

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE **UW**

HOUSING GUIDE

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OUR COMMITMENT

We know the cost of attending college is an important consideration. That's why we want to ensure that the high-quality services and amenities we offer are a good value for our students.

- **Student Connection:** UWL students commonly applaud the sense of belonging they feel by being part of a residence hall floor and community. We strive to create residence hall communities that connect students to one another and to the University. Lifelong friendships and the creation of impactful relationships is our goal.
- **Well trained and highly rated staff:** Our professional and student staff who live in the halls understand and embrace their role is assisting students toward success.
- **Value:** Our housing costs remain consistently among the lowest in the UW System with the additional amenities of in room bed lofts and refrigerators. Residence Life is one of the largest student employers on campus.
- **Campus Engagement:** We work in collaboration with campus partners to create experiences for students that will help them grow personally and professionally.
- **Facilities:** We ensure safe, clean, and visually appealing residence halls. Timely response to repairs and facility improvement are a foundational component in meeting our students' needs.
- **Inclusion and Social Justice:** We create inclusive, safe residence hall environments where difference is celebrated and students can feel comfortable embracing their intersecting identities.



HOW TO APPLY

“I like the friends I have been able to make while living in my residence hall community. We are all so different but get along perfectly.”

“Residence Hall living allows me to walk to class, the dining hall, and the gym within a few minutes. Also, meeting new people was so easy living in the residence halls.”

We work to make the housing application process as simple as possible.

- 1) **Pay your UWL Enrollment Deposit**
- 2) **Apply for housing**

Within 24 hours of paying your enrollment deposit you will receive an email from Residence Life letting you know that you can begin filling out a housing application. The housing application is also available through the Residence Life website:

www.uwlax.edu/reslife

Act Quickly- We encourage you to complete your housing application as soon as possible. Housing assignments are based on the date that you complete your application. You can return to the housing application after you have completed if you need to change or update information. These changes do not impact your application complete date.

The application includes:

- Listing your top three residence hall preferences
- Picking a meal plan
- Paying a \$150 housing deposit

CHOOSING A HALL

You will list your top three hall preferences as part of the housing application. Room assignments are made based on your application complete date, so the earlier you apply for housing the better chance you will have of being assigned to one of your preferred halls.

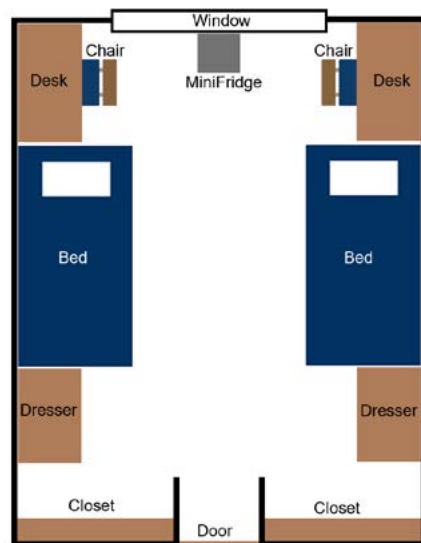
TRADITIONAL HALLS



Cube Halls

ANGELL | COATE | DRAKE | HUTCHISON

- Single Gender Communities
- Community Bathrooms
- Gender inclusive bathroom in the lower levels
- Double and Triple Rooms



Wing Halls

LAUX | SANFORD | WENTZ | O. WHITE

- Newly Renovated
- Co-ed Communities
- Community Bathrooms
- Gender Inclusive bathrooms per floor
- Double Rooms

