Move-In Dates
New Students: Saturday, August 26, 2017
Halls open at 8:30 a.m.
Returning Students: Saturday, August 26, 2017
Halls open at 1:00 p.m.
No early arrivals are permitted due to staff training. Fall athletes should check with their coaches for specific arrival information.
Residence halls close for Christmas break on December 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Residence halls open for the Spring semester on January 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome
Welcome from the office of Student Life! We are excited that you are attending Belhaven University and living 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 in Christ. This letter will introduce you to aspects of residence life at Belhaven.

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.

Greg Hawkins
Dean of Students

FAQs:

- **What appliances & electronics may I have in my room?** Students may have a small refrigerator (not to exceed 5 cubic feet) and microwave (900 watts or less), as well as entertainment and computer equipment. Window air conditioner units are not permitted.

- **Which internet and cable television is available to me?** Belhaven became the first institution in Mississippi to offer students gigabit internet access which includes internet access up to 6.5 times faster than the speediest broadband connections. HD television service with DVR access is provided in every room.

- **May I bring pets?** Only fish in a ten-gallon or smaller tank are allowed in the residence halls.

- **How much does laundry cost?** There is no additional cost for the laundry machines.

- **May I personalize my room?** While the personalization of rooms is encouraged (rugs, curtains, posters, etc.), the following guidelines must be followed. The use of nails, screws, tacks or other potentially damaging items on residence hall furnishings, doors, and walls is prohibited. Damage-free adhesive mounting strips and hooks as well as painters tape are the ideal materials that may be used for hanging items. University furniture is not to be removed from residence hall rooms.

- **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 including a microwave and refrigerator. Students will need to provide their own cooking supplies and cooking is not permitted in standard residence halls rooms.

- **Should I purchase renters insurance?** Belhaven encourages students to purchase insurance for belongings brought to school.

- **Are bicycles permitted on campus?** Yes, and multiple bike racks are available across campus for students to store them. The office of security loans out a limited number of bicycles for students to use.

Student Life Staff
Your Resident Assistant (RA) will be one of the first people you meet at Belhaven. They are there to help you adjust to college life, be a mentor and guide, and answer any questions you may have all throughout the year. They are excited to meet you and can’t wait for your arrival! Check out the photos and bios of all the RAs in June.

http://www.belhaven.edu/campus_life/Life/residence_hall_staff.htm

A professional Resident Director lives in each residence hall and is responsible for the daily management of the building as well as assisting the residents in their college living experience.

https://www.belhaven.edu/campus_life/Life/staff.htm
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. Mandatory hall meetings will be held for residential students during the first night of classes to further explain policies. Additionally, *The Kilt* is available to read and print online at:


- Students may not sell, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on the campus or at any University-related event.
- The University is a smoke free institution which forbids the use of any form of tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.), and devices such as e-cigarettes, pipes, or vaporizers.
- Student possession of weapons, dangerous chemicals, or explosive devices of any description is prohibited.
- Attempted or actual theft of property or services of the University, person, or any organization is forbidden.
- Members of the opposite gender are not permitted beyond the lobby of any residence hall (with the exception of the University Village) without the permission of the resident director. The lobbies close down to members of the opposite gender during the hours established by the office of Student Life.
- Halogen lamps, candles, and incense are prohibited in the residence halls.

**Residence Hall Policies**

**Residence Hall Checklist**

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

- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Bedside lamp (no halogens)
- Cooking supplies
- Fan
- Flip flops (shower shoes)
- Hangers
- Iron and ironing board
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Microwave (900 watts maximum). Microwaves are provided in University Village.
- Pillows and bed linens
- Refrigerator (5 cubic feet maximum). Refrigerators are provided in University Village.
- Rug/carpet for the floor (Helen White rooms already have carpet)
- School supplies (notebooks, pens, etc.)
- Shower caddy
- Surge protector
- Television (with HDMI capability)
- Umbrella

**Housing Policy:** Residence halls enhance the college experience by offering many outside the classroom educational opportunities to resident students. Close proximity to campus resources affords resident students the opportunity to become easily involved in campus activities. Resident students also tend to be more satisfied with their college experience, and are even more likely to graduate. For these reasons, all full-time freshmen and sophomores (under 54 credit hours), single and under the age of twenty-one, are required to live on campus, with the exception of those students who live off campus at the permanent address of their parents or legal guardian. Campus housing is for undergraduate students (ages 17 – 26) enrolled in the traditional program. The University reserves the right to deny on-campus housing and recommend alternative housing options.

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