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.

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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 Multicultural Development 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.

“...really like being in the center of everything and all of my friends are here.”
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, 2016.
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 Natalie.Burick@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.
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.

“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. In July 2016, we will ask each of our first year students to 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.

“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.”
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., distinguished university professor at Syracuse University.

**Specialty Space:**
All Residence Halls that house an LLC have a Meeting Room with resources just for the LLC Students. Some LLCs have additional rooms which are listed in the descriptions.

**Requirements:**
- If applying for an Academic LLC, you need to be affiliated with a major in that LLC.
- If applying for a shared interest LLC, you need to have demonstrated interest
- All LLCs require an application

### LLCs

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<td>Business</td>
<td>Well suited for students with majors in the School of Business, communication, information systems, safety management and sports.</td>
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<td>Education (EDU)</td>
<td>Open to elementary/early childhood education majors and seeks to support and enhance the growth of future teachers. Additional specialty room: access to the Residence Life Resource Room.</td>
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<td>Health, Environment and Science (HES)</td>
<td>Uniquely suited to the interests of students pursuing a career or future studies in medical, exercise science, math, health or science.</td>
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<td>Honors (HON)</td>
<td>For students enrolled in the SRU Honors Program.</td>
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<td>Liberal Arts (LA)</td>
<td>Well suited to those interested in justice, criminology, philosophy, and music rooms.</td>
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<td>Explore, Discover, Decide (XPL)</td>
<td>Open to first-year exploratory students and is a great opportunity for students interested in learning more about their strengths and the world around them.</td>
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<td>Creating Connections (CC)</td>
<td>Designed for students who are interested in living with students who have an interest in studying abroad, languages and cultures.</td>
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<td>Military and Emergency Services</td>
<td>A place to call home for students who are not from this region/state/country (2+ hours away), for students who have an interest in living with students from around the country/world, and those interested in travel, study abroad, languages and cultures or international business.</td>
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<td>Leadership</td>
<td>Open for students that want to explore leadership opportunities on campus through club and organizational involvement. The floor will focus on values-directed leadership skills and prepare students to support the continued development of a society that promotes democratic ideals, respects diversity and is an advocate for social justice.</td>
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<td>Sustainability and Geo-Science</td>
<td>For students who are interested in environmental protection and sustainability and wish to support that cause by living in an environmentally responsible community. This floor is suggested for those who are majoring in sustainable management, geology, geography, environmental geosciences, and parks and resource management.</td>
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<td>Sophomore Year Experience</td>
<td>A community to engage in academic engagement and service, and leadership development specifically for sophomores.</td>
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<td>Transfers</td>
<td>Designed to assist incoming transfer students in their transition to the SRU Community. This LLC has a different application process.</td>
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<td>Gender Studies</td>
<td>Constructed for students who wish to learn about themselves and others in an inclusive setting.</td>
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<td>Recover on Campus</td>
<td>A community provided for students who are pursuing recovery from Alcohol and other drug addictions with safe, supportive, and sober surroundings. This LLC has a different application process.</td>
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**Academics LLCs**

- **Shared interest LLCs**

  (LLC name, program focus, mission statement, and location are subject to change as per the needs of the program)
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<td>childhood, secondary/Foundations of Education, special and physical education majors and seeks to support and enhance the growth of future teachers. Additional specialty rooms: Life Resource Room.</td>
<td>Watson Hall</td>
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<td>Well suited for students pursuing a career or future studies in medical, exercise science, math, health or science professions.</td>
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<td>SRU Honors Program.</td>
<td>Watson Hall</td>
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<td>Well suited to those interested in dance, drama, art, music, writing, history, political science, criminal justice, and language. Additional specialty rooms: dance studio, study lounge,</td>
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<td>Open for students that want to explore leadership opportunities on campus through club and organizational involvement. The floor will focus on values-directed leadership skills and prepare students to support the continued development of a society that promotes democratic ideals, respects diversity and are advocates for social justice.</td>
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<td>*Must have been through the First Year Leaders Scholars Program or be interested in participating during your first year.</td>
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<td>For students who are interested in environmental protection and sustainability and wish to support that cause by living in an environmentally responsible community. This floor is suggested for those who are majoring in sustainable management, geology, geography, environmental geosciences, and parks and recreation management.</td>
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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.

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
- Self-assessment tool
- Many other campus collaborations
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 are required to plan 3 programs a month on each floor section, we like to keep each student engaged in the residence hall environment.

"I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else."
Incoming students can look forward to making new and everlasting friendships, while also forming their own individuality.
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.
- Housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Housing agreements and deposits are due by March 1 if you are attending an April 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.
- You will receive your room assignment and roommate information at orientation if you have completed your agreement and deposit by the above deadlines. **ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT OVER THE PHONE.**
- 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.

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.
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
2. Date of Meningitis Vaccination

**Fill out your Fall 2016/Spring 2017 Housing Agreement and pay your deposit, this is NOT optional for first-year students.**

- Log in to MyHousing Portal (https://reslife.sru.edu)
  - 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: mmddyy)
- Select Housing Application on the left menu.
- Select the Fall 2016 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 2016-2017 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 2016 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 Students with Disabilities.* The Office of Housing and Residence Life cannot accommodate requests due to medical concerns unless you are registered with the Office of Students with Disabilities.
- 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.
• The student’s name should appear:
  ◦ 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

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