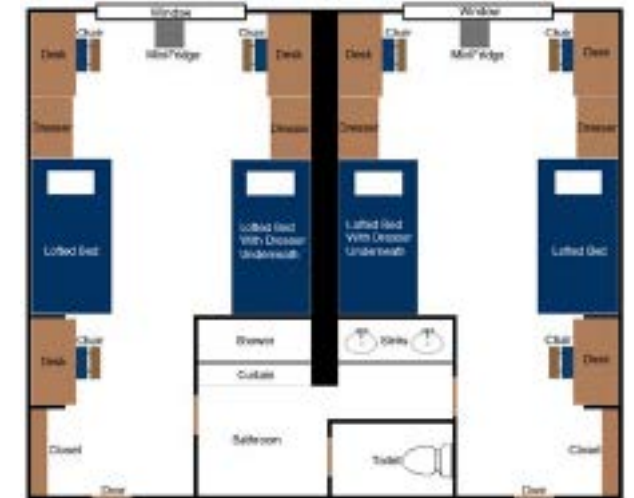


EAGLE HALL



Suite Style

- Two triple rooms adjoined by a shared walk through bathroom
- Air Conditioned

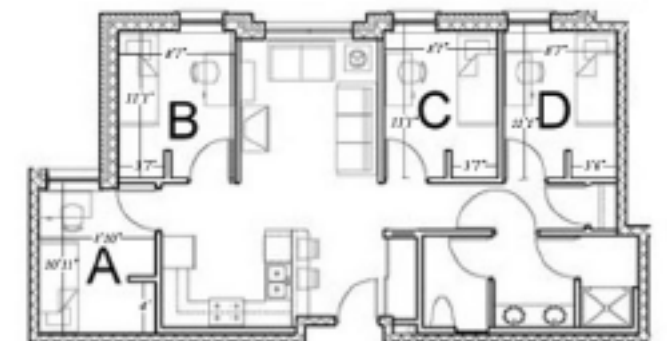


REUTER HALL



Apartment Style

- Transfer and Continuing students are eligible
- Single Bedrooms in a 4-person apartment
- Air Conditioned
- Shared bathroom, living room, and kitchen spaces





LIVING COMMUNITIES

WHAT ARE LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES?

Living Learning Communities (LLCs) at UWL are intentional living environments offered by the Office of Residence Life in partnership with academic departments and other campus offices.

LLCs provide students with the opportunity to thrive both in and out of the classroom. We work to create environments that allow students to make social connections by engaging with peers around shared educational experiences and to improve students' academic success through intentional programming, co-curricular learning experiences, and faculty engagement.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN A LLC?

- LLCs are a high impact practice that is proven nationally in increasing student success.
- Students who participate in LLCs report higher GPAs overall than students who live in traditional residence hall communities.
- LLC students can participate in special events and activities built around common interests.
- There is more access to faculty and staff that can help students network for future opportunities.
- Students gain a community of classmates and study group partners with similar academic interests that helps with academic success.



For more information about Living Learning Communities

WHAT IS GIH?

At the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, we want to create and promote inclusive communities where people of all identities are respected. Our department's values include empowering, supporting, and valuing personal identity exploration and expression. Gender Inclusive Housing (GIH) allows students to select their preferred roommate regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, or biological sex.

GIH accommodations create a supportive environment where students can live in the same room or apartment with any other student, regardless of sex or gender identity or gender expression. Gender Inclusive Housing is open to all residents.

GIH OPTIONS

We have Gender Inclusive Housing Communities available in Reuter Hall 3rd floor and Laux Hall 4th floor. In order for residents to live in GIH, all roommates must agree to participate in GIH as part of the housing application. Students can indicate interest in the option through their housing application. If you have listed Gender Inclusive Housing as a preference on your housing application, when you search for a roommate, you will only see others who have indicated interest in GIH.



Learn more about Gender Inclusive Housing

WHAT ABOUT ROOMMATES?

After completing the application you can search for a roommate in our online roommate selection process. This is available on the housing portal, right alongside the housing application. You can search for specific students or review students that are recommended for you based upon roommate preferences provided within the housing application.

- This is an optional process. Students who do not participate will be assigned a roommate.
- The roommate search is separate from the housing application and will not impact your application complete date. You will have time to send messages to potential roommates and find the right person to live with.
- Once you find your roommate, you will need to form a roommate group together. After this, you will be assigned to live together on campus. Additional instructions for roommate selection are available on the housing portal.

HOW ARE ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

Assignments are prioritized based on housing application complete dates. Be sure to complete your housing application as soon as possible.



WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY HALL & ROOM ASSIGNMENT?

Room assignments for the fall semester will come out in June. You will receive an email providing your room and hall assignment, along with the names and contact information for your roommates.



