Welcome to Your New Home!

Greetings and welcome to life on campus! You’ve chosen to be part of the Eagle family, and the Housing and Residential Life staff is excited you’ve chosen to live on campus. As a member of our family, you’ll build life-long friendships. You’ll create stories you share on Instagram today and stories you share with your friends and family 10 years from now. You’ll have once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to discover and explore your interests and passions.

Living on campus is the authentic EWU experience, and it gives you unique access to study groups, campus activities, campus recreation, and all that EWU has to offer. Your willingness to engage and try new things will make the difference in the experience you have.

Please become familiar with the information in this guide as you prepare for Move-In Weekend and a smooth transition to life on campus. It’s going to be a great year, and the housing team can’t wait for your arrival.

Go Eagles!

With Eagle Pride,

Josh Ashcroft
Senior Director of Housing & Residential Life
Move-In Day: Sept. 20

Go directly to your assigned residence hall to check in. We will help you unload your vehicle immediately when you arrive so you (and your family) can move your car to a more distant parking spot and create room for the next person to drop off their possessions.

To reduce congestion and elevator/stair wait times, Friday check-in is separated into three shifts. We hope this makes move-in more relaxed and enjoyable for everyone. Please see the schedule below to determine when you’ll move in. We are unable to accommodate move-in prior to Sept. 20 as the hall staff will be busy with training and preparing for move-in day.

Please do not park in handicap spots (unless you have a valid DP placard), in service drives or by fire hydrants.

Please pay attention to directional signage.

Be on the lookout for our Movers and Shakers team for assistance. They can help you with lifting heavy objects, opening doors, and finding directions. You’ll recognize them by their T-shirts.

If you have access to a hand truck, please bring it. We have limited carts for your use, and it will probably be faster if you bring your own.

Check-In Dates & Times
Friday, Sept. 20 (It’s highly recommended that all first-year students arrive on this date.)

Moving In and Moving Out Each Quarter

Please do not arrive early. Hall staff will have other responsibilities they must complete before you arrive. Thank you!

We make rare exceptions to arrival and departure dates. Each exception must be individually approved by administrative personnel. If you are with a sanctioned preseason sport or extracurricular activity or have a campus job that begins prior to a move-in date, your coach or supervisor must notify Housing to request approval for early arrival.

Fall 2019 Move-out and Winter 2020 Move-in
Move-out: Friday, Dec. 13, no later than noon
Move-in: Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Winter 2020 Move-out and Spring 2020 Move-in
Move-out: Friday, March 20, no later than noon
Move-in: Sunday, March 29, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Spring Quarter 2020 Move-out
Move-out, Friday, June 12, no later than noon
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Driving Directions

Go to ewu.edu/visit for directions to campus and a link to a campus map.

Access to Your Hall and Room

When you arrive, if you haven’t gotten your EagleCard, head to the EagleCard Office in Tawanka. You will need it right away to access your building and eat!

Your room key also opens your mailbox (this doesn’t apply to Brewster Hall).

**DO NOT LOSE AND NEVER LEND YOUR KEY OR EAGLECARD!** (It’s important, and we used bold font and capital letters because we are saying this quite loudly.) If you lose your key, your lock will be re-cored and you will be charged for replacement. Duplicating your key is prohibited, as is punching a hole in your EagleCard.

First Floor Meeting

When you arrive, please take note of when your first floor meeting will occur. Attendance at floor and hall meetings is mandatory. You will learn important information, including safety procedures, hall policies and activities.

Residence Hall Mailing Addresses

In case you want to mail some of your things ahead of time, or just share your address so people can send you care packages, hall addresses are listed below.

- **Anderson Hall**
  - 905 Elm St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004

- **Brewster Hall**
  - 404 2nd St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004

- **Dressler Hall**
  - 1128 Elm St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004

- **Morrison Hall**
  - 218 N 10th St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004

- **Pearce Hall**
  - 1112 Elm St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004

- **snyamncut Hall**
  - 1128 Elm St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004

- **Streeter Hall**
  - 202 N 10th St.
  - RM<insert room #>
  - Cheney, WA 99004
What is provided in my room?

- Bed/mattress, desk and chair, etc. The furniture provided in your room must stay in your room.
- Clothing storage (hanging and drawer)
- Trash can
- Mirror
- Blinds or curtains
- High speed Ethernet and wireless Internet access

What is provided in my hall?

**Laundry:** Each hall has at least one laundry facility. To activate and use the machines, you will receive a pre-loaded laundry card.

**Kitchen:** Each floor offers you a stovetop and sink, and floors have a microwave. A full kitchen is available in each hall. Brewster Hall suites have full-sized refrigerators and sinks in the room.

**TV Lounges and Game Rooms:** Your hall may have a pool table and/or ping pong table. Each hall also has a main TV lounge for relaxing or group activities.

**Other Recreation:** You can check out games, movies, DVD players and other items at your hall office.

Sharing items in your room

Roommates often share items like Ethernet hubs, microwaves and televisions, so talk to your roommate about what you’ll bring separately and what you might want to share.

