

# Housing and Residential Life

## Housing and Residential Life Keathley University Center 300

Research conducted nationally indicates that living on campus is one of the strongest influences on successful completion of an undergraduate degree. Living on campus places students in the center of the University community so they can take advantage of opportunities for involvement in both academic and cocurricular activities. Most students find that MTSU residence halls or apartments are the right choice for making the most of their college careers. By living on campus, they become part of a vital living-learning community and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

More than 3,200 students in 22 residence halls and apartments make their homes on the MTSU campus. While every living area is unique, each offers a community that supports academic excellence at the University. Professional staff and student leaders live and work in the halls, coordinating services and programs that help students achieve success both in and out of the classroom. Referrals to academic support services on the campus, access to computing facilities, opportunities for student leadership training, participation in recreational activities, and availability of a listening ear are just a few of the services available to students living in the residence halls and apartments.

Living options include traditional halls with shared baths, exterior-entry buildings with suite-style baths, and two- and four-person and family apartments. Communities range in size from fewer than 100 residents in Rutledge Hall to up to 400 residents in Corlew and Cummings. Six computer labs in on-campus halls and apartments provide residents with convenient access to personal computing. Personnel at 24-hour desks in several areas of campus assist students and guests by providing reception services, information, and assistance with security procedures. Lounges and lobbies within the halls are designed for conversation, studying, and recreation. All rooms and apartments are air-conditioned and include basic cable and all utilities. Laundry facilities are available within each complex or hall.

## General Information

When a student is accepted for admission to the University, he/she does **not** receive a room or apartment automatically. Rooms and apartments may be reserved **only** by filing an application and appropriate prepayment with the Housing and Residential Life Office.

Freshman men and women who live in residence halls are required to participate in a freshman meal plan for two full semesters, not including summer. The charge, which is payable during registration, can be found under Expenses. Additional meal plans are available to other students from the University food service (MT Dining) and may be purchased during registration or at their office.

Telephone jacks are provided in each room or apartment. Residents should arrange to provide the telephone instrument of their choice or residents may request to have a phone provided by Telecommunications at the time of check-in. To place long-distance calls, a calling card must be obtained from a long-distance carrier who provides a **local** number to dial to access long distance. Individual bills are rendered by the carrier for all calls made against the account number during the billing period. Residents also have the option to set up an account with MTSU's STAR-1 long-distance service. Individual bills are rendered approximately once per month. One additional jack is provided in each room. One telephone device may be attached to this jack.

Each residence hall complex and each apartment complex is staffed by an area coordinator who has overall responsibility for the operation of the area. The area coordinator is assisted by a staff of resident directors and resident assistants, undergraduate and graduate students who share responsibility for managing and enhancing the daily group living experience.

Custodial and facilities staff are also assigned to each residence hall and are responsible for routine repair and cleaning in common areas of the hall, including bathrooms, corridors, and walkways. In the apartment complexes, a custodian cleans the corridors, walkways, and public areas.

On-campus students may receive mail at their assigned MTSU Post Office boxes. Post Office boxes are available to on-campus residents at no additional cost.

All residence halls and apartments are smoke-free environments. Smoking is prohibited in all residence hall rooms and public areas.

All residence hall rooms and apartments are hard wired for direct access to the University computing system.

## Housing and Residential Life Policies

Students who reside in University residence facilities are expected, as a condition of residence, to cooperate in the observance of the laws of Tennessee, University policies, and regulations set forth in the current *MTSU Rights and Responsibilities* booklet and the MTSU Housing License Agreement.

Students who occupy residence hall rooms or apartments may be held responsible for any breakage or damage done to the apartment or room or to the equipment in the apartment or room and for damages or losses to the public areas of the hall.

or apartment building which cannot be attributed to specific individuals. No pets (other than fish in an aquarium), firearms, fireworks, extension cords (except multi-outlet with circuit breaker), halogen lamps, drugs, or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the apartments or residence halls.

The University is **not** responsible for loss or damage to personal property. Large sums of money or articles of value should not be left unsecured. Individuals are responsible for the physical condition of their apartments or rooms, as well as for their conduct and the conduct of others who visit them. Students are encouraged to carry appropriate insurance for their personal property. For more information, refer to the FAQs section on the Housing Web site ([www.mtsu.edu/~housing](http://www.mtsu.edu/~housing)).

The administration reserves the right to grant or refuse admission to the apartments or the residence halls or to reassign or to terminate the residence of any student in any apartment or residence hall or other University-owned building at any time.

