

Residence Halls & R.O.C.K. Apartments

<https://www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/housing/types-of-housing/residence-halls>

Traditional Halls vs. Residential Suites vs. R.O.C.K. Apartments

Traditional-style residence halls at SRU provide a living environment to students interested in a traditional housing structure with double and triple occupancy rooms. The traditional residence halls have community style bathrooms. Besides cost, the biggest difference between Traditional and Residential Suites is the location of the restroom. The Residential Suites are known for their exclusive living accommodations with an apartment-style feel. The suites offer double occupancy rooms, as well as suite style rooms accommodating 1, 2, 4, or 6 residents. Each room/suite has its own bathroom or bathrooms depending on the room/suite type. R.O.C.K. Apartments boasts 4-person apartments with full kitchens, bathrooms and living spaces. In contrast to the residence halls, you are not required to have a meal plan.

What is the security like on campus?

University Police work around-the-clock on campus and can be reached 24 hours a day at 724-738-3333.

Residence Hall staff members are trained to address emergency situations. There are fire alarm systems, smoke detectors and electronic card access systems in each hall. The system requires every student that wishes to enter the building to use his/her ID card. These electromagnetic locks are active 24 hours a day. Desk Attendants and Community Assistants provides around-the-clock coverage which includes 24-hour guest sign-in.

Are all of the Residence Halls Co-Ed?

Yes. All residence hall floors are co-ed (NOT co-ed within rooms/suites). Students who are interested in a mixed gender room/suite should talk to the Housing Office.

How do I access my building and room?

All residents must swipe their SRU ID card to gain access to their residence hall every time they enter the building. Students who do not swipe into the hall will have to register as a guest to the hall. If you need a temporary card or need assistance, please stop at the front desk.

When can others access my residence hall room?

Residence Life staff do not provide access to a student room other than to the resident assigned to that room. The following individuals may access a student's room under the following circumstances:

- Monthly Health and Safety Inspections. Residence Life staff under the direction of a full-time staff member will conduct announced health and safety checks. Every effort will be made to give you a twenty-four (24) hour notice as to the date and general time of inspections so that you may be present. If you wish to be present for the inspections, it is your responsibility to make reasonable arrangements with the staff. University staff may enter your room without you being present.
- In the event of a fire, tornado, building emergency, or a student emergency.
- Residence Life staff under the direction of a full-time staff member to address a reported noise concern such as an alarm, stereo, TV when reported by other students in the area.
- Maintenance personnel to correct a reported maintenance request or to resolve facility concerns.
- Police and emergency personnel in response to student emergencies.

What is my address for mail and packages?

Mail - All residence hall students are assigned a mailbox. Mailboxes for students in Buildings A, B, D, E, and Watson Hall are located in the Watson Hall 228, mail room. Student mailboxes in North Hall, Rhoads Hall, R.O.C.K. Apartments and Residence Hall F are located in the respective building's main lobby. Mail that will not fit into the

standard campus mailbox will be considered a package and an email will be generated to the student's campus email address with detailed information as to where and when the student may pick up his or her package from Mailing Services located in the Leadership Development Center, 302 North Road. The University receives U.S. Mail, Fed Ex, UPS and other carrier services. The student's mailing address is:

Student's Name
Student's Room Number & Residence Hall Name
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Example: Student's Name
591 Residence Hall A
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

The United States Postal Service has requested that all mail sent to students living in Residence Halls A, B, D, E, F, North, Rhoads Watson and R.O.C.K. Apartments use the exact format shown above. The word "Residence" must be spelled out, no abbreviations, and the room number and residence hall address line are directly above the City, State and Zip Code line. It is not necessary to include "Slippery Rock University" in the address. Using this exact format will help assure that you receive your mail without delay. Residents are expected to check their mailbox regularly and at least once per week.

Packages – All packages that are being sent through a carrier other than the United States Postal Service may require an official street address. In that case, "1 Morrow Way" may be used on the line after the student's name. "1 Morrow Way" should ONLY be used in cases where a physical street address is required. The room number and residence hall name line still need to appear and be directly above the City, State and Zip Code line as indicated below:

Example: Student's Name
1 Morrow Way
591 Residence Hall A
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

May I stay in my room during vacations and breaks?

Generally, no; but we understand that there are exceptions. Students may request break accommodations during the online request period in the MyHousing portal. There is a daily charge to help defray the costs of staffing, security, and utilities as breaks are not included in the costs of housing for the semester.

May I have a car on campus?

Yes. There are various parking lots on campus for residents. Parking lots are labeled "Resident Parking". All parking on campus is by ePermit only. E-Permits are available for purchase through the Parking/ID office.

