I am a new student. What are my chances of receiving housing?
Students who apply and are accepted early to Harris-Stowe State University have a higher chance of being offered housing. Housing is offered to students in the order of deposits received. **All freshmen who pay the $175 housing deposit to the Housing Department by May 30th are guaranteed on-campus housing if they finish the entire housing process.**

How do new students request housing?
Once students are accepted to Harris-Stowe State University, the Office of Admissions sends each student an acceptance letter. Residence Life and Housing will be notified once the $175 housing deposit has been paid. Housing information will be mailed to all students who have paid the $175 housing deposit. Information for incoming fall students is sent during the summer.

Are new students guaranteed on-campus housing?
Yes, until May 30th, all new students who have paid the $175 deposit are guaranteed housing if they follow the proper request procedures. After June 1st, students are offered housing as space becomes available.

Should I wait until I receive information from other schools before I apply and pay my housing deposit?
No! Waiting could mean forfeiting the space we have for you. The sooner you pay, the higher on the list you are. You have until July 1st to cancel your contract with a full refund (excluding the application fee).

Is there a deadline for me to complete my application?
Yes! When a student receives information from Residence Life, there is a deadline to apply. If the student doesn't apply by this deadline, the student forfeits his/her space and his/her name is removed from the list for students requesting on-campus housing.

Can I request to share a room with someone that I know?
Yes. We will do our best to honor your roommate requests; however, we cannot guarantee them. Students wishing to be roommates must select the same roommate and have applications in around the same time. We do not hold applications to wait for a specific roommate request.

When will I receive my housing assignment?
Applicants will begin receiving their room assignments in July and on an ongoing basis thereafter. Room assignments and roommate/suitemate information will be in your housing assignment letter.

What does it mean to be assigned to a "suite"?
It means that you have been assigned to a living unit that has a living (or common) room, a kitchenette, four individual bedrooms and two shared bathroom(s).
What if I am not getting along with my roommate or want to change rooms?
To verify assignments, room change requests are not taken until two weeks after the beginning of the semester. This gives students an opportunity to work out problems and get over the initial transition from home to college. If students want to talk to someone about their situation, they can contact their Residence Assistant (RA) and/or the Residence Hall Director.

What if I receive an assignment, but change my mind about attending Harris-Stowe State University?
Immediately notify the Office of Residence Life and Housing in writing of your decision to not attend Harris-Stowe State University. (Note: Notifying the Admissions Office does not constitute notice to the Office of Residence Life and Housing). Policies concerning a refund of prepayment/deposits can be found in your contract. Unless you are released from the terms of the contract, once you are enrolled at Harris-Stowe State University, you are liable for the full housing fee, even if you do not occupy the space.

What do I do if I want to cancel my contract?
The Residence Life contract is a binding agreement for both the fall and spring semesters. If you decide to live off campus or not to attend the University, you must notify the Residence Life Office in writing by May 1st in order to receive a prepayment refund. The application fee is not refundable for any reason. Please see the detailed contract cancellation information listed in your housing contract.

It is very noisy on my floor. What can I do?
Contact the Resident Assistant (RA) on the floor or the Residence Hall Director.

My student seems homesick. What can be done to help?
Try not to encourage the behavior by calling them every day. Encourage the student to get more involved by joining campus organizations and attending programs. The student may wish to contact his/her RA for assistance or a counselor.

What if a maintenance problem occurs?
For non-emergency services, the student should fill out a work order form at the 24-hour public safety desk. The maintenance team assigned to the building will then handle the request on a priority basis as they come in. For emergency needs, the resident should contact the front desk of the building immediately!

Is there a laundry facility?
Yes, washing machines and dryers are located in the residence hall.

What are the alternatives to living on campus?
A student may live off campus. Many apartment possibilities exist in the metropolitan St. Louis area. Price, quality and location vary greatly depending on individual needs.

Will I have to move off campus after my freshman year?
No. An allotted number of spaces are given to returning students. Current student residents may go to "Room Sign-Up" in March and request their same room in the residence hall.
Is there any housing for married or graduate students?
Presently, we do not provide housing for married or graduate students. Our priority is undergraduate students because of the demand for on-campus housing.

Is there an age limit for living on campus?
Harris-Stowe State University does not offer undergraduate housing in the dorms to married undergraduates or undergraduates with families. The age limit is 25. The residence hall is set up for traditional students. At this time, we do not offer non-traditional student housing.

If I have a physical disability which requires special housing, what should I do?
Contact our office when you apply for housing, and we will work with you to find a situation that will best accommodate your needs.

Are there any curfews in the residence hall?
At this current time there are no curfews in place. Student residents are not required to be in the residence hall at a specific time; however, we do have a visitation policy.

Can I have visitors in my room?
Yes. Refer to the Visitation Policy for details. Residents are required to check in their guests at the front desk of the residence hall. The resident must leave her/his ID card at the front desk. The visitor must show a picture ID.

What furniture is provided for me as a student living on campus?
At the Harris-Stowe State University, four students normally share a suite. Extra long twin-sized beds are provided in each room, which includes a closet, chest of drawers, desks and desk chair. The common living area is equipped with a couch and tables, as well as a small table and chair set in the kitchenette.

How do I get a meal plan?
Meal plans are required for all students living on campus at Harris-Stowe State University. You will sign up for your meal plan upon applying for your suite in the residence hall.

Does the University provide insurance for my personal property?
Renters insurance is required for residence living on campus.

What about mail? Campus parking? My telephone directory and long distance telephone services?
For answers to these questions, please contact Residence Life at (314) 340-5005.