Decorating your room

- Nails and screws are not allowed.

- 3M brand interlocking fasteners and poster strips are allowed in all halls except snyamncut. Push pins may be used in snyamncut to hang items on walls.

Bed sizes

With scattered exceptions, beds in each hall have the following lengths:

**80 inches:** Anderson, Brewster, Morrison, Pearce, snyamncut, Streeter

**76 inches:** Dressler
What to Bring

We have made a list of items you could bring. Some necessary and some are just for fun. The importance of each item is up to you.

Clothing/Personal Care
- Winter gear (gloves, hat, mittens, boots, scarves, thermals, sweaters)
- Rain gear (umbrella, raincoat)
- Day-to-day clothing
- Shoes (for all weather)
- Slippers
- Sunglasses
- Bathrobe
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes
- Toiletries

Food Related Items
- Dishware, silverware, cups
- Bottle opener/can opener
- Dish cloth, towels, soap
- Small refrigerator (one per room | 2’ x 3’ x 1’6” cubic ft.)
- Microwave (one per room)
- Coffee/tea maker (auto-off feature)
- Slow Cooker/rice cooker

Allowed to use in kitchen areas
- George Foreman Grill/sandwich maker
- Toaster/toaster oven
- Electric skillet/frying pan
- Air fryer

What NOT to Bring

Not allowed in residence halls
- Illegal drugs (including marijuana)
- Smoking and vaping
- Weapons
- Pets
- Candles/incense/devices with open flame
- Air conditioner
- Halogen lamps
- Hot oil popcorn
- Hot plate
- Sun lamp
- Outdoor holiday lights
- Propane

Miscellaneous
- Laundry supplies (detergent, dryer sheets, hamper)
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Medicine
- Kleenex
- Fan
- Pictures/posters
- Safe and padlock
- Hangers

Bed and Room Furnishings
- Sheets, blankets and bedspread (size Twin XL)
- Mattress and pillow cover
- Electric blanket
- INDOOR holiday lights
- Television (one per room)
- Crates for storage
- Surge protector
- Aquarium with fish (fully aquatic, 10 gal. max)

Items generally available for checkout at the hall office
- Pots, pans, baking sheets
- Iron
- Ping-Pong supplies
- Pool supplies (billiards)
- Movies (DVDs)
- Board Games
Roommates

Open and honest communication is the best and healthiest approach to take with your roommate. At the beginning of the quarter you’ll complete a roommate agreement that outlines your commitment to your roommate. Roommates who complete the form together and agree on expectations are more likely to have a great experience. And remember: a great roommate doesn’t have to be your best friend.

Roommate Conversations Before You Arrive

Below are a few of the questions you will find on the Roommate Agreement. We have found that talking about these things before you arrive is even more likely to help you be successful roommates from the start.

Will you share belongings with each other? (TV, microwave, clothes, food, etc.)

How will you share room cleaning responsibilities?
  • How often?
  • Will you have specific tasks or will you each clean everything?
  • What is your standard for cleanliness?

What are your lifestyle expectations around...
  • Bedtime?
  • Studying? (times and noise level)
  • Wake-up time?
  • Personal hygiene? (laundry, showering, etc.)

How often, and what type, of guests will you have?
  • How many guests at a time?
  • How long can they stay?
  • Will guests be allowed overnight?
  • Can guests use your roommate’s items?

If conflicts arise, how will we approach one another? (face-to-face, texts, social media, etc.)

What are your pet peeves?

What if I want to change rooms?

Room changes are not accepted before move-in. If you’re not happy after you’ve given it a try, you’ll have the opportunity to request a room change during the second week of the quarter.
Pets
ONLY fish or underwater turtles are allowed. Ten-gallon tanks are the maximum allowed. NO snakes, lizards, hamsters, birds, guinea pigs, cats, dogs, sugar gliders, alpacas, goats, wombats, etc. will be allowed in the residence halls.

The only exceptions to EWU’s pet policy are service/assistance animals as approved by EWU Disability Support Services. Animals must be approved by EWU Disability Support Services, prior to bringing them to campus. You can contact DSS at dss@ewu.edu or 509-359-6871.

Phone Services and Cable Television
We do not automatically provide telephone land lines or cable television in each room. If you would like a landline or cable television, please email the Housing and Residential Life office at housing@ewu.edu.

A quarterly fee applies to this optional service, and you must bring your own landline telephone. There is an additional fee for cable television as well.

Courtesy phones are provided on each floor. Cable television is provided to all common area televisions.

Technology and Internet
All rooms have a high-speed wired Ethernet connection. Wireless connectivity is available in all halls.

Hardware: Since there is just one Ethernet port per room, roommates must share an Ethernet hub or switch if you wish to be online at the same time. You’ll need a lengthy Ethernet cable too, but you may want to determine your cable length after moving into your room. Switches and cables are available at any electronics store or at very reasonable prices at the University Bookstore. ROUTERS ARE PROHIBITED and connectivity will be shut down when discovered. They have a severely negative impact on the network.

