

Residence Life

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Community Covenant? The university community has developed four guiding principles that represent our core values. They are: Scripture, Integrity, Uniqueness, and Community. These four values shape the campus environment. Moreover, the university has also adopted prudential rules that are consistent with but not required by Scripture such as prohibiting the use of alcohol and tobacco.

Can I live off campus? John Brown University has a six-semester residency requirement. All single undergraduate students under the age of 22 are required to live on-campus with limited exceptions as covered in the student handbook.

Who can help me? There is a mature student who serves as the Resident Assistant (RA) on each floor. These students have been trained to help you in whatever way you need it...or at least to point you in the right direction. They are supervised by the Resident Director of the Hall.

How is spiritual growth actively promoted? In addition to the three chapels each week and various other campus activities, your RA will put on events for the floor, including spiritual growth activities, and Residence Hall Association (RHA) will also provide opportunities to learn and grow.

Roommates The roommate relationship is an excellent source of growth for students. As with any relationship, the roommate relationship takes work, communication, and consideration. The Residence Life staff is available to discuss concerns. Honest and compassionate communication is vital for a healthy and positive experience.

Do the residence halls close during the school year? Yes, the halls are closed over Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break; all students will need to make other arrangements during these times. However, residence halls do remain open during Fall Break. After graduation, students will need to remove all of their personal belongings from the residence facilities.

Are there single rooms available? Yes, there are a limited number of single rooms available in Mayfield Hall and J. Alvin Brown Hall. Preference is given to those students with the most credit hours.

Do you have married student housing? Yes, there are housing facilities for married students in the West Twin Springs apartments and the Northslope Apartments.

What size of sheets should I buy? The standard mattress size at JBU is 80 inches. Extra-long sheets fit these mattresses well.

What are the dimensions of my room? Check out the tool bar on the left side of the JBU Residence Life homepage to find the specific dimensions of your room and the layout of the hall.

What options do I have in arranging my room? You and your roommate are free to arrange the furniture in a way that works best for you. There are many options! However, safety and potential damage to furniture should be kept in mind. Students cannot build any type of loft or platforms within their rooms and there can be no modifications to university-provided room furnishings.

What furniture is provided? Beds, mattresses and mattress covers, desks, desk chairs, and dressers are provided in all the residence halls. Some also have wardrobes, bookshelves and/or nightstands.

Can I decorate my room? Yes! We encourage you to make your room your home-away-from-home. However, you may not paint the walls or use nails from which to hang things. Students should use non-oil based (white) sticky tack to hang posters.

What meal plans are available to me? In the residence halls there are three main options for meals each week: all-access, 19 scans (meals) a week, and 14 scans (meals) a week. In addition, students can choose purchase “declining balance” for use in the California Café. More information regarding meals plans can be found at www.jbu.edu/dining_services/meal_plans/

Do you allow refrigerators in the hall? Yes, students are permitted to have refrigerators under 4 cubic ft. in the room. Full-size fridges are provided in the kitchen areas in each residence hall.

What is the laundry situation? All the residence halls have laundry facilities which use credit or debit cards.

Are there kitchen facilities provided in the residence hall? Yes, each residence hall has at least one kitchen area, equipped with a refrigerator, stove, oven, and microwave.

What about storage? Students who live more than 500 miles away may store a limited amount in the residence hall storage over the summer. There are a number of local storage units that offer special deals to JBU students.

Can I have pets in my dorm room? Fish in small tanks are allowed; other pets are not!

Weapons All weapons are prohibited on JBU’s campus. This includes fire-arms, rifles, all bows, BB guns, paint-ball guns, air soft guns, swords, large knives, etc.

Is internet service provided in the residence hall?

Yes. The university has a computer network and each student has an access port in their residence hall. Wi-Fi is available across campus.

What facilities are available in the residence hall? Computer lab, prayer rooms, lounge/lobby kitchenette and/or microwave, TV lounge, and laundry.

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