



Residence Hall Info

From The Office Of Student Life - Summer 2012

Welcome from the Office of Student Life! We are excited that you are planning to attend Belhaven University and live in the residence halls! In the Office of Student Life, we are committed to partnering with the faculty to provide you with the best environment in which you can grow as God has intended! This letter will introduce you to residence life at Belhaven and will answer many of your questions. We encourage you to purchase insurance for the things you bring to school with you. While safety is a top priority at Belhaven,

it is important that precautions are taken to protect ourselves and our belongings against the unexpected.

If you have any questions that are not answered by this letter or the University website, we invite you to call our office at 601-968-5969 or email us at slife@belhaven.edu.

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Dean of Student Life

FAQs:

- **When Can I Move In?** The residence halls open on Saturday, August 18, at 9 a.m. Nobody may move in prior to that time. (Fall Athletes should check with their coaches for specific arrival information.)
- **What is a “RD”?** A professional Resident Director lives in each residence hall and is responsible for the daily management of the hall as well as assisting the residents in their college living experience.
- **What is a “RA”?** The RD staff supervises a team of student leaders known as Resident Assistants. There are generally two RAs on each floor whose job is to help residents in their adjustment to college.
- **What Appliances & Electronics May I Have In My Room?** You may have a small refrigerator (not to exceed 5 cubic feet) and microwave (900 watts or less), as well as entertainment and computer equipment. No other cooking appliances are allowed, including hot plates, toaster ovens, George Foreman grills, or woks. Ceiling fans and window air conditioner units are not permitted.
- **Will I Have Cable TV?** Each residence hall room is equipped with Comcast cable, providing over 60 channels. Students must provide their own cable-ready televisions.
- **Is Internet Service Available In My Room?** Hard-wired and wireless internet is available in each residence hall room. You need to provide your own computer; there are computers available in the Student Center and library for student use.
- **How Much Does Laundry Cost?** There is no additional cost for the laundry machines. Just like at home, you do not need quarters.

- **May I Bring Pets?** Only fish in a ten-gallon or smaller tank are allowed in the residence halls.
- **May I Personalize My Room?** You are encouraged to personalize your room. However, you may not use tacks, nails, screws or any other adhesive that will damage the facilities or is difficult to remove. “Command-Release” strips are allowed. Some students use tension rods to hang curtains, although all rooms are equipped with blinds. Rugs and carpet remnants are popular to soften the floors. Lofts are not allowed, but most furniture is stackable. No painting is allowed, and all room furniture must remain in the room.
- **What Size Sheets Do I Need For My Bed?** Helen White Hall has standard twin mattresses; all of the other halls require extra-long twin sheets.
- **Is Storage Available?** Storage space other than inside your residence hall room is not available.
- **Can I cook in the residence halls?** Yes, all residence halls have a designated community kitchen. Students will need to provide their own cooking supplies.

Move-In Date:

Saturday, August 18, 2012
Halls open at 9 a.m.

*NO early arrivals are permitted
due to staff training.*

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coaches for specific arrival information.**

Overview of Residence Hall Policies:

A complete description of Residence Life policies can be found in Belhaven's student handbook, *The Kilt*. As a resident student, you will be responsible for knowing and adhering to all University policies. *The Kilt* is available to read and print online at:

~ www.belhaven.edu/campus_life/life/student_handbook.htm ~

1. No alcohol or illegal substance is allowed on campus.
2. Belhaven University is a smoke-free/tobacco-free campus. Use of any tobacco products is forbidden on the campus.
3. Student possession of weapons, dangerous chemicals, or explosive devices of any description is prohibited.
4. Using abusive, profane, or obscene language or gestures is prohibited.
5. Being a Christian institution, Belhaven upholds biblical guidelines concerning human sexuality. All relationships and conduct should reflect that of Christian character. The University upholds the institution of marriage between parties of the opposite sex as the only proper relationship for the sharing of activities of a sexual nature. Therefore, any sexual conduct not within these biblical guidelines is prohibited.
6. No visitors of the opposite sex are allowed in rooms or on the halls except during specified visitation periods. Lobbies close for members of the opposite sex at 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.
7. Cooking is not permitted in residence halls rooms at any time.
8. Halogen lamps, candles, and incense are prohibited in the residence halls.
9. University furniture is not to be removed from residence hall rooms.
10. Posters are subject to approval by the Resident Director. No profanity or offensive materials may be placed on the walls or doors.
11. Bicycles are permitted on campus but are not to be stored in stairwells or hallways.

Meet Your R.A. Staff!

Your Resident Assistant will be one of the first people you meet at Belhaven and someone who will help as you adjust to college life. Photos & bios of the RAs will be online by mid-June. Check them out on the Belhaven University website!

What 2 Bring

The following items may make your stay in the residence halls feel more comfortable and more like home:

- Bath towels and wash clothes.
- Bedside lamp (no halogens).
- Clothes appropriate for Mississippi:
 - Average Fall temps: 60°-90°.
 - Average Spring temps: 35°-85°.
- Clothes hangers.
- Fan.
- Flip flops (shower shoes).
- Health insurance information. (You will be asked for this upon checking in!)
- Iron and ironing board.
- Laundry basket and detergent.
- Microwave (900 watts maximum).
- Pillows and bed linens (standard twin sheets for Helen White Hall; extra-long twin sheets for all other halls).
- Refrigerator (5 cubic feet maximum).
- Rug/carpet for the floor.
- School supplies (notebooks, pens, etc.).
- Shower caddy.
- Surge protector.
- Toiletries
- Umbrella.

Residence Hall Web Info

Have more questions? Check out the information available online, including floor plans of typical rooms, and detailed descriptions of the furnishings!

www.belhaven.edu/campus_life/life/residence_halls.htm