### **24-Hour Desk Services**

Selected buildings offer round-the-clock desk services in the lobby, in addition to usual staff services. Desk attendants can handle requests for maintenance, assist with building security, provide campus and building information, and make loans of cleaning equipment and games.

## **Residence Halls**

### **West Side Halls**

Residence halls located on the historic west side of campus stand along pathways lined with trees that were planted when the campus was new.

The small learning communities of Rutledge, Miss Mary, Lyon, McHenry, Monohan, Reynolds, and Schardt halls range in size from 40 to 141 students and are located adjacent to the James Union Building. The JUB houses an all-you-care-to-eat dining facility, providing residents with a convenient location to meet friends for meals or studying. Computer labs in Monohan Hall and Lyon Hall provide west side residents with 24-hour computing facilities. Reception desks are located in Lyon and Monohan halls. Centrally located bathrooms in each hallway of each floor are shared by residents.

The recently renovated Monohan Complex (Monohan, Schardt, and Reynolds Halls) houses the Women in Math and Science Learning Community (WISE), which includes learning clusters for nursing students; the Diverse World Diverse Arts Learning Community (art, dance, music, speech, and theatre); and the Aerospace Learning Community (for upperclassmen only). These halls enjoy a mixture of first-year and upper-class students.

The recently renovated Lyon Complex (Lyon, Mary, and McHenry Halls) houses the Honors Living and Learning Community for students who meet Honors College eligibility requirements. These halls enjoy a mixture of first-year and upper-class students.

### **Mid-Campus Halls**

The centrally located residence halls of mid-campus provide easy access to the Woodmore Cyber Cafe and the campus Grill located in Keathley University Center. Renovated Judd, Sims, and Beasley halls house small communities of 100 to 155 men while Smith and Gracy halls, also both renovated, house small communities of 100 to 155 women. All buildings share the services of the Smith Hall reception desk, lobby, and computer lab. Smith, Sims, and Beasley halls feature centrally located bathrooms on each floor which are shared by residents. Judd and Gracy are exterior entrance buildings which offer quad-style bathrooms shared by groups of four rooms. These halls enjoy a mixture of both first-year and upper-class students.

### **East Campus**

Residence halls on the east side of campus are close to the Student Recreation Center and the Walker Library. Wood Hall, for women, and Felder Hall, for men, share a connecting lobby which provides reception services, a computer lab, and meeting/television space for residents for all of the east campus.

Nicks and Clement halls are small communities of 100 to 150 for men and Deere and Gore halls are small communities of 100 to 150 for women. All four buildings are exterior entrance facilities which feature quad-style bathrooms shared by groups of four rooms.

Nicks, Clement, Deere, and Gore halls house the Graduate Community in dedicated quads dispersed within each building. These halls enjoy a mixture of first-year, upper-class, and graduate students.

### **North Campus**

At seven stories high, Corlew and Cummings halls (on the north side of campus) are the tallest buildings at MTSU. Corlew and Cummings are located between the McFarland Building and the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center and adjacent to the Business and Aerospace Building. McCallie Dining Hall, located in Corlew, is one of the main cafeterias on campus. Corlew and Cummings halls house the First-Year Experience program, which provides special academic and personal support to 800 freshman men and women. Reception desks and computer labs are located in each hall. Centrally located bathrooms on each floor are shared by residents.

## **Apartments**

### **Womack Lane Apartments**

Womack Lane Apartments consist of 192 one- and two-bedroom apartments, with areas designated for both single students and families. Single students share a furnished one- or two-bedroom apartment with one other student; graduate students and upper-class students are given preference in assignment. Families may occupy either one- or two-bedroom apartments and may select an unfurnished or semi-furnished apartment. All apartments include air conditioning units. The community building for Womack Lane includes a 24-hour information and service desk, laundry facilities, a recreation/

meeting room, and computer lab. Womack residents enjoy reserved parking.

### **Scarlett Commons**

Scarlett Commons, located immediately north of the Student Recreation Center, features four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments with full kitchens and living rooms. Residents occupy a private bedroom and share their bath with one other student. Each bedroom is wired for direct access to the University computing system. The Scarlett Commons clubhouse includes a 24-hour reception and service desk, recreation/meeting room with fireplace, and laundry room. The University shuttle bus, the *Raider Xpress*, provides campus transportation from a bus stop at the front of the clubhouse. Scarlett residents enjoy reserved parking.

