

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

## Where and when can I check into my residence hall room?

Students may check in any time after 9 a.m. Friday, August 21, 2009. FYRE students are encouraged to move in on the 21<sup>st</sup> as well, rather than the 22<sup>nd</sup> listed on our application. To check in, go to the reception desk in your residence hall's main lobby.

## When will I find out my room assignment and the name of my roommate?

Although there were delays, the information is now on the web. Go to [www.bemidjistate.edu](http://www.bemidjistate.edu), MyBSU, e-Services sign-on screen, type in your 8 digit BSU ID and PIN/Password. [If you do not know your ID or Password, continue reading on the same page (BSU ID Login Instructions).] Click "Housing and Dining" on the left menu, and select "View".

Your room assignment information will include your selected meal plan, building, room number, room type, and mailing address. Roommate information will include name, address, phone number, and email address. Residents are encouraged to contact their roommates to introduce themselves and to discuss what they each plan to bring to BSU. New assignments are made daily, so check this site regularly if you are currently in a double room without roommate information listed. You will be notified via campus e-mail if any necessary changes are made to your room or roommate information.

The BSU Records Office can assist anyone having difficulties with their Login (218-755-2020).

## What can I do if I contact my roommate and we do not get along?

Our North County Journal has an excellent article "Roommate 101" to help you with questions and concerns. Overcoming some of your "fears" related to living with someone you've never met before, can be found at

[www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/pdfs/newsletter.pdf](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/pdfs/newsletter.pdf)

## Can I loft my bed?

Yes. Some students use lofts to create more space for lounging and/or desk furniture under the beds. All residence halls have a limited supply (approx. 50) of the no-cost wooden lofting kits with several height adjustments (normal, bunk, jr.loft, and loft). Lofting kits are distributed on a first come, first served basis so you should inquire at your hall desk or with your resident assistant upon arrival. Residential hall lofts may not be reserved in advance. Other options do include building or renting lofts. A private contracted vendor, Collegiate Services, provides refrigerator and metal loft rental. Residents wishing to rent a metal loft should call Collegiate Services at 1-800-747-5854 or visit their website at [www.bedloft.com](http://www.bedloft.com).

The contracted vendor will be on site for move-in day. Residents choosing to build should consult our lofting guidelines and designs at:

[www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/policy/procedures.html](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/policy/procedures.html).

## What should I bring?

A list of suggested items to bring to campus is available on our website at

[www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/campus\\_living/move\\_in\\_guide/bring.cfm](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/campus_living/move_in_guide/bring.cfm)

This list is handy when talking with your roommate to divvy up some of the items.

### **\How large are the rooms?**

A typical double room is 11' X 16'. Single rooms are 8' X 16'. The rooms in Birch Hall, Linden Hall, Pine Hall and Tamarack 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are carpeted.

### **Can I change my meal plan?**

Yes, you may change your meal plan online through E-services housing and dining site. Our plans and information are listed in the North Country Journal located on our website at [www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/pdfs/newsletter.pdf](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/pdfs/newsletter.pdf) Changes are allowed up through the third week of school giving you time to coordinate your class schedule with the right meal plan.

### **Which Meal Plan should I get?**

BSU's dining web site [www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMW/Bemidji](http://www.campusdish.com/en-US/CSMW/Bemidji) provides great information to help you decide. If you still have questions regarding which plan is best for you, call us at 1-888-350-4255 or email [reslife@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:reslife@bemidjistate.edu). We are here to help you.

### **Can I drop my meal plan?**

Upper-class students (30 credits or more) may drop their meal plan. Students entering fall semester with less than 18 semester credits are required to maintain a meal plan for both fall and spring semesters.

### **What are the costs of my room and meal plan?**

A "proposed" room and meal plan rate sheet can be found at the following link or by contacting our office: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/apply/rates>

### **When do meal plans begin and end?**

	First Meal Served	Last Meal Served
Fall Semester (until Thanksgiving)	Dinner – Aug 21, 2009	Dinner – Nov 24, 2009
Fall Semester (after Thanksgiving)	Dinner – Nov 29, 2009	Dinner – Dec 16, 2009
Spring Semester (until spring break)	Dinner – Jan 10, 2010	Dinner – Mar 5, 2010
Spring Semester (after spring break)	Dinner - Mar 14, 2010	Dinner – May 7, 2010

### **Can I stay in the residence halls during breaks?**

Yes. All residence halls will be open during fall and spring mid-semester breaks as well as the break between semesters. There is no cost to reside in your room during these breaks if you have a fall and spring Residential Life contract. No meals are served during break periods.

## What about bed linens?

Another private vendor, Residence Hall Linens, allows you the opportunity to purchase extra long twin sheets and comforters that fit our beds. Find them at [www.rhl.org/bem](http://www.rhl.org/bem). All our mattresses are 36" X 80". The vendor sends information to all new incoming students prior to the start of school. You may choose to purchase these linens through the vendor, buy them in your hometown, or in Bemidji.

## How can I make long distance telephone calls?

Telephones for each room are available at your residence hall front desk; they are not equipped with voicemail so you may wish to bring an answering machine. Linden Hall is different; we provide phones in each room with voice mail as these phones are not answering machine compatible. The Department of Residential Life recommends you either: purchase pre-paid calling cards, use a credit card, or use your cell phone to make long distance calls. These methods have proven to be the most cost-effective way to make long-distance calls from the residence halls. Pre-paid calling cards are available at several retail stores in Bemidji.

## More questions?

We are hopeful that we have answered some of your questions. You'll find even more Q & A's about on-campus living at [www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/faqs/prospective](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/reslife/faqs/prospective) or by contacting our office by phone at 1-888-350-4255 or by e-mail at: [reslife@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:reslife@bemidjistate.edu).

Again, congratulations on your decision to be a member of the Residential Life community at Bemidji State University!

Sincerely,  
Residential Life Staff