

RESIDENCE SERVICES



GENERAL INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE SERVICES MISSION AND VALUES

Mission: The Department of Residence Services is committed to enhancing and complementing the academic and personal development of students by cultivating and nurturing values that emphasize self-awareness, engagement in learning, responsible citizenship, support and development of relationships and the honoring of human differences for a just community. The expression and realization of these fundamental commitments are integrated into the provision of residential facilities, services and programs that are designed to enhance student learning and support student success. Through the provision of caring and purposeful educators, committed and responsive staff and a dynamic living experience, the department seeks to prepare students for the challenges and needs of a global and diverse society. Core Values: In order to successfully accomplish our mission, the following core values guide the decisions we make, the priorities we establish and the directions we take:

Student Success – We strive to enhance students' academic achievements and to support their learning and personal development.

We are committed to assisting students through the various transitions they will experience while living in university housing.

Integrity – We pride ourselves on being honorable, trustworthy and credible. We strive to provide high-quality service, to treat everyone with respect, to provide timely responses and to be fair and equitable.

Inclusive Communities – We are committed to creating and helping to foster communities that promote healthy interaction, vibrant friendships, civility, compassion, caring and an attitude of treating one another with respect and dignity.

Responsible Decision Making – To the desired end of being good stewards of our resources and responsible citizens of the university, as well as local, regional and global societies, we are dedicated to the efficient and effective use of resources and using reliable and diverse forms of information to support our decisions.

STATEMENT OF DIVERSITY

Kent State University affirmatively encourages diversity by providing opportunities to all students. The Department of Residence Services supports this commitment and recognizes the benefits that are derived from the inclusion of diversity in its residence halls. Residence Services actively encourages participation by members of under-represented groups based on ethnicity, age, gender, religious preferences, sexual orientation, disability or identification as a veteran in all its programs and activities.

ON-CAMPUS LIVING

Living on campus provides students with extraordinary opportunities for personal growth. Residential students benefit from the opportunity to meet and live with students from diverse backgrounds and share different ideas and experiences. Sharing late night study groups, eating together or just spending time talking with other students allows students to build relationships that will last a lifetime. Research shows that students who live in the residence halls transition more easily to campus life, graduate faster, are more involved in cocurricular activities and feel a stronger connection to the university than those who live off campus.

The convenience of living on the Kent Campus provides students with easy access to numerous campus resources such as classrooms, the University Library, computer labs, residence hall cafeterias and campus eateries, the Student Recreation and Wellness Center and other recreational facilities. Students have the opportunity to interact with university faculty outside of the classroom by participating in a variety of campuswide and residence hall programs. An excellent regional bus service provides a convenient way to get around campus and the local areas.

The residential campus is divided into six districts that house more than 6,300 students in 25 residence halls. Many house special interest programs designed to meet students' individual academic, social and

personal needs. Most residence hall rooms are doubles. Many halls, due to location, theme or Living-Learning Community (such as on-campus living experience, Verder and Honors Housing) tend to fill early. Students are encouraged to apply for on-campus housing as early as possible. Students are not guaranteed a preferred roommate. However, mutual roommate requests are more likely to be accommodated if students apply for on-campus housing early and submit mutually requested roommate applications prior to the assignment process in early July. You must apply online at www.kent.edu/housing.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING POLICY

While all students are welcome to live on campus, the University Housing Policy requires all freshmen and sophomores to live in the residence halls and participate in the food plan. Students who commute from the home of a parent or legal guardian within a 50-mile radius of campus may be exempt from the University Housing Policy. Students must complete the necessary Mandatory Housing Policy Exemption Form and receive written notification of approval from the Department of Residence Services in order to be officially exempt from the University Housing Policy. On-campus housing and the food (board) plan is optional for students who have lived on campus for at least two academic years, have completed 60 semester credit hours or are 20 years of age by the first day of classes of the academic year.

Please note that the Residence Hall Contract for Room and Dining Plan may be canceled only under the terms set forth in the contract.

