

New Student Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why didn't I get my first choice of hall?

A: Room assignments are determined by the date you were admitted to Manchester. The earlier you were admitted, the greater the chance that you would receive your first choice. If for some reason we could not meet your first choice, we tried your 2nd choice, then 3rd etc., until a space was found. Below is the breakdown of available beds per hall before assignments were made:

East: Male 72- Female 131
Garver: Male 136-Female 133
Helman: Male 78- Female 50
Oakwood: Male 47- Female 80
Schwalm: Male 126- Female 107

Please note that only a small percentage of these availabilities are first year placements.

Q: Why didn't I receive the roommate that I requested?

A: Roommate requests must have been mutual, which means both students needed to notify the Office of Residential Life that they would like to live together. Requests could have been made via email, phone, or stated on the actual housing preference form. If confirmation was not received from both residents, the request may have been denied. Roommate request may have also been denied if the space was not available for both parties to live in the same room/building requested.

Q: How do I switch my housing assignment?

A: You are required to stay in your assigned room for the first two weeks of classes. After this period, you will be given the opportunity to change halls on room-switch day with no questions asked. After room-switch day you must go through an official process in order to switch rooms.

Q: Are first year students allowed singles?

A: No. First year students are not allowed to have a single. This year singles were only made available to students with documented special needs.

Q: Do the rooms have curtains or blinds?

A: The windows only have blinds.

Q: Am I allowed to bring an air conditioner if I am assigned to East or Schwalm hall?

A: No. You are not allowed to bring air conditioners; however, fans are allowed.

Q: What do I need to do in order to commute from home?

A: First, your parent's primary residence must be within a 40-mile radius of Manchester University. Students wishing to commute must fill out a "Off Campus Housing Application" that can be obtained at the Office of Residential Life, room 222, in Calvin Ulrey or [online](#). This document must be signed by the parent(s), confirming that you are indeed living at your parent's primary residence.

Q: Are the buildings wireless?

A : Yes! You may log onto the wireless network with your MU user ID and password.

Q: Is there cable in the rooms?

A: Manchester IT Services provides a great cable package that offers a variety of channels! Students must provide their own cable cord.

Q: Can I lower my meal plan?

A: First year students are required to choose from the Lifestyle or Traditional 20-meal plan unless they are exempt due to medical/dietary reasons. These exemptions must be approved by Anna Richison, RN and Director of Health Services. Contact Anna at ARichison@manchester.edu .