## **Special Interest Housing**

### **Honors Living and Learning Center**

Lyon Complex (Lyon, Mary, and McHenry Halls) on the west side of campus are the home of MTSU's Honors Living and Learning Center. Application to this residence facility is limited to students who meet Honors College eligibility requirements. Students who live in the Honors Living and Learning Center must also enroll in at least one Honors class (3 credit hours) each semester. Students who live in these halls have the opportunity to interact with their professors outside of class, participate in Honors College seminars, and gain valuable leadership skills. For more information about eligibility requirements for the Honors Living and Learning Center, please contact the Housing and Residential Life Office at 898-2971 or the Honors College at 898-2152.

### **First-Year Experience Residence Halls**

Corlew and Cummings halls, seven-story high-rises located on the north side of campus, and Smith, Beasley, and Sims Halls, located mid-campus, are the home of MTSU's First-Year Experience program. Services and programs offered in these residence halls are geared toward first-year students (29 college credit hours or less) and are designed to enhance students' academic success at MTSU. The First-Year Experience residence halls offer a number of unique services for first-year students at MTSU: lower-division classes taught in the Cummings Hall classroom, an academic advisor who visits to hold office hours in each building, tutors who live on each floor and provide tutoring services in the Hall Tutoring Centers, and special workshops and programs designed to assist students with their transition to MTSU. If you are interested in the First-Year Experience, please indicate First-Year Experience as the selected option on the application for housing.

### **Give Me a Beat (Recording Industry)**

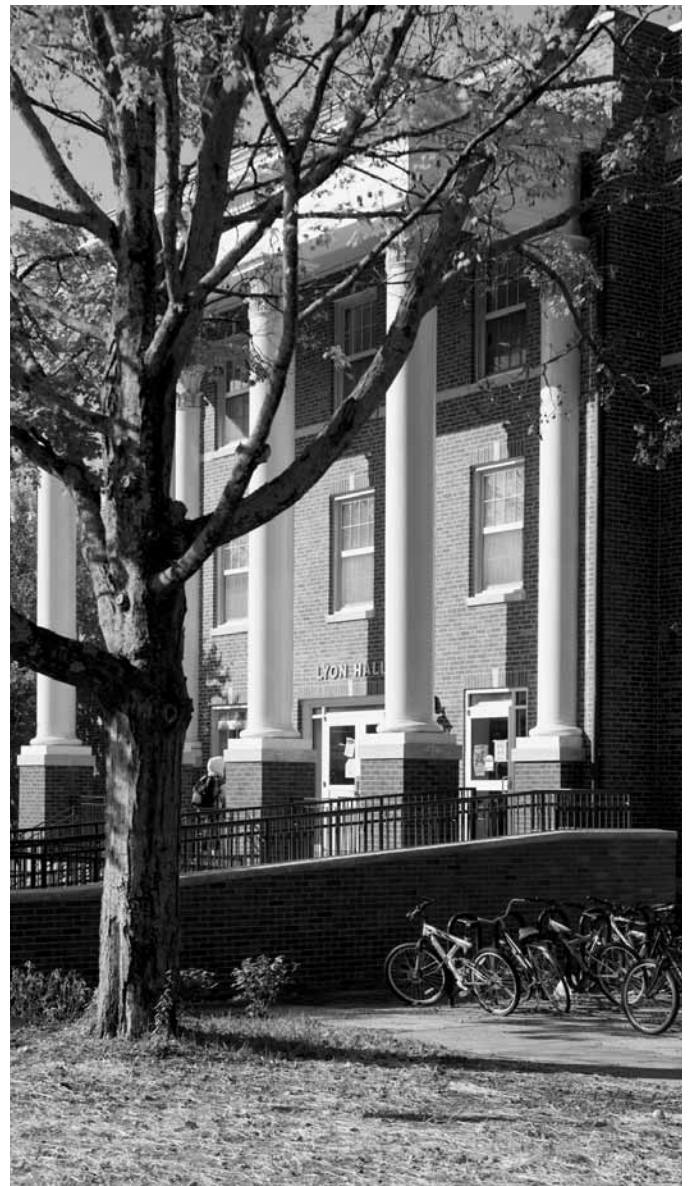
This program is designed to build camaraderie and provide a support network for freshman Recording Industry majors. The home for the Give Me a Beat Learning Community is in Smith, Sims, and Beasley halls. Students in this community enjoy the added academic support of being enrolled together in the same section of RIM 1020, a required course for Recording Industry majors that analyzes the content and context of American mass media to understand how they af-

fect individuals and society. Community members also have the opportunity to take MATH 1710 together and will have access to a tutor. Math 1710 grades factor heavily into the candidacy formula for the Recording Industry Department.

