each building, students can now pay with debit, credit, or coin.
• Student computer help desk in Watson Hall to assist students with their ResNet questions/issues.
• ATM located in Watson Hall lobby for your convenience.
• Close to classes, library, offices, food options, ARC and Robert M. Smith Student Center.
• Access to SRU maintenance staff from the Web to report room or hall maintenance requests.
• University and contracted staff provide daily and emergency maintenance and custodial services to all residence halls and residential suites. In traditional residence halls, the custodial staff cleans all common areas and community bathrooms on student floors. In the residential suites, the custodial staff provides services to common areas outside of your individual suite only.

Our Traditional Residence Halls...
Traditional-style residence halls at SRU provide a living environment to students interested in a traditional college housing structure – double and triple occupancy rooms. The greatest asset these buildings offer is the opportunity to know others in the community. It is not unusual to find students grouped together studying, playing video games, sharing a pizza or just hanging out talking about their day.
Both Rhoads and North Hall share their building with University offices on the first floors. Rhoads Hall also serves as the home to the Student Health Center and the Counseling Center. Most recognized for its rounded front entrance, Rhoads Hall is conveniently located between North and Patterson Halls, a short walk from the center of campus.
The first floor of North Hall is home to the University’s Admissions and Enrollment Services Offices. Originally built in 1938, this Georgian-style building stands near Old Main and is one of the campus’ signature buildings.

Amenities include:
• A fully furnished living environment
• Cable TV
• Recreation room and vending areas
• Card access
• 100 percent wireless access in all of the Residence Halls and each student can use up to five electronic devices for free under their personal ResNet account.
• Air conditioning
• Elevators
• Convenient to downtown Slippery Rock
• In-hall mailroom

PLEASE NOTE: If you indicate your residence hall preference as “traditional” on your application, you may be placed in any of these room types. Choosing “traditional” is only a preference and is not a guarantee. If you need traditional housing as an option please apply by March 1, 2019.

I really like being in the center of everything and all of my friends are here.
Our Residential Suites...

The Residential Suites are known for their exclusive living accommodations, including state-of-the-art wireless internet access and the newly improved student laundry facilities located in all of the Residence Halls. Living in the suites fosters student independence while creating life-long friendships. Our community assistants and staff try to enhance each student’s academic experience with creative programming initiatives. These buildings also employ an apartment-style feel without moving off-campus. We have staff available on each floor section to assist students with their transition. All of our buildings are LEED certified and equipped with energy-efficient heating and cooling systems. All of the residence halls are highly secured and equipped with motion-sensor lighting systems and automatic door locks. The room types you see on the left of this page are two examples of rooms that most first year students are assigned to. The room types listed are not guaranteed. Please note, that first year students could possibly be assigned to any room types we have in our residence halls. If you have a specific request, please call our main office line at 724.738.2082 or email mimi.campbell@sru.edu. Requests are not a guarantee and are based on availability at the time of application.

Amenities include:

- A fully furnished living environment
- Semi-private bathrooms
- Cable TV
- 100 percent wireless access in all of the Residence Halls and each student can register up to five electronic devices for free under their personal ResNet account.
- Snack prep area with microwave and refrigerator
- Individual air conditioning and heat controls
- Suites with a common area also have cabinets, sofa, chairs and end tables

Please note: If you indicate your residence hall preference as “Residential Suites” on your application, you may be placed in any of these room types.

Incoming students should really look forward to the way the residence halls get you involved. There is always something to do when you live in a residence hall. Whether it’s a program or just visiting a friend down the hall.

SRU ON-CAMPUS NETWORKING AND WIRELESS ACCESSIBILITY:

In our residence halls, we pride ourselves on our state-of-the-art computer networking services for all of our on-campus students. This service allows students to have 100% wireless access in all of our residence halls. The quick internet accessibility will also follow students across campus including the academic classroom buildings. Students can use up to five devices for free, with the ResNet wireless service. First year students must create their MyResNet account and register their devices before arriving for the academic year. This will ensure that each student will be ready to use the service once they arrive to campus. If students want to register more devices or increase the speed of the service they also have the option to purchase other packages for a minimal cost.

I really love living in the residence halls because they really helped my transition into college life and now I feel like I am a part of a new family.
Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) offer the opportunity to live and learn with other students who share their academic, professional and personal interests. The LLCs are one of many ways to help our students achieve. Students who live in these communities have a higher GPA average than students who do not live in the LLC.

Research supports LLCs, stating that students who are successful academically and engaged socially are more likely to persist and graduate. (Vincent Tinto, Ph.D., Syracuse University)

Specialty Space:
Most Residence Halls that house an LLC have a Meeting Room with resources just for the LLC Students.

Requirements:
- All LLCs require an application (see pg. 15 Step 3).
- For an Academic LLC, the student needs to be affiliated with a major/minor in that LLC.
- For a shared interest LLC, the student needs to have a demonstrated interest.
- For a blended LLC, the student needs to be affiliated with an appropriate major/minor or to have a demonstrated interest.

