

Meredith College Apartments to Open for Fall 2009!

As a rising junior or rising senior student at Meredith, you have the opportunity to be among the first students to live in the College's new apartments. If you are ready to live on your own but don't want to give up the benefits of campus living, then this housing option is for you.

The new apartments are designed to meet the needs of Meredith students. Highlights include the following:

- 1) **Convenience.** Living in the Meredith apartments offers you both freedom and convenience—no traffic, no extra mileage on the car or worries about gas prices. If you prefer not to cook, a meal plan option is available for purchase.
- 2) **Perks.** You'll enjoy the same privileges you'd find living off-campus, while enjoying additional benefits, such as convenient resident parking, ample guest parking and comfortable common areas for socializing with friends.
- 3) **All-Inclusive Price.** The rent, which will be billed by semester, covers everything including utilities, water and local telephone and wireless internet service. Each apartment is fully furnished with double beds, desks, a couch, dining room furniture and full-sized appliances, including washer/dryer and refrigerator. The apartment rental fee is included in the cost of attendance at Meredith and will be considered when determining financial assistance packages for students.

Sign-ups for the new apartments are scheduled for Monday, February 23rd in Kresge Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Information about sign up priority will be posted in the Office of Residence Life and on Residence Director doors by Friday, February 20th after Housing Intent Forms are collected. For more information on the newest housing option at Meredith, including rental costs and apartment living policies, visit www.meredith.edu/apartments.

Students who sign up for an apartment space are required to bring a Security Deposit of \$200.00. Checks are preferred. The Security Deposit will be returned after the apartment is vacated and inspected for damages.

Housing Intent Form

To better help the Residence Life staff prepare for apartment sign up and return room sign up, every resident is being asked to complete and turn in a Housing Intent Form. This will help determine the sign up order for apartment selection which depends on how many students choose to live in the apartments. For upper class students who want to live in the residence halls, see the sign-up schedule at included in this information.

These forms are due to the Office of Residence Life by 12 noon on Wednesday, February 18th. The apartment sign up priority will be determined based on the Housing Intent Forms turned in and will be available in the Office of Residence Life and on Residence Director doors no later than Friday, February 20th.

Living Off Campus

Rising juniors and rising seniors who would like to move off campus are required to complete a Request to Move Off Campus form which will be available after Friday, February 20th in the Office of Residence Life, 2nd floor Park Center. To be approved, you must have a 2.0 GPA and either have lived on campus for 4 semesters or have completed 60 credit hours. Request to Move Off Campus forms are due to the Office of Residence Life by Friday, April 17th.

What do I need to bring with me to return room sign-ups?

Each student signing up for a residence hall room is required to bring a \$150.00 advance room fee check which is non-refundable and non-returnable. Students with need-based Financial Assistance will not need to bring the advance room fee. These students will be notified by email.

Students signing up for the apartments are required to bring a \$200 Security Deposit. This deposit cannot be waived.

What if I have more hours than my roommate or suitemates (for rising seniors and juniors)?

Students may sign up for a room or suite in the residence halls during the sign-up time of the person with the most hours.

What if I want a roommate but don't know anyone who is looking for one?

If you are without someone to room with for next year, let us know! The Residence Life staff will keep a list of residents looking for roommates. Anyone telling us they are looking for a roommate will have their information given to others who are looking for a roommate as well. Send a message to reslife@meredith.edu and give your name, year, phone number and email address.

What if my friends and I want to sign up for a suite without 4 people?

Students can sign up for a suite without 4 people. Another student will be assigned to the open space.

What if my friend and I want to live in the apartments but want to request a 4-bedroom unit?

There is a place on the Housing Intent Form to indicate your preference of apartment unit type. You and your friend can request a 4-bedroom unit if that is what you prefer.

What if I desire a private room but don't qualify for one through Disability Services?

Residents can opt to make a double room private by paying the private room fee. The private room fee is added to your room and board fees.

What if I sign up for a room but then decide to move off campus?

You may fill out a request form to move off campus and turn it in at any time before April 17th. If your request is in on time and it is approved, your Housing Contract will be voided and you may move off campus. Your \$150.00 advance room fee cannot be returned.

Students who sign up for an apartment and later decide to move off campus will be charged a \$500 Rental Agreement break fee.

What if I sign up for a room and then decide to move off campus after April 17th?

If you change your mind and would like to move off campus after April 17th, your request to move off campus should be sent to the Office of Residence Life, 2nd Floor Park Center. If you are approved to move off campus, there will be a \$500.00 fee for breaking your Housing Contract or Rental Agreement. Your advance room fee will not be returned.

What if I am a rising junior or senior and do not go through room sign-ups?

If you plan to live off campus, a Request to Move Off-Campus form must be completed. **ALL CURRENT RESIDENT STUDENTS WILL EITHER GO THROUGH RETURN HOUSING SIGN-UP OR FILL OUT A REQUEST TO MOVE OFF CAMPUS.**

If you choose to live off campus but do not meet the requirements to move off, you will be charged room and board for the 2009 – 2010 academic year.

What if I am a rising junior or rising senior and don't go through return sign-up but later decide that I want to live on campus?

You may sign up for a room at any time, as space allows. Contact the Office of Residence Life when you decide to live on campus, and someone will assist you with paperwork and advance room fee information.

What if I have other questions?

Please contact the Office of Residence Life, reslife@meredith.edu, or your Residence Director. We're here to help!

What to Bring to Housing Sign-ups

For students signing up for an apartment:

Students who sign up for an apartment space are required to bring a Security Deposit of \$200.00. Checks are preferred. The Security Deposit will be returned after the apartment is vacated and inspected for damages. The Security Deposit cannot be waived.

For students signing up for a residence hall room:

Each student needs to bring a \$150.00 non-refundable, non-returnable advance room fee to sign up for a room*. Advance room fee checks should be made out to Meredith College and have your student ID number written on it. This money will be applied to your room and board for the 2009 – 2010 academic year. At return sign-up, you will pick the room you will live in for the 2009 - 2010 academic year and sign your Housing Contract.

*The \$150.00 advance room fee will be waived for students who have need-based financial assistance. Residents who do not need to bring the advance room fee will be notified by email.

Housing Sign-up Timeline

February 2	Return sign-up information mailed to residents
February 18	Housing Intent Forms due to the Office of Residence Life by 12 noon
February 20	Request to Move Off Campus forms available in the Office of Residence Life
February 23	Apartment Selection, Kresge Auditorium Detailed sign up information will be posted by February 20 th in Residence Life and by RDs
February 27	Documentation for special housing accommodations due to the Counseling Center by 5:00 p.m.
March 27	Special accommodation residence hall room sign-ups 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Office of Residence Life
March 30	Return residence hall room sign-up, Kresge Auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Rising seniors who have completed 80+ hours• 7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Rising seniors who have completed fewer than 79 hours• 7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Rising juniors who have completed 50+ hours• 7:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Rising juniors who have completed fewer than 49 hours • 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Rising sophomores with lottery numbers 1 - 25• 9:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Rising sophomores with lottery numbers 26 - 50• 9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Rising sophomores with lottery numbers 51 - 75• 9:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Rising sophomores with lottery numbers 75 and above
April 17	Requests to move off campus due to the Office of Residence Life by 5:00 p.m.

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