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that Support Student Success**

www.kent.edu/housing

Please read your contract carefully prior to electronically signing and submitting it. Cancellation may occur until the opening day of the residence halls in August. Once a student picks up his or her residence hall keys, the contract becomes binding for the full academic year. Further details are fully explained in the contract.

YOUR RESIDENCE HALL ROOM

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms individually and may do so by adding furniture and building or renting lofts. Every residence hall room is equipped with an extra-long twin-size bed, desk and chair, dresser and closet for each student occupying the room. Rooms in some halls come equipped with loftable furniture and MicroFridge units. Please refer to the residence hall viewbook or website (www.kent.edu/housing) for information specific to each residence hall. All residence halls are fully wireless and each student room is equipped with a cable-television outlet. More than 120 channels of educational and entertainment programming are available at no additional charge.

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Please refer to the available fact sheet regarding the residential Living-Learning Communities or visit the Residence Services website at www.kent.edu/housing-living-learning-communities for further information.

RESIDENCE HALL COMPUTING

Residential Technology partners with Information Services to provide technology resources and support for students in the residence halls. A few of the services provided are listed here. Wireless network connectivity is provided throughout all the residence halls. Cable television service is provided in all residence hall rooms. Computer Labs located in the Tri-Towers Rotunda, Twin Towers and Verder Hall are open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The Residence Services website provides the residential student with information on housing, hall activities and staff contact information. Students can visit the TechHelp Service and Repair Center located in the Tri-Towers Rotunda for technology support. Also, Tech2You staff are available at scheduled times in the residence hall buildings. In addition, students may enter a helpdesk ticket at any time by going online to support.kent.edu.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Security for residence hall students and their property is maintained through existing residence hall policies, procedures and the deployment of trained student security staff. Access to each residence hall is controlled, as all halls are locked 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Residents are able to enter the residence hall building by using an entrance key card. To ensure security, residence hall keys may not be duplicated, transferred or given to any other individual. All nonresident guests must be escorted at all times by the resident the guest is visiting. Security aides patrol the halls between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. seven nights per week. They are also responsible for providing an on-campus escort service. All security aides are equipped with communications equipment that places them in direct contact with Police Services.

AREA DESKS

Four area desks are located across campus to assist students. They are open from 8 a.m. to midnight, with the exception of Tri-Towers, which is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. On the weekends, the other area desks are open until 4 a.m. Students who need to check out a temporary key, obtain general information, borrow equipment or pick up a package may do so at the area desk. Student mail is also distributed from each of the area desks. A full-time clerical coordinator works Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and supervises a staff of student desk receptionists who are trained to manage the area desks during evening and weekend hours.

RESIDENCE HALL ROOM SIGN-UP

Residence hall room sign-up is prioritized by the date of receipt of the \$40 non-refundable application fee and a \$200 pre-payment to finalize the application. Once a student has been accepted to the university, residence hall information is sent to the student. Students must submit the completed application and prepayment online. Students can start applying for housing starting February 1 at www.kent.edu/housing. Assignments are made based on the date of application.

RESIDENCE HALL TOURS

The Admissions Office gives residence hall model room tours daily, Monday through Friday and on select Saturdays throughout the academic year. Call 330-672-2444 or 1-800-988-KENT to make an appointment.



RESIDENCE HALL RESOURCES

HALL COUNCIL

Each residence hall develops a Hall Council, allowing students to become actively involved in addressing issues as well as planning events at the hall level.

KENT INTERHALL COUNCIL (KIC) (<http://kic.kent.edu>)

KIC provides a number of services to students such as programming, administration, advocacy, committees and great leadership opportunities.

NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY (NRHH)

The National Residence Hall Honorary is the recognition branch of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH). NACURH is the leading national organization advocating for the interests and welfare of residence hall students while also providing opportunities for their personal growth and development.

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Resident Assistants (RAs) are undergraduate or graduate student leaders who live in the residence halls and act as a resource for the residents on their floor or wing and throughout the hall.

www.kent.edu/student-leadership

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