

■ RESIDENTIAL LIFE STAFF

Our four residence halls are supervised by both student and professional staff to help provide a comfortable and productive living and learning environment. We encourage you to address any needs, questions or concerns that may arise during the school year to any of the residence hall staff members. They are selected and trained to help you adjust and become accustomed to your new surroundings.

■ RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RA)

Resident Assistants (RA) are assigned to each floor within our residence halls. Their primary responsibility is getting to know you and to promote the development of a community on the floor, in the building, and across campus. Resident assistants provide a variety of educational and social programs and activities. Resident Assistants are available to help you through times of stress, homesickness and can also answer questions about your hall, room, classes or campus activities. Resident assistants also work to ensure the enforcement of University policies and the safety of residents.

■ RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTORS (HD)

Residence Hall Directors are trained professionals who are responsible for the overall supervision and management of the residence hall. Hall Directors live on campus in a residence hall apartment and are available during office hours, as well as after hours, to assist students with a variety of concerns and situations.



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■ RESIDENTIAL LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Briar Cliff University Residential Life to be available as a resource to meet the varying needs of resident students, to promote respect and encourage the acceptance of others, and to foster a safe and healthy environment conducive to personal and academic growth. All members will strive to support each student in his or her pursuit of overall success and honest environment.

■ ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCY POLICY

All full-time, unmarried students under 21 years of age are required to live on campus. Students living with parents, guardians, spouses, or other immediate family member(s) may be waived from this requirement. Students 20 years of age are eligible to apply for off-campus living. Requests for exception to the residency requirement must be made to the Director of Residential Life and Housing.

■ ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Housing assignments are made with priority given based upon the date your housing application and deposit were received. Residence hall and roommate preferences will be honored to the best of our ability but are not guaranteed. In the event of extenuating circumstances, the office of Residential Life and Housing reserves the right to change a student's housing assignment based on the space needs of the university.

Should you need special accommodations in regards to your housing assignment, please contact the Director of Residential Life at 712-279-5494.

■ ALVERNO HALL

Alverno Hall is a traditional co-educational building housing primarily first and second year students. While there is a limited number of single rooms available to upper-classmen, the majority of rooms in Alverno are double occupancy rooms. A community bathroom, lounge, laundry facilities and computer lab are available on each floor. Alverno also houses both of our Living Learning Communities: The Music, Arts, and Drama (MAD) House and our First Year Leadership Learning Community. Alverno Hall is our largest residence hall on campus housing approximately 212 students.

■ BAXTER HALL

Baxter Hall offers suite style housing for returning upper-classmen students. Each suite includes a common living area, a bathroom and two bedrooms, each housing two students. Each suite is furnished with a couch, chair and end table in the common area as well as bedroom furnishings. There are two main lounge areas, a kitchen, laundry facilities, computer lab and central air conditioning available in Baxter Hall. Baxter Hall houses approximately 94 students.

■ NOONAN HALL

Noonan Hall is a traditional co-educational residence hall offering a mix of single and double occupancy rooms. Noonan houses primarily upper-classmen and transfer students. A community bathroom, lounge, laundry facilities and computer lab are available on each floor. Noonan Hall houses approximately 133 students.

■ TOLLER HALL

Toller Hall is a traditional co-educational residence hall consisting mainly of double occupancy rooms, with a limited number of single rooms available for upper-classmen students. Toller primarily houses first-year students. A community bathroom, lounge, laundry facilities and computer lab are available on each floor. Toller Hall houses approximately 141 students.

All residence hall rooms come with basic cable and telephone service as well as internet access.

■ RESIDENCE HALL COMMUNITIES

Residential Life at BCU strives to offer a variety of living options for new and returning students. Communities are available serving primarily first-year and new students, primarily upper-classmen, both upper-classmen and new students, as well as our living learning communities.

■ COMMUNITY LIVING STANDARDS

Our residential communities at BCU provide an excellent opportunity to form lifelong friendships and memories as well as support your academic endeavors. To accomplish this, residential students are expected to treat their living community with respect and tolerance.

■ LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

BCU offers two Living Learning Communities: Music, Arts, and Drama (MAD) House and First Year Leadership Community. These communities offer students the opportunity to live with students of similar academic majors and interest. Activities and events may include field trips, speakers, and internship opportunities not readily available to other students.

The Music, Arts, and Drama House is for students within those majors. MAD House will provide students with specific activities that increase awareness of the fine and performing arts, increased interactions with faculty members, and a variety of other events that support students' academic major and interests. MAD House is open to new and returning students.

The First Year Leadership Community is for new, first-year students at BCU. This community encompasses students within a variety of majors who wish to grow and refine their leadership skills. Activities and events will be provided to encourage interaction with campus and community leaders, leadership training and leadership experience. Also, students in the leadership community will participate in two linked courses with other members of the community. Residential and commuter students are welcome.

If you are interested in a Living Learning Community please indicate in the appropriate box on your housing application. Additional materials will be sent to interested students.