RESIDENCE LIFE

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The Missouri Southern on-campus residence requirement is as follows: “All freshmen under the age of 21 are required to live in the Missouri Southern residence halls to the extent space is available, unless they are married or live with their parents.”

The University provides air conditioned residence hall accommodations and meals for approximately 700 full-time students. Concerned with the total needs of the students, the University maintains a safe and comfortable place to live and an adequate physical environment as well as opportunities for learning. The atmosphere in the residence halls contributes significantly to the students’ personal growth and maturity.

The residence halls are staffed by three full-time professional resident directors and 24 paraprofessional resident assistants. The programming body for resident students is the Residence Hall Association (RHA) which provides educational, social and athletic programs. Some RHA committees serve as a liaison between resident students and the University administration.

Residence hall rooms are fully furnished except for linens and personal items. Cable TV, local telephone service and Internet access are available.

To apply for a room in a University residence hall, a prospective student may request an Application Contract for Room and Board Accommodations from the Missouri Southern Residence Life Office or complete and send the contract on the Residence Life website. The completed contract MUST be returned with a $150 security deposit (check, credit card or PayPal). The deposit is retained by the University as long as the student is in residence and refunded upon termination of the contract if all terms of the contract are fulfilled.

This contract, which is a combined contract for room and meals, is effective for the entire academic year (fall and spring semesters) or for the remaining portion of the academic year if entered into after the beginning of the fall semester. Detailed terms will be found on the contract form. Contracts for room only are not available.

The University is not responsible for the loss of or damage to any personal property of students.

Accessible residence hall rooms are available for students with disabilities. In addition, the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center and the dining hall are accessible. Specific accommodation needs can be met upon request. If you need accessible housing, please fill out the appropriate section on the application contract. If you have questions about accessible living, please contact the Director of Housing (417.659.4460) or the Coordinator for Disability Services (417.659.3725). For detailed rules and regulations governing residence hall living at Missouri Southern, contact the Residence Life Office.

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Welcome to residence hall living at Missouri Southern! Over 600 students will join you living on campus. For some of you this will be a new experience and we hope it will be enjoyable, educational and rewarding. (Keep in mind that students who live in university residence halls are more likely to obtain high grades, become involved in extracurricular activities and complete degree programs than their peers living off-campus!) Missouri Southern offers outstanding residence hall units including both traditional, suite and private styles. Rooms are furnished with twin-extra long size beds (36 x 80), desks, chairs, wastebaskets, mini blinds and nightstands. Specially designed suites are available for students with special needs. Each of the three meal plans include Dining Dollars, which can be redeemed at the Lions Den Food Court and UniversityJava Coffee Shop.

Campus Residence Requirements – All freshmen students under 21 years of age are required to live in university residence halls to the extent available, unless they are married or live with their parents.

Additional Advantages of On-Campus Living

- Low Cost – 23 meal, 15 meal, & 10 meal plan (Fall & Spring only)
- May purchase additional Dining Dollars
- Small Community Environment
- Individually air conditioned
- Adjacent to acres of land for recreation/no high-rise buildings
- Convenient parking for all residents
- Carpeted suites & hallways
- Telephone voice mail available upon request
- Mayes Student Life Center – mailroom, computer lab, lounges, aerobics room, weight room, laundry room, vending machines, video games, billiards, ping pong, movies & board games
- Cable access in all rooms
- Internet access available in all student rooms
- Microwaves and refrigerators in all suites
- Residence Hall Association providing social, cultural & educational programs
- Three full-time professional Resident Directors living on-campus
- 24-hour campus Police Department
- Dining hall centrally located in the Student Life Center, outdoor patio & BBQ pit
**Application Process:**

- Request an Application-Contract for Room and Board Accommodations from the Residence Life Office (separate summer housing contracts are also available).
- Complete application forms and return with $150 security deposit to MSSU. (All forms of payment are accepted)

**Residence Hall 2012-2013 Fees**

(A $150 Security Deposit must accompany all contracts)

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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PAYMENT PLAN:** Payment of residence hall charges meet the same due dates of all student fees. Please ensure your total charges will be paid in full by the due date, covered by financial aid or by enrollment in the TuitionPay payment plan. Failure to meet these requirements will result in cancellation of your room and board contract.

For additional information contact the Residence Life Office, MSSU, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO 64801
417.625.9522 or email: residencehall@mssu.edu
www.mssu.edu/student-living-center/