Value of Residential Living & Dining

- Students who live in the residence halls are more likely to stay in school and graduate & are more satisfied with their overall college experience.
  - Provides a transition from living with parents to independence
  - Allows focus on studies and adjustment to collegiate academic standards
  - Creates essential opportunities to get involved, network and make new and different friends

- The UW Trustees have established a policy that requires all incoming freshmen to live in the residence halls and contract for no less than the 12-accesses-per-week dining plan.
Getting Involved

- Attend Cowboy Connect and Kickoff events during move-in weekend
- In-hall activities and community service initiatives
- Hall Senates and Residence Halls Association (RHA)
- Connecting on-campus:
  - Friday Night Fever
  - Intramurals and club sports
  - Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
  - SLCE (Service, Leadership and Community Engagement)

Roommates

- Communication & Collaboration are essential. Ask questions up front & complete your roommate agreement.
- Roommate agreements are crucial.
- Our staff is here to help: Resident Assistants (RAs) & Residence Coordinators (RCs) can provide peer mediation assistance.
Live-In Staff

Our live-in staff are your primary point of contact if you need help!

• Two RAs per floor in Washakie halls
  ▪ Receive extensive training
  ▪ Highly competitive selection process

• Residence Coordinators
  ▪ Full-time live-in professionals

Our Services

• 24-hour service desk
• 24-hour emergency maintenance & custodial services with a dedicated custodial & maintenance staff
• Student Learning Center
• Group study rooms & computer lab
• ResNet
  ▪ Two internet connections
  ▪ Tech Support for students
• Expanded Cable TV
  ▪ CTV offering a wide range of channels
Safety and Security

• Residence Halls locked 24 hours/day
• Always Carry your WyoOne Card
• Take responsibility for your own safety
• Don’t loan out your ID
• Don’t hold exterior doors for non-residents
• Use surge protectors

Responsible Living

• Policy and Procedure handbooks will outline acceptable behavior in our residential community.
• Information regarding items that are not permitted in rooms can be found on our website and mobile app.
• Some general categories:
  ▪ Things that burn or have heating elements (including toasters and induction hot plates)
  ▪ Weapons of any kind (can be stored with UWPD)
  ▪ Alcohol, Drugs & Anything that is illegal
  ▪ The Conduct Process: What happens…
  ▪ FERPA
Washakie Dining Center

- Centrally located for halls residents
- Continuous service 7am – 7pm weekdays, plus late-night snack & weekend service while classes are in session
- Marketplace-style dining with a wide variety of quality foods
- Nutritional consultations available. If your student has a food allergy, please let us know!

Dining Dollars & Retail Dining

- Dining Dollars provide added flexibility: can be used at all retail dining locations across campus
- A non-refundable debit account placed on WyoOne Card
- Dining plans of 12-accesses per week or more automatically receive $50 Dining Dollars per semester
- Upgrade by $100 or $200 per semester and we'll add an additional $10 or $25 respectively.
- Distinct from Campus Express
  - Can only be used at dining locations and vending
  - It is part of your dining plan, and can only be upgraded at the beginning of each semester
Summer Preparations

- Call or email your roommate
  - Avoid making judgments about your roommate based on social media profiles!
- Consider purchasing linens from RHA: rha@uwyo.edu
- Check “@uwyo.edu” email regularly
- Consider renting a bike locker from Vending Services (307) 766-4104
- Consider purchasing an “R” Parking Permit

Move-In

- Residence Halls open: Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 7:00am
- Consult our website (& your roommate) before deciding to bring something “big” or noisy!
- The Move-In Guide will be located on our mobile app (Uwyo Guide) and on our website by August 1st.
- Carts & volunteers will be available to assist you during move-in.
Your Contract

• Changes in contract: preferences **must** be in writing & **must** be initiated by the person who signed the contract

• The Residence Life & Dining Services office is located in the lower level of the Washakie Center

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Here’s the easiest way to answer all your questions. If you have a smartphone, please take a moment and download our mobile app from the Apple or Google Play Stores - search UWyo Guide.
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