

Personalizing Your Room

What to Bring

- Bed linen: sheets, comforter, pillow, mattress pad (all beds are 80" extra-long twin size)
- Desk/study items including a non-halogen desk lamp
- Backpack, bookbag, laptop case
- Computer and power strip with surge protector/circuit breaker
- Clothes for Fall semester (leave cool weather items at home for now!)
- Towels, personal toiletries in a portable shower basket
- Photos, mementos, room decorations
- For laundry: basket, laundry soap, fabric softener, iron, small ironing board
- Personal electronics: alarm clock, small TV, DVD player, CD/MP3 player, game console, etc.
- Power strip: UL-Approved with a circuit breaker
- Hot pot/coffee maker with enclosed coils
- Cup/mug, dishes, utensils
- Stand-alone shelving or pre-fab storage units
- Tension rod & curtain for windows and/or closet area

Optional

- Small refrigerator (limit one 3.1 cubic feet size fridge per bedroom, so consider renting with your roommate)
- Storage drawers, plastic carts, "Elfa" storage
- Extra furniture like bean bag chair, etc. (all SMU furniture must remain in the room)
- Bike with a "U" lock (must remain outside or at the McElvaney Bike storage)
- Non-sticky drawer liner paper.

Ahh, the joy (or agony) of shopping for a college student's room. No matter how well you prepare, you will 1) inevitably forget something and 2) bring more things than you actually need! Double rooms vary in size from 196 to 250 square feet, and there is no standard size. Even within one hall, room size can vary from between 5 to 20 square feet. You will first see **your** room in August after check-in. Keep that (and your roommate!) in mind when shopping.

Rooms are furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, desk chair for each resident. Beds are 80" extra long twin beds. All rooms are carpeted (except Service House), and all windows have mini-blinds. A waste basket is provided in each room. A telephone with local service and voice mail is provided.

All residence halls are air conditioned and have a microwave available for resident use. Computers and vacuum cleaners are also available for residents.



What To Leave

While on the subject of what to bring, remember that there are things that are **not** permitted in rooms for fire safety and conduct regulations. Prohibited items are subject to confiscation and may result in a conduct or fire safety violation and/or fines.

- All cooking appliances, including but not limited to: microwaves, toasters, toaster/broiler ovens, open coil burners, electric fry pans and woks, hot oil cooking appliances
- Fuel, of any kind
- Excessive furniture (SMU furniture must remain in the room)
- Alcohol, unless you are 21
- Any kind of "multi-plug" adapter
- Empty alcohol containers/collections
- Appliances with any extra outlets such as lamps and vanity mirrors
- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Standard electric extension cords
- Weapons of any sort, including "ornamental" weapons
- Plug-in air fresheners/vaporizers
- Fireworks
- "Reed diffuser" air freshener
- Grills of any variety
- Halogen lamps
- Phones/fax machines/modems (incompatible with SMU system)
- Any lamp with plastic or paper shades
- Fido, Fluffy, Newt, Lizzie or Yurtle- the only pets allowed are fish (one 10-gallon tank, maximum)
- Candles, incense, any open-flame device

Property Insurance

SMU's insurance does not cover personal property and the University assumes no liability for loss or damage to personal property for any reason. We encourage parents and guardians to check with their own insurance provider to see how a homeowner's policy might cover student's property while at college. If it doesn't provide this coverage, you may wish to consider renter's insurance that would provide the coverage you desire.



Avoid Damages!!

The following are prohibited in the residence halls because of the damage that results when used:

- ⊘ No 3-M™ strips and hooks of any sort
- ⊘ No Double-stick foam or tape
- ⊘ Do NOT use bolts or screws in the walls, door frames, etc.
- ⊘ You may NOT attach flat-screen TVs or bookshelves or anything else that uses bolts, screws or large nails.
- ⊘ Fire Safety guidelines prohibit hanging anything from the ceiling.



About Lofts

Residents may request to have beds lofted or bunked after checking into their room. A release form (available at area desks) is required when making the request. Requests are accepted through September 17. A bed rail is installed when the bed is lofted or bunked. Ladders are available. Requests to return a bed to “regular” height can be made during the academic year at no charge. Requests to adjust the height of the loft will result in a \$30 charge.

How to Hang Pictures, Etc

Hanging up posters and pictures in the residence halls brings life to your room and a touch of home. However, you need to be cautious so the wall is not damaged. Any damages to the room, including damage to walls, will be charged to residents when they check out of their rooms. To avoid unnecessary charges and damages, RLSH provides these guidelines for how to hang things in the halls.

In all residence halls, painter’s “blue tape” and poster putty/sticky tack are permitted for hanging posters and light-weight items on the walls. In some residence halls, a “tack strip is available to hang items such as picture frames. In some residence halls (Boaz, Cockrell-McIntosh, Mary Hay, McElvaney, Moore, Morrison-McGinnis, Peyton, Shuttles, Virginia-Snider, Service House, Multicultural House and Daniel House), residents may use tacks/pushpins and small picture hooks (20 pound max) to hang items. The limit on small picture hooks/tacks is 10. The remaining residence halls (Hawk, Martin, Perkins, and Smith), only blue painter’s tape and poster putty/sticky tack may be used.

If you have any questions about what is permitted, as your Residence Hall Director or Resident Assistant before you hang up any items.



Short term use only-10 day limit

- Permitted in all residence halls.



- Permitted in Boaz, Cockrell-McIntosh, Mary Hay, McElvaney, Moore, Morrison-McGinnis, Peyton, Shuttles and Virginia-Snider, and Service House, Daniel House



- Size permitted: 20 lb hooks or smaller
- Number permitted: total of 10 hooks/tacks per student