<https://www.sru.edu/offices/parking>

Postings: University departments, SRU registered clubs, and organizations sponsoring university events, services and resources may post signs in university residential facilities. The Office of Housing & Residence Life in Watson Hall must approve all postings. Postings may only be placed on bulletin boards and cork strips in the halls. All postings must adhere to Slippery Rock University posting guidelines.

Bathrooms & Showers: Members of the opposite sex are not permitted to use the community bathroom facilities in the residence halls. All shower stalls are single occupancy only.

Elevators: Elevator occupancy is limited to six people at a time. Individuals violating this policy and causing damage to an elevator may be required to pay for repair costs.

Taking Care of Residence Halls and R.O.C.K. Apartments

How do I keep ants, bugs, and pests out of my room?

Slippery Rock University is located adjacent to a wooded area. Therefore, from time to time insects, mice, bats and other unwelcome wildlife will make their way into a residence hall. Food and trash not properly stored welcome wildlife into the building. The University recommends the following for your protection:

- Keep your room clean, remove trash, clean up spills, and wash dishes daily
- Keep all open food in sealed containers or plastic bags.
- Do not remove screens from windows
- Report all sightings of pests to your residence life staff. An exterminator is available on a regular scheduled basis for concerns in common areas and student rooms.

Do I clean my own room/bathroom?

Students are expected to clean their own rooms and bathrooms in the Residential Suite Buildings (A-F and Watson Hall, as well as R.O.C.K. Apartments). You and your roommates will need to decide who will do what and how often. Vacuums, brooms, and mops are available for your use free of charge from the front desk in your building. Please be considerate of the next person and empty the vacuum before returning it. Plungers are provided in your bathrooms. Health and Safety inspections are conducted monthly to support healthy and safe living environments. Note: The University's custodial staff maintains community bathrooms and common areas.

Safety Tips: NEVER mix cleaning products. This can be harmful to you and the surface you are attempting to clean. Do not use more of a cleaning product than is recommended. More is not always better.

What is a common area?

A common area is any area in a residence hall that is not being used for living quarters, offices, etc. This includes: hallways, bathrooms, lobbies, lounges, stairwells, laundry rooms, TV lounges, etc.

How do I report a maintenance issue?

Go to <https://www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/housing/facilities-and-furnishings/help-and-repairs> and click on "Housing Facilities Work Order OR:

Reporting maintenance needs inside your room or suite is the responsibility of the room/suite mates. Work Orders can be submitted by phone, by calling 724-738-2678. If you are calling in a Work Order, please be sure to include your name, your room and building information and a phone number. Work Orders are completed on a priority basis.

Work Orders can also be submitted through an online work order system through any university computer. To place a Work Order, please follow these instructions:

- Go to www.sru.edu
- Click on [Life at SRU](#) (Top Banner)
- Click on [Housing](#)
- Click on [Facilities & Furnishings](#)
- Click on [Help & Repairs](#) located on the left hand side of the page
- Click [Housing Facilities Work Order](#)
- User Name: sruwo
- Password: sruwo

- Complete ALL fields on the work order screen
- Click Submit and make a note of the work order # assigned.

If work has not been completed in a timely manner, please DO NOT submit another Work Order. Call the WORK ORDER DESK at 724-738-2678 with your work order # to check on the status or to make changes.

How can I avoid damage charges?

At times, residents unintentionally cause damage and charges are assessed. To avoid these charges, residents should never:

- Paint, stencil, and/or write on walls, furniture, or other University property.
- Easily removable adhesive materials are the only items that should be used to hang items on walls. Some rooms may have metal hanging strips that can also be utilized for hanging things. Consider using a hairdryer for easy removal of adhesive materials.
- Hang items from Sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, light fixtures, doorways, or ceilings.
- Remove furniture from rooms or use room furniture for purposes other than those intended. This includes never removing closet doors.
- Sweep room debris into the hallway or leave room trash in hallways or bathrooms.
- Always remove trash to the designated bin in your hall.

The resident(s) assigned to a room are responsible for any damages or disappearances of Property to their room. Damage or disappearance of University Property may involve Finance Restitution and/or documentation violating University Policy.

The residents of the floor/building community are responsible for damages or disappearances of Property from public areas including: hallways, stairwells, bathrooms, lounges, computer labs, and lobbies. Five dollars (\$5.00) of each student's \$20.00 House Council Fee (paid at the beginning of the year) is used to pay for common area damages for which the responsible Parties cannot be found. Damages incurred beyond the damage fund will be the responsibility of the floor/building residents for excessive or malicious acts.

Acts of vandalism, intentional destruction of property, and theft of university property are Always reported to University Police and remain an open investigation until the individual(s) responsible are identified. The Office of Housing & Residence Life may request criminal charges, University disciplinary charges, and financial restitution for these acts.

Desk Services Provided for Residence Halls

The residence hall desk in your main lobby offers many services to assist you.

What happens if I lose my ID card?

