RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The residence halls at Missouri S&T are divided into 4 complexes. These include Thomas Jefferson Hall, University Commons, Residential Commons, Miner Village/Downtown Complex which contains buildings both owned by the university and leased from local landlords. Leased units are within close proximity to campus and are staffed and managed similar to on-campus facilities. The goal of the department of residential life is to provide students with a living environment that is best designed to meet the academic and personal needs of the individual student. Each residence hall complex is administered by a professional live-in resident director (RD) and is staffed by paraprofessional students called resident assistants (RAs). All residence hall staff members work to develop academic living environments and are trained to help students cope with the challenges associated with college. Their efforts are supervised by the residential life staff and they work closely with the counseling center staff and other members of the student affairs division.

The department of residential life works to provide students with facilities and services that will best serve the lifestyle needs of Missouri S&T students. Various living arrangements are available to students, including quiet floors, specialized learning communities and interest area communities, upperclassmen housing, double rooms, suite-style housing, cooperative living units, and apartments. All rooms are furnished with beds, closets or wardrobes, desks and chairs. Students have the option of bringing personal items to give their room their own individual touch. Most communities have study rooms and lounges available for resident use. Other facilities in the residence hall include laundry facilities, computer learning centers, meeting areas, game rooms, and vending machines, depending on the complex.

The residence hall communities are administered with input from students. Each complex has its own governing body and the residence hall association (RHA) is a representative group of all residence hall students. These groups play a major role in defining the policies that govern the residence halls and sponsor a significant number of social, diversity, community service and educational programs. Representatives for these groups are selected in community or complex elections.

Being a residential university, Missouri S&T requires freshman and sophomores to reside in university approved housing: the residence hall complexes, the downtown leased properties, an approved fraternity house, an approved sorority house, or Christian Campus Fellowship house. Exceptions may be granted for married students, students whose parents reside in the Rolla area, military veterans, students over 21 years of age, or other justified situations.

Meals are served in dining halls located in or near each complex. Dining halls offer full-meal service on the weekdays and partial-meal service on the weekends when school is in session. Throughout the year, special meals are served to provide more variety in the cafeteria service. Several meal plans are available that can be used at all on-campus retail and dining locations. These plans are designed to allow students the opportunity to select the meal plan that is best tailored to meet their needs. Students who live in the residence halls are required to contract for one of these seven plans. Students who live in the university’s apartments or who live off campus have the option of purchasing a dining plan if they so choose.

For the most recent information on the residence halls, please refer to our web page at http://reslife.mst.edu/