Software: To better protect both the EWU residence hall network and your computer, we have a product called Safe Connect installed on our network. It will verify that you have current anti-virus software and current OS security patches before allowing you to login. Login instructions will be available when you arrive on campus.
Are anti-virus software and current OS patches required on my computer?

Yes. After you login using your iTech account, which is provided as a benefit of your technology fee, you will be prompted to install a small program which checks to see that you have current anti-virus software and operating system patches. Both are required before you will be allowed to access the residence hall network.

Free anti-virus software is available to all students as another benefit of your technology fee. If you choose to use free anti-virus software, plan to install it immediately upon arriving. You may use other established anti-virus software if you prefer.

Parking

Most first-year students don’t need to bring cars to campus. Parking is limited, and finding a spot near your building can be tough.

If you need to bring your car to campus and don’t like waiting in line, you can pre-purchase an annual or quarterly parking permit from Parking Services. To purchase a permit, follow these steps:

• Visit ewu.edu/parking
• Click or mouse-over the “Permits” section in the top menu
• Choose “Residential Hall Permits” from the menu dropdown
• Click the button labeled “Purchase a Parking Permit”

EagleCard

Your student ID card provides access to services on campus which include meal plan dollars and entry into your residence hall, the library, the recreation center and athletic games. Your EagleCard reduces your need for cash on campus. Remember to take it everywhere while on campus. Visit ewu.edu/eaglecard for a good summary of the uses of your card.

All new students need to pick up your EagleCard at 120 Tawanka Hall.

Meal Plan

Your meal plan will be activated beginning Friday, Sept. 20. Present your EagleCard to any cashier and they’ll swipe it through the register to deduct the purchase from your meal plan. Transactions are fast and easy!

If you are a returning resident, continue to use your same EagleCard. If you are a new student and have not yet obtained your EagleCard, it is important to do this immediately.

The EagleCard office and the Dining Office are located in 120 Tawanka.
Living On Campus during Academic Breaks

Fall quarter residents staying on campus winter quarter may stay during winter break for an additional fee of $300. Even if you’re staying just one extra day, the charges for the entire break apply. Additional dining points are not included, and limited meal service hours are in effect. Staying past noon on Friday, Dec. 13, indicates your acceptance to pay this break housing fee.

In addition, due to reduced staffing during winter break, students are consolidated into one or two halls. If you are not already living in one of the break housing halls, you will be required to move temporarily, taking only the possessions you will want during the break.

Winter quarter residents staying on campus spring quarter may stay during spring break at no extra charge. The only requirement is that you notify your Community Advisor.

Employment Hint

You cannot get a job on or off campus without providing proper identification. Bring your employment documents. Visit ewu.edu/studenthiringdocuments for a list of employment documents.

Meet Your Residential Life Staff

Housing and Residential Life on Social Media

• Facebook: facebook.com/EWUhousing
• Instagram: @EWUHousing

Types of Staff You’ll Meet

Area Coordinator (AC) – Full-time professional in charge of Brewster Hall and on-campus apartments.

Residential Life Coordinator (RLC) – Full-time professional in charge of each residence hall. Oversees the daily functions and manages the hall staff.

Community Advisor (CA) – Student staff assigned to each floor of the residence hall to help plan academic success programs and community building activities for students.

Administrative Staff – Located in the Housing and Residential Life Office in snyamncut. Assists in room assignments, room changes, helping you access your account and administrative work.

Peer Multicultural Coaches (PMC) – facilitate fun educational programs in the residence halls to enhance the residential experience. Through the work of PMCs students are engaged in learning about culture, self and others.
Getting Involved

Housing and Residential Life is committed to creating an engaged student learning experience enhanced through numerous student leadership opportunities. Below is a brief list of some of the activities in which students can get involved.

**Hall Council/Community Council** – Each residence hall has its own hall government. Opportunities for executive officers or for being a floor representative are available. This group is responsible for the hall budget and has opportunities to purchase equipment and plan activities for all residents.

**RHA – Residence Hall Association** – This is the student government body representing the interests of all students living in the residence hall system. It is the parent organization for individual hall governments. RHA organizes educational and social events to enrich the lives of students residing in the halls, and the group aids in organizing leadership conferences, workshops and retreats for student leaders living in the halls. RHA also fosters communication between the residents in the halls and the Housing and Residential Life Office and ASEWU, which is the acronym for EWU’s student government.

**Other Hall Activities and Programs**
- Hall intramural teams
- Hall study groups
- Campus events (at least one event every day!)
- Homecoming
- Floor dinners

**Links to help you get involved**
- Campus Recreation: ewu.edu/campusrec
- Clubs and Orgs: ewu.edu/studentactivities
- Residence Hall Leadership: ewu.edu/housing/student-leadership
- EPIC Adventures: epic.ewu.edu
- Athletic Events Schedules: goeags.com
- Associated Students of EWU: ewu.edu/asewu
- Student Activities: ewu.edu/studentactivities
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