living at Berry College

move-in guide 2019-2020

Office of Residence Life
welcome

We are excited that Berry will become your home for the next four years!

Experiencing it firsthand at Berry College begins the second you arrive on campus! Our four-year residential community provides a safe, enjoyable home where you’ll build lasting friendships all with the convenience of being steps away from campus amenities. Berry’s residence life program will give you opportunities to develop relationships, essential life skills and responsibility for yourself and others. We’re happy to welcome you home!

our residence halls

Traditional style

Traditional style residence halls are organized with bedrooms located on either side of a central corridor and community bathrooms that serve the floor. Most rooms are double occupancy with some three and four person rooms. Traditional residence halls are equipped with common areas and kitchens. These residence halls house both first-year and upperclassmen students.

Traditional style residence halls on campus:
Clara Hall
Dana Hall
Friendship Hall (mountain campus)
East Mary and West Mary Halls
Morgan and Deerfield Halls
Morton-Lemley Hall
Pilgrim Hall (mountain campus)

Visit berry.edu/vtour for a virtual tour of campus and inside look at our residence halls.

Look for our boards on Pinterest to see a preview of great spots on campus and ideas on some residence hall decor!
First-year students are housed together in the traditional style buildings. Upon arrival, each resident will be provided with:

- Bed with twin XL mattress
- Chest of drawers
- Closet or armoire
- Desk with desk chair
- Ethernet connection
- TV cable outlet (1 per room)

If you choose to bring a TV, it must have a Q.E.M. tuner in order to work properly on campus. Each traditional style building contains laundry facilities, lounges, at least one kitchen and wireless internet.

Incoming transfer students are housed with other students of similar age and/or class year in school in traditional style residence halls, when available.

Suite style

Suite style residence halls offer two, three or four occupancy bedrooms that share an adjacent bathroom with a common area and kitchen with all residents in the suite. The suites are accessible from an interior common space. Suite style halls are reserved for upperclassmen students. The suite style residence halls each come outfitted with full-size kitchens. The kitchens are equipped with a microwave, stove, oven, dishwasher and refrigerator.

**Suite style residence halls on campus:**
- Centennial Hall
- Thomas Berry Hall
- Townhouses
- Cottages

Students will log on to this web site using their VikingWeb credentials to complete housing applications and view basic residence hall floor plans.
Loft Beds and Linens

Lofting your bed is one way to maximize space in your residence hall room. Lofts are available for rent (see bottom right photo) through the Berry College Loft Program (bedloft.com). Buildings that are eligible to rent a loft include Clara, East Mary (1st and 2nd Floor), West Mary, Morton/Lemley, Thomas Berry, Townhouses and Cottages. Rooms in Dana, 3rd East Mary, West Mary, Pilgrim, Friendship, Morgan, and Deerfield contain furniture that can be lofted using the furniture provided in the room and are, therefore, ineligible for the loft program. Some rooms may be ineligible due to room specifications. To check if your room is eligible for a rental loft, visit bedloft.com.

Bedding and bath linens are available for purchase through our partnership with On Campus Market (OCM). OCM offers a great variety of styles and value. This program may be especially helpful to students.

Safety

All of our halls are locked 24/7 and are only accessible via resident ID card. Each first-year floor has two upperclassmen Resident Assistants (RAs) who have been trained and are ready to create your home away from home. Berry has campus safety officers available 24/7. Driving onto campus, residents must have a scannable sticker on their windshield to get through the gate. Guests go through the drive-through area off the welcome center and must show their driver’s license to get on campus.
housing assignments

It is natural to feel anxious about your college roommate, whether college is new to you or not. Upon making your deposit to Berry College, we encourage you to complete the housing contract where you will also indicate roommate preferences. We use these preferences to match you with a roommate, so students are encouraged to respond honestly. We honor all mutual requests for incoming students made by May 15th but cannot do so after that date. New students receive their room assignment and roommate contact information when they come to SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) in June. Incoming transfer students are housed with other students of similar age and/or class year in school in traditional style residence halls, when available. Current and returning students participate in the room selection process each April to select their room for the next academic year.

what to bring

Remember, whatever you bring in August, you’ll carry out in May. All items optional based on student needs.

LINENS:
- Bath & Hand towels
- Twin Sheets — extra long
- Blankets
- Pillowcases
- Pillow
- Comforter

LAUNDRY:
- Detergent
- Laundry basket/bag
- Coat hangers
- Stain Remover
- Drying rack
- Sewing kit

PERSONAL ITEMS:
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Brush & comb
- Shaving items
- Hair dryer
- Shampoo, Bath soap
- Shower caddy (to carry toiletries)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:
- First aid supplies
- Medicine
- Alarm clock
- Small trash can
- Change for snacks
- Small Personal snacks

COOKING:
- Pots & pans
- Dishes
- Dishwashing supplies
- Silverware
- Storage containers

DECORATION:
- Poster, photos, artwork
- Calendar, planner
- Small area rug (most rooms are carpeted)
- Desk lamp, with compact fluorescent light bulbs

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:
- Television with a shielded coaxial cable
- DVD player
- Stereo, radio, headphones
- Small refrigerator (4.2 cubic feet and under)
- Small microwave (1000 watts or less)
- Small vacuum
- Computer (Wired & Wireless access available)
- Printer
- Surge protectors

