

A Guide to Residence Hall Living

INTRODUCTION

At Alfred University special emphasis is given to the student's development as a total human being. Helping students to recognize their ability to reason, feel, enjoy, and grow is part of the Alfred University experience. As much as Alfred students vary in their requests for types of residence halls, Alfred University responds by offering a variety of living arrangements.

Alfred University offers students three distinct living styles, as well as several "special interest housing" styles. Five traditional halls are designed exclusively for new first year students. These halls are co-ed by floor (a floor of men and a floor of women) and have open visitation. The availability of single rooms for incoming first year students is very limited. If you have a need for a single room, answer "yes" to question two of the Residence Hall Questionnaire and attach a letter of explanation. The traditional buildings for new first year students include **Barresi, Cannon, Openhym, Reimer, and Tefft**.

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| BARRESI | Located closest to Ade Dining Hall, Barresi offers two floors of men and one floor of women. A large front lawn gives plenty of room for informal volleyball and football games. Barresi houses 79 students. |
| CANNON | Cannon, because of its size, offers a quieter community. It is located next to Barresi and offers two floors of men and one floor of women. It is our smallest residence hall housing 79 students. |
| OPENHYM | Openhym, located on the south end of campus, is our largest residence hall, housing 150 students (two floors of women, one floor of men). Openhym offers new first year students the opportunity of choosing quiet study living. |
| REIMER | A total of 100 students occupy the three floors of Reimer Hall. Elevated from the campus, Reimer offers a view of the campus and is close to Ade Dining Hall. |
| TEFFT | Located next to Reimer Hall, Tefft Hall also has three floors of residents and houses a total of 100 students. |

Alfred University also offers three residence halls for our upper-class students, all coed, emphasizing different living styles: **Bartlett, Brick and Kruson**.

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| BARTLETT | Located on the North side of campus; Bartlett accommodates 91 students with predominately single occupancy rooms. A large fireplace lounge area is ideal for informal chats, popcorn gatherings, and movie nights. The Office of Residence Life is also located on the ground floor of Bartlett Hall. |
| BRICK | Brick is the oldest residence hall on campus, housing 98 students. Larger rooms and wide hallways are unique to the design of Brick Hall. |
| KRUSON | Kruson is a traditional corridor-style building and houses 99 students. Kruson typically is a mix of upperclass students and new students (first-year and transfers) and is located on the South side of campus next to Brick Hall and within minutes of Herrick Memorial Library. |

Alfred University offers two suite-style complexes. The two **Pine Hill Suite** areas include Lower Pine Hill and consist of three buildings: **Davis, Kenyon, and Shults**. Upper Pine Hill consists of four buildings: **Crawford, Norwood, Phillips, and Tredennick**. Each building has the capacity to house 58 students. There are ten suites per building and each suite has three bedrooms, one bathroom, one kitchenette area and a living room. Each building has a laundry and lounge facility at the lower level.

The **Ford Street Apartments**, located on the south side of campus, are two or three bedroom units, which house four or six students. **Athena, Pegasus, and Thor** are the two bedroom apartments. **Bacchus, Medusa, and Mercury** are the three bedroom units. Each apartment is furnished and includes a living room area, bathroom, and full kitchen. "The Commons" is located near the Ford Street apartments and provides access to a kitchenette, laundry facilities, and computer lab for Ford Street residents. The Women's Leadership Center is also located in "The Commons."

Alfred University also offers "Special Interest Housing" for upper-class students who meet the specific requirements for the living area. We have three academic houses that are run by three different academic programs. They include the "Environmental Studies" house, the "Honors" house, and the "Language" house. We also have a house for our Jewish community, the "Hillel" house. As well, we offer an "International" house for our 21 and older International community. We also have "Joel's House" which houses recognized student clubs and organizations (by application) and our newest LEED certified house, "Ann's House." These two additions were provided through the generous gifts from Trustees Joel and Ann Moskowitz.

