

HOUSING AND DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I want to live on-campus and would like to request housing accommodations due to my disability. Which department should I work with – Residential Life or Disability Center?

A: You will actually work with both of our departments.

In order to live on-campus, all students go through Residential Life to submit a Housing and Dining contract. The contract is what guarantees you a space in the residence halls. Here is a link to the Res Life web page with more information: <http://reslife.missouri.edu/incoming-contract>. Following the submission of a contract, students (particularly those applying in the spring for housing for fall semester) participate in the ROAR (Residents Online Access to Rooms) process.

In order to set up housing accommodations for your on-campus residence, you work with the Disability Center. To apply for housing accommodations, you must first be “otherwise qualified” (e.g., possess a contract for an upcoming semester or, for the current semester, to request accommodations you must be already living in University housing). If you are, then you can apply for housing accommodations by completing the online New Student Application, accessed from the Disability Center home page: <http://disabilitycenter.missouri.edu>.

Once your New Student Application is received by the Disability Center, we will connect you with staff in Residential Life. They will work with you personally to explore the various housing options and how those work with certain types of accommodations. This will give you a better idea about what will work best for you related to your disability, and help prepare you for the conversation with your Access Advisor about specific accommodations. It helps to do this as early as possible. Residential Life will ultimately hand-assign you to a room that meets your needs and as many as possible of the preferences you identified through ROAR.

Q: I am applying for housing accommodations through the Disability Center. Do I still need to do the ROAR process online through Residential Life?

A: When the ROAR system is open (for housing for the *fall* semester), we recommend you participate in it first. This gives you an opportunity to communicate your preferences.

Shortly after logging into ROAR online, there will be an option asking if you need accommodations due to a disability. When you select that option, it will route you away from the room selection process and allow you to submit preferences, such as whether you’d like to be in a FIG or LC, your preferred type of floor plan, and possible roommate requests. You will be assigned to a room later. To make the room assignment, Residential Life will use the information the Disability Center provides regarding your formal accommodations, as well as information you provided in ROAR regarding preferences (FIG, Learning Community).

Q: I need a single room because of my disability. Can I just select my own single room in ROAR? Or do I need to choose the option for Disability Accommodation in ROAR and get assigned to a room later?

A: You can select your own single room through ROAR, *however* if you also want to participate in a FIG, you will need to go through the process to request a single room as an accommodation. You do not need to choose the option for Disability Accommodation if you are not interested in participating in a FIG.

Q: If I need a certain type of room due to a disability (for example, a single or suite style), would I pay the posted room rate?

A: Yes. All students pay the posted room rate for the type of room or hall where they live. Room rates vary and may be found at <http://reslife.missouri.edu/rates-amenities>. If modifications to your room are needed, such as visual alarm systems or hands-free door access, the modifications will be made at no cost to you.

Q: I have a medical condition and need to take prescribed medication for it. Do I need to request accommodations through the Disability Center in order to keep my medicine in my room?

A: It depends. If your medicine can be stored at room temperature, it is fine to keep it in your room, although we recommend bringing a small lock-box to keep it secure. However, if your medicine must be refrigerated and you need a second refrigerator in which to store it in the room, then you would need to request to have a second refrigerator as a housing accommodation.

Q: I want to live on-campus because of my disability, but I do not have a Housing and Dining contract yet. Can the Disability Center help me get a contract?

A: No. There is not an accommodation related to securing the contract itself. Because Housing and Dining contracts are available on a first-come, first-served basis, it creates an equal opportunity for all students to secure a contract.

When students have a contract, we will gladly assist with setting up any accommodations that may be needed for their residence space.

There is assistance available to locate housing options for students who are not able to live on-campus through the department of Off-Campus Student Services:

<http://offcampus.missouri.edu/index.html>.

Q: If I have been approved for accommodations through the Disability Center and am being assigned a room individually through Residential Life, when will I be assigned a room?

A: It varies, depending on the semesters as well as when you submit your Housing and Dining contract. Please consult with Residential Life for more information on timelines.