

# RESIDENCE LIFE

## AT BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

## WELCOME

The office of Student Development is excited that you are attending Belhaven University and considering living in the residence halls! We are confident that you will find Belhaven to be made up of a community of people who are concerned about the education you receive, both inside and outside the classroom.

Many advantages exist for those who choose on-campus housing, such as:

- **Cost:** Off-campus expenses can be costly due to location, eating habits, and transportation.
- **Convenience:** Remain close to a variety of institutional resources.
- **Community:** Stay involved by gaining lifelong friendships.
- **Contentment:** Increase satisfaction with your overall college experience.

## MOVING IN

Returning students and staff will be here to greet you when you arrive on campus! Refer to the Academic Calendar for move-in and move-out dates for each semester.

## RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Your Resident Assistant will be one of the first people you meet at Belhaven. They are here to help you adjust to college life, be a mentor and guide, and answer questions you may have throughout the year.

In every residence hall, you will also find a professional Resident Director. He or she is responsible for the daily management of the building, as well as assisting residents with their college living experience.

## RESIDENCE LIFE POLICIES

A complete description of Residence Life policies can be found in Belhaven's student handbook, **The Kilt**. As a resident student, you will be responsible for knowing and adhering to all University policies. Mandatory hall meetings will be held for residential students during the first week of classes to further explain policies. Belhaven University is an alcohol and tobacco free campus.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Is there cable and internet access in the residence halls?

High speed wireless internet access is provided across campus and in every residence hall. HD television service with DVR access is provided in every room. If you choose to bring a television, it will need to have HDMI capability in order to use cable.

## May I personalize my room?

While the personalization of rooms is encouraged (rugs, curtains, posters, etc.), the following guidelines must be followed. The use of nails, screws, tacks, or other potentially damaging items on residence hall furnishings, doors, and walls is prohibited. Damage-free adhesive mounting strips and hooks, as well as painters tape, are the ideal materials that may be used for hanging items. University furniture is not to be removed from residence hall rooms.

## Is storage available?

Storage space, other than inside your residence hall room, is not available.

## What size sheets do I need for my bed?

Helen White has standard twin mattresses; all of the other halls require extra-long twin sheets.

## Should I purchase renters insurance?

Belhaven encourages students to purchase insurance for belongings brought to school.

## Can I cook in the residence halls?

Cooking is not permitted in standard residence hall rooms. However, all standard residence halls have a designated community kitchen, including a microwave and refrigerator, that residents are free to use. In University Village, each apartment comes with a fully furnished kitchen. Students will need to provide their own cooking supplies.

## Are bicycles permitted on campus?

Yes, and multiple bike racks are available across campus for students to store them. The office of security loans out a limited number of bicycles for students to use at no cost.

## Are laundry services provided in the residence halls?

Yes, multiple washers and dryers are available in each residence hall to provide an extra sense of convenience for all our residential students. The cost for our traditional halls (Caldwell, Lakeview, Helen White, Robertson and Wells Hall) is \$1.50/wash and \$1.50/dry. Students are able to upload money into a Speed Queen account through an app in order to access washers and dryers and monitor the status of their laundry. The University Village provides a washer and dryer in each apartment, these services are included in the price of this residence hall.

# WHAT TO BRING

- Bath towels and washcloths
- Bedside lamp (no halogens)
- Cleaning supplies
- Cooking supplies
- Fan
- Flip flops (shower shoes)
- Hangers
- Iron and ironing board
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Microwave (900 watts maximum).
- Microwaves are provided in University Village.
- Pillows and bed linens
- Refrigerator (5 cubic feet maximum). Refrigerators are provided in University Village.
- Rug/carpet for the floor (Helen White rooms already have carpet)
- School supplies (notebooks, pens, etc.)
- Shower caddy
- Surge protector
- Umbrella and/or rainboots

# WHAT NOT TO BRING

The following items are prohibited in the residence halls:

- Candles or incense
- Electric blankets and heating pads
- Grills, griddles, toasters, rice cookers, crockpots (these items may be used in kitchens, but not in your residence hall room)
- Halogen lamps
- Hoverboards
- Multiple outlet converters (surge protectors are allowed)
- Personal routers
- Pets (except for fish in 10 gallon tanks)
- Space heaters
- Weapons, dangerous chemicals, or explosive devices
- Window air conditioning unit