When they arrive for Viking Venture, students will receive a post office box and the key for opening it. Mail is delivered every day to P.O. boxes. Packages can be picked up at the post office window. Student ID and package ID will be needed in order to pick up the package.
what not to bring

While the Office of Residence Life reserves the right to make determinations about the appropriateness of items within the residential community, in general, students are prohibited from possessing or using the following items in the residence halls or on the Berry College campus unless otherwise authorized:

- Candles, candle warmers, or incense
- Cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or any other tobacco products
- Empty and/or displayed alcohol-related containers
- Dangerous and/or other flammable chemicals
- Hookahs, E-cigarettes, vapors
- Household items that include but are not limited to: Halogen lamps, sun lamps, space heaters (including Pelonis fan type units), hot plates, clothes washers and dryers, external antennas, and water beds
- Kitchen appliances/items. This includes, but is not limited to: Toasters and toaster ovens (note: these items are permitted in residence hall rooms that are equipped with full kitchens), electric skillets, George Foreman-style grilling machines, portable stove burners, non-thermostat controlled coffee makers, open heating element appliances, and refrigerators larger than 4.5 cubic feet
- Non-U.L. approved power-strip extension cords
- Pets (other than fish in a 20 gallon or smaller aquarium) this does not apply to pet-friendly housing.
- Stolen property (e.g. traffic signs, construction lights, traffic lights and other items)
- Weapons. This includes, but is not limited to: Firearms, switchblade knives or knives (blades longer than three inches), martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, crossbows, pellet guns, paintball guns, electronic shocking devices, including tasers, clubs or life-like replica weapons.

FAQs

May I see my room before moving in?
Unfortunately, no. Residence hall rooms are not available to be seen before move-in in August. Many of our halls are used either for summer school or camps and conference groups during the summer months. After these groups leave, our housekeeping staff needs time to prepare the halls for your arrival.

When can I move in?
The official move-in date for first-year students is the Wednesday before classes begin in August. Transfer students can move in beginning on the Friday before classes begin. Returning students may move in on the Saturday before classes begin.

Are laundry facilities provided?
Washers and dryers are provided in each residence area. Laundry is included in student fees and do not require any quarters for operation.

Does my room have curtains or blinds?
All residence hall buildings have window blinds.

Do I need to move out during breaks?
Residence hall facilities are not open during Thanksgiving Break and winter break (the break between fall and spring semesters). Residents may leave their personal belongings in the rooms during these breaks. Residence Halls are open during fall and spring breaks.
When will I find out my room assignment and roommate?
New students will be notified of their room assignment and given contact information for their roommate(s) when they attend a summer SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) Session during June.

How can I find out more information or ask specific questions?
First, see if you can find the answers to your questions in the Housing Contract or the Viking Code as many questions can be answered through the resources. If you cannot find the information you seek, please email us with your questions at residencelife@berry.edu.

Can I hang pictures, posters, etc. on the wall?
Yes. We recommend using products that will not leave a residue. These include 3M pull tab strips or painters tape. Putting holes in the wall is not allowed and could result in damage charges.

What type of security exists in the residence halls?
Security begins at the Welcome Center, where non-Berry decal holders are all screened. All our residence halls are on a card access system that works with the student’s ID card. All Residential Halls are locked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Can I bring my pet?
Fish are the only pets allowed. Aquariums are limited to 20 gallons and must be well maintained. During Thanksgiving and winter breaks all electrical appliances (including aquarium equipment) must be disconnected.
*Please note that the policy pertains to the animal (fish) and not to the habitat/living environment in which they live (aquariums). Turtles, crabs, snakes, lizards, etc. are not fish and are therefore not permitted.

Visitation hours
Sunday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

How do I get into campus? Do I need to put my name on a list at the front gate?
Campus visitors have their Drivers License scanned at the front gate, but you do not need to have your name on a list.

* Students and families should consider personal property insurance. The college assumes no liability for loss or damage to a resident’s personal property for any reason. We encourage students to insure their belongings. Many students may be covered under their parents’ homeowners policy.
campus amenities

- Two coffee shops serving Starbucks coffee — one in Krannert Student Center and one in Memorial Library
- Game rooms in several buildings
- Art gallery
- History museum
- Dining hall with outdoor seating
- Three campus chapels
- Post office
- Library
- Kayaks and stand up paddle boards available
- Camping

Aside from the dining hall, students can grab a bite to eat from Viking Court, which includes Subway, Chick-fil-A and Asian cuisine.

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- Rome Tennis Center at Berry College — the country’s largest single-surface, 60 hard court tennis facility
- 131,000 square-foot athletic facility with natatorium, track, fitness center, racquetball and basketball courts
- Ropes course
- Outdoor basketball and volleyball courts
- Ultimate Frisbee course
- Fire pits
- Hammocks
- Trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding
important dates

August 21, 2019
First-year Student Move-In Day, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

August 24-25, 2019
Returning Student Move-In Days, 8 a.m.

November 26, 2019
Halls Close at 6 p.m. for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1, 2019
Halls Open at 8 a.m.

December 13, 2019
Halls Close at 6 p.m. for Winter Break

January 12, 2020
Halls Open at 8 a.m.

May 7, 2020
Halls close at 6 p.m. to students not involved in Commencement

May 9, 2020
Halls close at 1pm for those involved in commencement
  Halls close at 6pm for those graduating