Your student ID card serves as your student identification, meal card, and access key to the residence halls and your student room. The ID card needs to be presented to check out library materials, gain entrance to the recreation center (ARC) and to receive discounts on athletic and student activities.

Temporary (Temp) Cards – If you have temporarily misplaced or damaged your SRU ID, you can go to the front desk of your assigned building where a staff member will be able to provide you with a temp card to utilize for 3 calendar days. If you are unable to return the temp card within that time frame, a fee for the temp card may be applied to your student account. If your SRU ID is permanently misplaced or not working, please go to [Parking/ID](#), 102 University Union, to obtain a new card. A replacement fee will be assessed for lost ID cards. At no time will any individual other than you be provided a temp card to your room. This includes: parents, significant other, former roommate, etc.

Room Lock Outs/Lost Keys (bedroom keys) – If you lock yourself out of your bedroom room, please see a staff member at the front desk for a spare room key. You will be expected to provide a picture ID. If you permanently lose your bedroom key, please let your building staff know. You can keep the Spare Key you were given (or will be given) as your permanently assigned key. Residents will be charged the standard fee for key replacement. At no time will any individual other than you be provided a key to your room. That includes: parents, significant other, former roommate, etc.

Academic Printing Services – The Office of Housing & Residence Life provides this service at each of the front desks. To activate, simply print your document from any residence hall computer lab/lobby email station. The document will print to the residence hall front desk. Assure that your name is included on each page of the document in the upper/lower margin. Once the print request is made, you will have 2 hours to retrieve it from the front desk. You will need your student ID. Documents will not be provided to anyone other than the person whose name appears on the pages. We are not able to provide blank paper for your personal printers.

Equipment – Games, athletic equipment, billiards, ping-pong equipment, vacuum cleaners, and recreational equipment may be checked out at the front desk with your SRU ID. Equipment is purchased by the Residence Hall House Council and is intended for use within the building by residents only.

Emergencies – In the case of immediate emergency (fire, medical emergency, threats, physical violence, etc.) Please call campus police at 724-738-3333, or from a University phone call them at Ext. 3333 as soon as possible. If you are unsure of what to do, the staff at the front desk will be able to assist you.

About My Room/Building

Each student's room is provided with an extra-long twin bed (Twin XL) and mattress, desk and chair, drawer space and wardrobe or closet.

What size mattresses are in the rooms?

All mattresses on campus are twin extra-long. Mattress measurements are 36" wide x 80" long. A company will be on campus the first week of school to sell sheets, mattress pads, etc. for your residence hall.

May I remove/change the furniture in my room?

All room furniture in the residence hall room is the responsibility of the students occupying the room. Room furniture assigned to the room may not be removed, stored, or traded. Damage or removal of university furniture from your room is a violation of university policy and may result in disciplinary action and possibly a criminal complaint.

The limited amount of space in the residence hall does not allow for storage of personal items or room furniture.

May I get a refrigerator/microwave in my room?

Microwaves may be used in the student rooms as long as they do not exceed 950 watts. Refrigerators may not exceed 4.2 cubic feet. Refrigerators and microwaves are provided in Buildings A, B, D, E, F and Watson Hall. R.O.C.K. Apartments are already furnished with a refrigerator and microwave.

Operating your thermostat – DO NOT TURN YOUR THERMOSTAT BELOW 65 DEGREES

Do not leave windows open when A/C is on. Running the air conditioning with windows open can result in excess condensation, cooling unit malfunction, and flooding.

If A/C or heat does not seem to be working, turn switch located on the thermostat to “OFF”, then wait 5-10 seconds and then turn it back on. If the unit does not start call Maintenance staff at 724-738-2678. After normal business hours (8:30-4:00 M-F) and weekends, please notify the front desk in your building.

Bicycle Storage

Bicycle storage is permitted in your room, in limited inside storage in some residence halls, and on bike racks outside your residence hall.

Storage in your room – the bicycle may NOT block the doorway or prevent safe evacuation from the room. Bikes may not be hung from walls, ceilings, or furniture unless there is a University installed bike rack.

Storage in your hall – some residence halls provide limited bike storage in a locked or unlocked area inside. Please consult with your Community Assistant for details about availability in your hall.

Laundry

Laundry rooms are provided in each residence hall, in each building in the R.O.C.K. Apartments and on each floor in the residential suites. The Office of Housing & Residence Life and the Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) provide washers and dryers. All income goes to ARHS House Council programming.

- Washers and dryers are \$1.50 per cycle
- Washers and dryers can only be activated through coin operation or debit/credit cards
- Problems with washers and dryers should be reported to Caldwell & Gregory by calling 800-927-9274 with the machine #. Requests for repairs and refunds are responded to as they are received.
- As a courtesy to others, please post an “Out of Order” sign on any machine not working properly.