HOUSING REQUIREMENT & ELIGIBILITY

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS HOUSING REQUIREMENT

All first year students are required to live on campus. Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Residence Life or the Director's designee. Exceptions are considered under the following circumstances:

1. You are living with a parent/legal guardian at their permanent home and are commuting from within a 25 mile radius of the UWL campus.
2. You are currently a primary caretaker for a dependent.
3. You are married.
4. You have served one year of active duty within the military. (ROTC, National Guard, and Reserve duty do not qualify for this exemption.)

Any student wanting to request a housing exemption must complete the housing exemption form on the UWL Housing Portal.



RETURNING, TRANSFER AND GRADUATE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Returning students and students transferring to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, regardless of accumulated credit level, are not guaranteed campus housing. Eligibility to apply for campus housing will depend on the time of year and availability of campus housing. If a returning student or transfer student completes a housing application and contract, they are subject to all terms and conditions of the contract, including cancellation deadlines and financial responsibilities.



Learn more about housing eligibility



RATES AND COST

It is important to compare the costs of our residence halls and see how different living environments compare with each other. The room rates for the upcoming academic year will be reviewed during the summer by the Board of Regents before they receive final approval.

Our room rates fall into three different rates.

- Traditional Halls
- Eagle Hall
- Reuter Hall

You can view our Room Rates for the upcoming year on our website.



Learn more about room rates

PICKING YOUR MEAL PLAN

All students living on campus are required to have a UWL meal plan. You will make your initial meal plan selection in the housing application.



Check out the current meal plan options

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Residence Life is one of the largest student employers on the UWL campus. Residence Life strives to create experiences for students that will help them grow personally and professionally in ways that prepare them for their future careers.

CUSTODIAL ASSISTANT

Student Custodial Assistants ensure that community spaces are clean. Responsibilities include vacuuming, trash removal, light cleaning, and snow removal. This position provides flexible hours and an opportunity to work in the hall where you live.