## **Aerospace Learning Communities**

### **First-Year**

Freshman Aerospace majors are invited to join the Aerospace Learning Community. This program is designed to build camaraderie and provide a support network for new Aerospace majors. The home for the Aerospace Learning Community is on two floors of Cummings Hall, the First-Year Experience building. Academic support is enhanced for students because they all enroll in the same section of AERO 1010, required of all Aerospace majors. Topics covered in this course include history of aerospace, opportunities in the field, fundamentals of flight, navigation, meteorology, and Federal Aviation Regulations.



**Upper-Class Students**

Sophomore, junior, and senior Aerospace majors are invited to continue the living-learning experience in the Aviation Learning Community in the Monohan Complex. This community allows upper-class Aerospace majors to continue the experience they began in the freshman community or to join the community as newcomers.

**Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)**

The residential home for this learning community is the Monohan Complex, on the west side of campus, close to the science and mathematics buildings. The complex provides access to a 24-hour computer lab, and each room has high-speed Internet access. A study lounge on each floor is equipped with tables for individual and group study. Students in the WISE learning community interact with faculty and professional women in their fields of study and have the opportunity to mentor junior high and high school girls interested in the sciences. WISE community members engage in a variety of science-related educational, service, and social activities.

**Diverse World, Diverse Arts**

The Diverse World, Diverse Arts Learning Community in the Monohan Complex affords residents the opportunity to live among a distinctive community of students interested in the arts and in integrating the arts into all aspects of the academic experience. Community members will have the opportunity to redefine their living and learning environments through participation in a variety of mixed-media artistic expressions, by helping to design and participate in programming featuring the arts at MTSU and in the Murfreesboro and middle Tennessee communities, and by participating in community service outreach activities. Students will have unique access to faculty mentors and will have an opportunity to interact with visiting artists from a variety of disciplines. All students are invited to participate, but students in art, dance, music, and theatre form the core of the community.

**Family Student Housing**

A portion of the Womack Lane Apartment area is assigned as Family Student Housing. Apartments include both semi furnished and unfurnished one- and two-bedroom apartments with exterior entry, social areas, and kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Family student apartments are reserved for full-time students with spouses, and/or a dependent child or children living with the full-time student. Family Student Housing rates cover utilities, including electric heat with an individual control per unit and a window air conditioner. Semi furnished apartments include a twin bed set, dresser, sofa, chair, end table, and dinette set.

The Womack Lane Community Center building includes a 24-hour desk, meeting area, and computer lab as well as a coin-operated laundromat with commercial washers keyed to enhance security and restricted to Womack Lane residents.

# Housing Reservations

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**How to Apply**

To apply for residence halls, on-campus apartments, and family student apartments, complete an MTSU Application for Housing and Residential Life and return it with the required fees to MTSU Housing and Residential Life, Middle Tennessee State University, P.O. Box 6, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. Applications may be completed online by accessing the Housing Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~housing](http://www.mtsu.edu/~housing) and clicking on the "How to Apply" section. Housing assignment priorities are based on the date of application; due to the demand for on-campus housing and limited amount of space available, the University is unable to guarantee housing for all students. Completed applications, signed by the student, indicate acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in the Housing License Agreement. Please be aware that the agreement is for a full academic year, including both Fall and Spring semesters. Student agrees to accept accommodations assigned or to cancel and accept prepayment forfeitures as outlined in the license agreement.

**MTSU Housing License Agreement**

Please review the MTSU Housing License Agreement carefully. Submitting an MTSU Application for Housing and Residential Life commits you to the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement. Please be aware that the agreement is for a full academic year, including both Fall and Spring semesters. Early termination of the agreement will result in substantial financial penalty.

**Fees and Refunds**

Applications for residence halls, on-campus apartments, and family student living must be accompanied by a prepayment. Prepayment is a security of good faith that denotes the applicant's serious intent to reside in on-campus housing. Prepayment fees are applied toward semester housing fees, with one-half toward Fall semester charges and one-half toward Spring semester charges. This prepayment is refundable prior to check-in according to the refund schedule located in the license agreement. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Housing and Residential Life Office by mail (P.O. Box 6, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN 37132), or by fax: (615) 898-5459.

**For More Information**

Prospective students and their families are invited to MTSU to tour the campus and become acquainted with the residence halls and on-campus apartments. For additional information, contact Housing and Residential Life at (615) 898-2971 (fax: 615-898-5459) or come to the office in Keathley University Center 300. Information is also available at [www.mtsu.edu/~housing](http://www.mtsu.edu/~housing).