ROOM DESCRIPTION

Student rooms vary in size and shape. Each room, however, is furnished, per student, with one single bed/mattress (36"x80"), one desk/chair, one dresser, one closet, and window blinds. Students are requested to provide their own linens. As well, students might want to think about bringing an area rug, a stand-alone bookcase, and a desk lamp.

In the suite and apartment areas the University provides one couch, two living room chairs, two end tables, one dining table and four chairs. Students are requested to provide their own pots, pans, utensils, and small cooking appliances.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Incoming students are required to fill out the **Housing/Roommate Preference Survey** which can be found on line (see instructions provided in your Welcome Letter from Residence Life received through your acceptance packet from Admissions after you've paid your deposit). This form will help Alfred know a little more about you and the type of person you desire for a roommate. We request that you be honest on the form in order to be matched with someone who is similar to you. Room assignments are made by computer, based on the compatibility of information on the Roommate Preference Survey. Priority is also given based on the date of receipt of **both** the Roommate Preference Survey and the Housing/Dining Contract. We request that you complete these forms as soon as possible and, once again, **we stress that you be honest on the survey.**

Current students have first choice of space in the residence halls according to an assigned lottery number. Hence, current students generally fill singles and the Ford Street Apartments. Incoming upper-class students may request such accommodations but should include other choices.

STUDENT LIFE

Recreation and activities are an important part of the Alfred University experience and the Office of Residence Life (ORL) staff attempts to meet your desires by offering a variety of special programs. Ice cream socials and pizza parties, road trips and simple walks in the area woods are organized to promote community development and personal growth. In addition, workshops on such topics as study skills, human sexuality, stress management, diversity and career options are often promoted to enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom. A special asset to living in the residence halls is the friendships that are formed by informal gatherings while watching your favorite television program or listening to your favorite music. Alfred University promotes the total growth of the student. We believe that the right balance of activities makes for a well-balanced individual.

First year residence halls have programs that are geared specifically for the developmental needs of Alfred University's first year students. Activities and events are designed to build community and help first year students make a smooth transition to Alfred University. This is achieved by offering students social and educational programs that allow for informal contact with faculty, staff, and fellow students, teaching students about campus resources and involvement opportunities, and through programs, addressing different issues that are applicable to first year college students' development. Such program topics have included: homesickness, roommate issues, time management, study skills, personal finance, campus involvement, wellness topics, service learning, goal setting, alcohol education and relationship issues.

RESIDENCE HALL STAFF

A Resident Director (RD) who promotes community growth supervises each residence hall/area. Each serves as a resource person for the residents as well as a facilitator. Resident Directors (RD) are graduate students attending Alfred University. RDs in first year halls are supervised by an Area Coordinator. The Area Coordinator is a master's level professional who lives on campus to assist in the daily operations of the first year residence halls and provide assistance to students as they adjust to college life. RDs in upper-class living areas report to an Area Coordinator, who is also a master's level professional who lives on campus as well.

In addition, a Resident Assistant (RA) is available in each living area or section. The RA is a current Alfred University sophomore/junior/senior student who assists the Resident Director in fostering an atmosphere of individual and community growth. The RA is available to assist students with questions and problems and to help them become acclimated to their new environment. (For a complete job description, contact the Residence Life Office.)

RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

Residence Hall Council (RHC) is a student organization designed to augment the Residence Life staff. RHC provides services to students in residence halls and supplements campus-wide programs for the various residence hall facilities. Students are encouraged to become involved with RHC. The all-campus RHC consists of one voting member from each residence hall. In addition, a student is elected to fill the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Each residence hall is given funds to establish its own hall council as well. Each hall council is comprised of all interested students from that hall. Their purpose is to plan programs and activities specifically designed for their own hall.

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

Any questions concerning residence hall living should be directed to the Office of Residence Life (ORL), located on the main floor of Bartlett Hall. The office is open weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM; closed 12 to 1 PM. The office phone number is (607) 871-2186.

LOCATION OF RESIDENCE HALLS

Please consult the map on page 4-5 of the Alfred University catalog for the location of the various residence halls on campus.