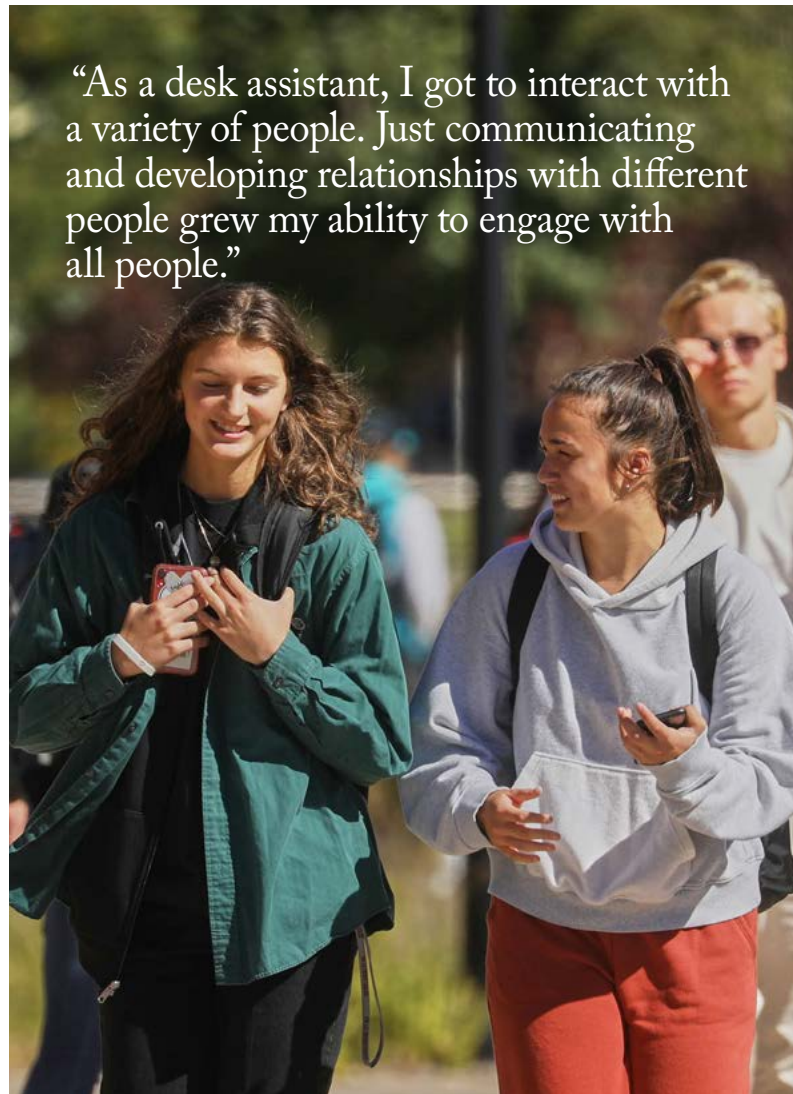
DESK ASSISTANT

Desk Assistants work at each of our Residence Hall front desks. They greet building guests, check out equipment, and provide general assistance to building residents. The Desk Assistant position is a great way for students to meet new people in the hall where they live.

“First, I felt a responsibility to represent my hall which led to the idea of my personal brand is an extension of my occupation. I became a friendly face. Furthermore, I used my time at the desk to work on homework, which required focus because I wanted to be productive while also making sure the job was being completed well.”

EAGLE MAIL CENTER ASSISTANT

The Eagle Mail Center is located in Eagle Hall and is the location where all residence hall students come to pick up their mail. Mail Center Assistants are the team of students who sort and process all of the residence hall mail deliveries. Each piece of mail is logged into a tracking system, and students receive an email notification when they have a piece of mail ready to pick up. Students just have to come by during center hours to pick up their mail.



“As a desk assistant, I got to interact with a variety of people. Just communicating and developing relationships with different people grew my ability to engage with all people.”

RESIDENT ASSISTANT

The Resident Assistant is primarily responsible for a group of students living in their community but also for the greater student population living in the residence hall. The Resident Assistant works to develop living environments to enhance the academic mission of UWL through creating inclusive communities, supporting experiential learning, and building meaningful relationships.

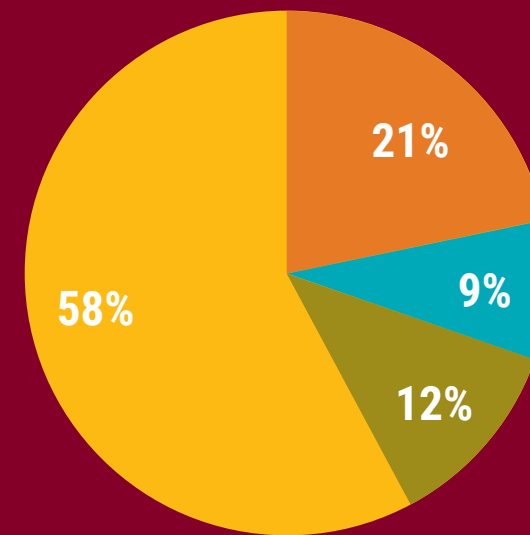
Residence Life also provides summer employment opportunities.



Learn more about student employment

LET'S LIVE!

1:32 RESIDENT ASSISTANT to RESIDENT RATIO



ROOM TYPES AVAILABLE
(3,000+ SPOTS ON CAMPUS)

- EAGLE HALL (3-PERSON SUITES)
- REUTER HALL (4-PERSON APARTMENTS)
- TRADITIONAL DOUBLE (2-PERSON ROOM)
- TRIPLE ROOMS (ANGELL, COATE, DRAKE, HUTCHISON)