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<th>LLC</th>
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<td>Business (BIS)</td>
<td>For students who are majoring or minoring in the College of Business.</td>
<td>Building E</td>
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<td>Education (EDU)</td>
<td>For students who are majoring or minoring in the College of Education</td>
<td>Watson Hall</td>
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<td>Health, Environment and Science (HES)</td>
<td>For students who are majoring or minoring in the College of Health, Environment and Science.</td>
<td>Building A</td>
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<td>Honors (HON)</td>
<td>For students who are enrolled in the SRU Honors Program.</td>
<td>Watson Hall</td>
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<td>Liberal Arts (LA)</td>
<td>For students who are majoring or minoring in the College of Liberal Arts.</td>
<td>Building D</td>
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<td>Creating Connections (CC)</td>
<td>Designed for students who are from 2+ hours away or have an interest in other cultures</td>
<td>Building B</td>
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<td>Military and Emergency Services (MES)</td>
<td>This floor is dedicated to ROTC cadets, first responders, volunteer firefighters, EMS personnel and/or for those involved in military service (current or past).</td>
<td>Building F</td>
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<td>ROCK Recovery (RCKR)</td>
<td>A community provided for students who are pursuing recovery from alcohol and other addictions with safe, supportive, and sober surroundings. This LLC has a different application process.</td>
<td>Rock Apt.</td>
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<td>Sophomore Year Experience (SYE)</td>
<td>A community to engage in activities to promote academic success, career exploration, and building professional relationships specifically for sophomores.</td>
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<td>Transfers (TFR)</td>
<td>Designed to assist incoming transfer students in their transition to the SRU Community</td>
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<td>Civic Engagement and Social Justice (CESJ)</td>
<td>CESJ is focused around working to make a positive difference in one’s community. This floor is suggested for those studying political science, philosophy, social work, criminology, public health, and those that are included in the Department of Interdisciplinary Programs.</td>
<td>Building B</td>
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<td>Environmental Studies (ES)</td>
<td>This community is suited for students who are interested in environmental protection and sustainability. The floor is suggested for those majoring in fields such as parks and rec, geology, and other environmental majors/minors.</td>
<td>Building B</td>
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<td>Exploratory (XPL)</td>
<td>Open to first-year exploratory students and who are interested in learning more about their strengths and the world around them.</td>
<td>Rhoads</td>
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<td>Gender Studies (GS)</td>
<td>Geared for students interested in the topic of gender equality, men’s issues and women’s issues. This LLC is appropriate for students with a minor in gender studies.</td>
<td>North</td>
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<td>Leadership (LDRs)</td>
<td>Open for students that want to explore leadership opportunities on campus through club and organizational involvement and focuses on values-directed leadership skills. Appropriate for students that are majoring/minoring in leadership studies.</td>
<td>Building F</td>
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<td>Rock Life (RCKL)</td>
<td>In this LLC, prospective students may be paired with a Rock Life student and will gain extra experience in their desired profession. Rock Life is a post-secondary education program for students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Students interested in the following majors are invited to apply: special education, secondary education, transition programming, recreational therapy, etc.</td>
<td>Watson Hall</td>
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Locations of LLCs may be subject to change.
**Life Long Learning Experiences**

Living in the residence halls will be your first step in lifelong learning. It will be very different from living at home with your parent(s) or guardian(s). Keep in mind your roommate might be very different from your religion, culture, color, race, sexual orientation, have differing political beliefs, study behaviors and sleeping patterns. At Slippery Rock University, we value the diversity of our students and encourage a community of respect and understanding. We are a caring community of learners, which means we expect our students to have an open mind when experiencing new things. We believe learning occurs both in and out of the classroom, and the experience of living with diverse students in the residence halls provides an educational opportunity. We also believe that this learning occurs in each of our Residential Suites and Traditional Hall environments. We hope each student, no matter where you are living, has the opportunity to create and enhance valued multicultural experiences.

**Community Life in the Residence Halls**

Each Community Assistant is responsible for creative programming initiatives to enhance the student experience. Housing and Residence Life has set forth a unique programming model for our staff to follow. We understand that each of our students’ personalities and needs can be very different. We value the differences that the students bring to our communities, therefore, our staff is committed to assessing the needs of each individual to enhance their Slippery Rock University Experience. Housing and Residence Life Programming operates from our strategic plan which is based around our student assessment initiatives. Our community assistant staff is required to plan 3 programs a month for each floor section; we like to keep each student engaged in the residence hall environment.

