

## How We Work With New Students

The Office of Residence Life and Housing Services provides resident students with a safe and comfortable living-learning community that values the virtues of intellectual honesty, mutual respect, ethical decision making, civic and social responsibility, civility and appreciation for diversity. Housing Services facilitates the on-boarding of students into the residence halls by providing roommate matching services for new students. Residence Life provides a variety of programs and services that support the students' residential experiences through staff support, an intentional, co-curricular programming model, and ensuring that the Student Code of Conduct is followed.

### Fast Facts

- 1) Residence Life staff undergo several weeks of training in August to prepare for the arrival of students.
- 2) Students are encouraged to take an active role in healthy roommate relationships first by participating in roommate matching and then by completing the roommate agreement.
- 3) Assessments show 85% of students who chose their roommate were satisfied or very satisfied with their housing experience while only 65% of students who were matched up by Housing were satisfied or very satisfied. We encourage students to participate in roommate matching.

### Key Takeaways

- Where can my student learn more about policies that govern residence hall living?
  - The Guide to Residential Living and the Rams Eye View, which includes the Student Code of Conduct, are very important to seek out and read. Everything you need to know about WCU policies are on these sites. They can be found on the University's website at [wcupa.edu/\\_services/stu.lif/ResLifeGuide](http://wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/ResLifeGuide) and [wcupa.edu/ramseyevew](http://wcupa.edu/ramseyevew).
- What is a roommate agreement?
  - The roommate agreement is a list of questions that roommates should answer together to establish expectations for how they will share their space and communicate with each other, and it will generally assist with intentionally planning for a healthy relationship. Check out the roommate agreement at [wcupa.edu/\\_services/stu.lif/documents/FormsApp/Roommate\\_Agreement\\_Fall\\_2015.pdf](http://wcupa.edu/_services/stu.lif/documents/FormsApp/Roommate_Agreement_Fall_2015.pdf)
- We have employment opportunities for students (Excluding Federal Work Study).

### Acronyms and Definitions

**Drop & Go** - An opportunity for students to come to campus a week before the residence halls open to DROP off ALL of their belongings, set up their space and GO back home. This program eases our traffic and congestion on move-in day and allows students to connect with their roommate(s) and the staff in a more relaxed environment.

### Who to Know

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