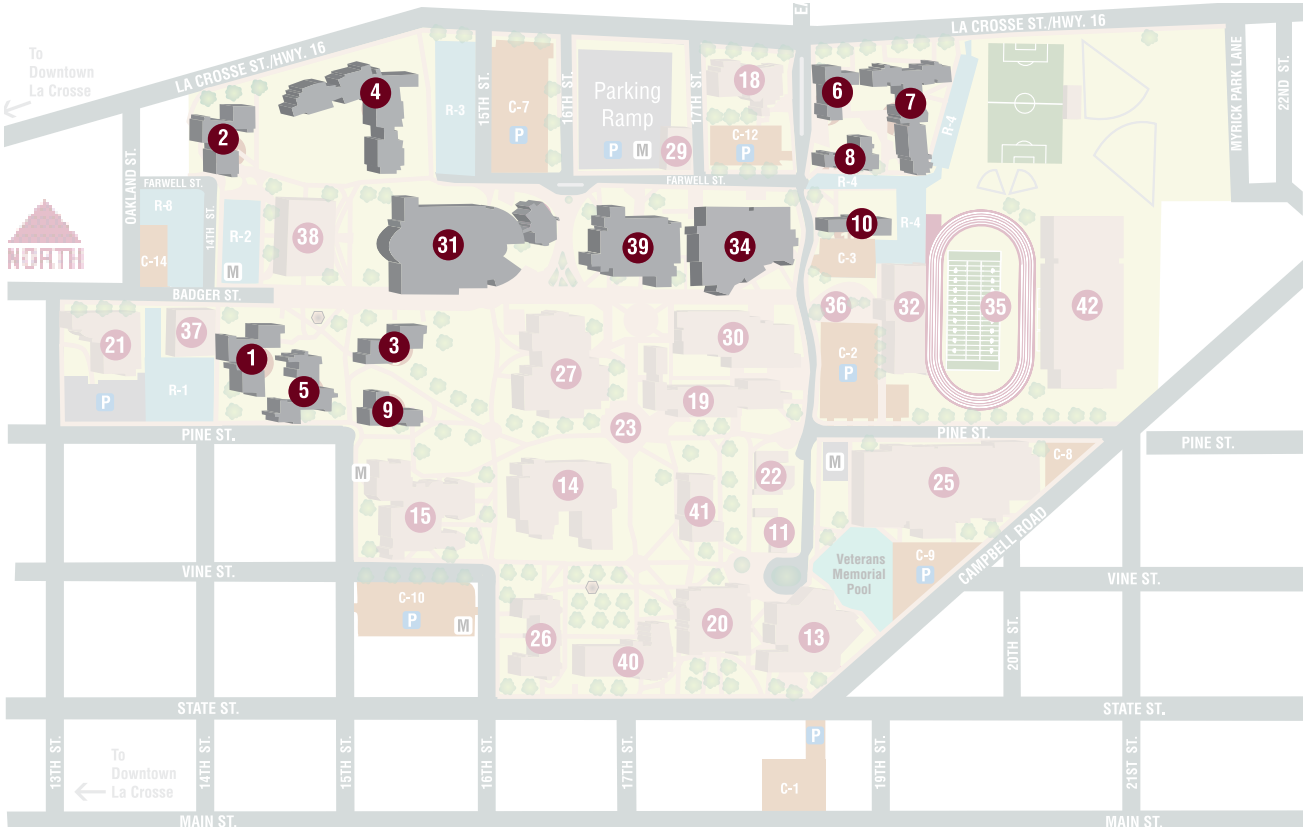
RESIDENCE HALL STYLES

- 8** TRADITIONAL RESIDENCE HALLS (primarily first-year students)
- 1** SUITE-STYLE RESIDENCE HALL (primarily continuing students)
- 1** APARTMENT-STYLE RESIDENCE HALL (primarily continuing students)

TOP 3 REASONS STUDENTS LOVE LIVING ON CAMPUS

- 1** Convenient location! You are near everything on campus.
- 2** Building strong connections and relationships with students in their halls.
- 3** Additional support and access to campus resources and activities.

UWL has a compact campus, so it's quick and easy to get from one end of campus to the other. It's a three-minute bike ride or 10-minute walk! There is a free city bus program for all UWL students too.



CAMPUS MAP

- 1 Angell Hall
- 2 Coate Hall
- 3 Drake Hall
- 4 Eagle Hall
- 5 Hutchison Hall
- 6 Laux Hall
- 7 Reuter Hall
- 8 Sanford Hall
- 9 Wentz Hall
- 10 O. White Hall
- 31 Recreational Eagle Center (REC)
- 34 Student Union: The U
- 39 Whitney Center

SEE THE DETAILED MAP AT UWLAX.EDU/MAP