Programs and activities offered within Housing and Residence Life that focus on the values of personal development, global citizenship and lifelong learning:

- Living-Learning Communities
- ARHS, NRHH and House Councils
- Floor and hall socials and events
- Service projects
- Many other campus collaborations
As a first-year student, please be aware of the following:

- You will most likely be assigned to a double or a triple occupancy room in the traditional halls or a double occupancy style room in the residential suites.
- We have many different room types available, if you are looking for a particular room, due to cost or preference, then you should sign up ASAP and no later than March 1, 2019. After this date, we are not able to make any promises on room type and availability of space.
- If you are planning to commute from home, please turn in a notarized letter to our office due by August 1, 2019. Otherwise, all first year students must live on-campus, this is University policy.
- Housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Housing agreements and deposits are due by March 1 if you are attending Spring orientation. Housing agreements and deposits are due by May 1 if you are attending a June orientation.
- Housing agreements are for the entire academic year.
- Once you are assigned to a room and roommate, you can log into the housing portal at https://reslife.sru.edu to review your housing information. All assignments are made during the spring semester, usually starting in March.
- LLCs occupy a portion of each building. There is no additional cost associated with living in one of these communities. If you apply for a Living Learning Community, your LLC application takes precedence over your residence hall preference.
- If you do not have access to the Internet, please call our office at 724.738.2082, and we will mail your application materials.

Incoming students can look forward to making new and everlasting friendships, while also forming their own individuality.

Roommate Information

- New students can only make one roommate request.
- Roommate requests must be mutual and take precedence over all other preferences, including room style and LLC requests (if applicable).
- If you or your roommate are applying for an LLC, you must be aware that both roommates must apply to and be accepted in the same LLC or the LLC request can not be honored.
- When making your roommate request, you will only be able to choose from students who have already signed their agreement and paid their deposit. These students names will be found in the drop down box. If you do not see the student you would like to request in the drop down box, it means they have not yet paid their deposit and/or signed their agreement.
SUBMITTING YOUR HOUSING MATERIALS AND REQUESTS

Step-by-step, detailed instructions may be found on the Housing and Residence Life website: at www.sru.edu. However, we have listed the basic instructions below.

**STEP 1:**
BEFORE beginning to complete your housing materials you will need:
1. Credit Card or Banking information for an electronic check for the $175 housing deposit. Non-refundable after May 1.
2. Date of Meningitis Vaccination.

Fill out your Fall 2019/Spring 2020 Housing Agreement and pay your deposit, this is NOT optional for first-year students.

  - Username: Your SRU ID (ex: abc1243).
  - Password: your password is the same one you use to check your SRU email, or, if you have never logged in before, it is your six-digit birthday (ex: mmddyySru).
- Select Applications on top of the page.
- Select the Fall 2019 agreement from the drop box.
- READ AGREEMENT CAREFULLY.
- Select the two boxes below “I Agree,” then click: Submit Housing Agreement.
- This will serve as your signature for housing for the 2019-2020 academic year. THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT FOR THE ENTIRE (TWO SEMESTERS) ACADEMIC YEAR.
- Next you will pay your housing deposit. This step is not optional and without the deposit your application will not be processed. After you have completed both the agreement and deposit, you will be directed to sign your meal contract. Changes to your dining plan can be made beginning in July 2019 via the MyHousing portal.
- You will receive an email confirming that you have completed Step 1 to your SRU email account.

**STEP 2:**
Complete the Housing Data Sheet
- Click the button labeled “Housing Data Sheet.”
- Please complete this information to the best of your ability. This will assist in the roommate-matching process.
- If you have any special needs or accommodations, please enter the information in the comments section. Be very specific. Students requesting specific housing due to medical concerns must also register with the Office of Disability Services. The Office of Housing and Residence Life cannot accommodate requests due to medical concerns unless you are registered with the Office of Disability Services.
- Students residing in residence halls are required to have received the meningococcal vaccination. Please provide the date that vaccination was received.
- Fill the form out in its entirety.

**STEP 3:**
Living-Learning Communities (Optional)
- This is an optional step. If you have looked over the Living-Learning Community spreadsheet on pages 8 and 9, and feel one of those communities looks right for you, please continue with this step.
- If you or your roommate are applying for an LLC, you must be aware that both roommates must apply and be accepted to the same LLC or the LLC request can not be honored.
- Click the button labeled “LLC Application.”
- Fill out the application in its entirety.
- Please note some of the LLC floors are subject to change locations, you will be notified of your placement at orientation.

**STEP 4:**
Roommate/Suitemate Request (Optional)
- Roommate requests are limited to one other student and must be mutual.
- Roommate/suitemate requests will take preference over all other personal preferences. Your requested roommate/suitemate must also list you on their request.
  - If a student is already assigned or has not been accepted at this time, you won’t be able to request him/her as roommate at the time of application. You will need to make a specific request by calling 724.738.2082. Requests are not guaranteed.
  - Click the button labeled “Roommate/Suitemate Request.”
  - Enter the search information.
  - If the name of the student you want to room with does not appear, it is because they have not paid their deposit and/or signed their agreement. It could also mean the information was not entered correctly when searching. Please check the spelling of the student’s name.
  - You may return to MyHousing to update your requests at a later date if needed.
  - Once a student pays their deposit and signs their agreement, their name will appear in the drop down list the next business day.

**STEP 5:**
You will receive your housing assignment at orientation.
- We can’t wait to meet you. We will be working hard to make our placements over the next few months. We will not give assignments out over the phone – but in the meantime, if you have questions, you can contact us at 724.738.2082.
For more information about housing please contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life

Phone: 724.738.2082
Fax: 724.738.2917
www.sru.edu/residencelife

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