Be sure to arrange housing prior to your arrival at MSU!

On-Campus Housing (Living on campus dormitories)

Please be aware that on-campus housing fills up quickly. If you are planning to live on-campus, you must reserve a room with the Office of Residential Life and pay a reservation fee ($250) as soon as possible. The reservation prepayment may be refundable in extreme circumstances such as visa denials. To apply for on-campus housing please login to E-Services (www.mnsu.edu/eservices/) with your Tech ID and Password and click on Housing and Dining to start your application. Information relating to prospective residents can be found online at www.mnsu.edu/reslife/new.

University Housing Locations

*MSU strictly prohibits smoking, as well as the possession and consumption of alcohol and drugs within the dormitories, campus buildings, and grounds. Violation of these policies may result in, but are not limited to, housing contract termination (without refund), mandated alcohol and drug education programs, or suspension or expulsion from MSU, Mankato.

Meal Options

All students have many dining options (optional) available. Each meal plan has two components: a meal plan and a flex dollar plan. The meal plan determines the number of meals available for either the week or the semester and meals will be served at Carkoski Dining Hall. A flex plan is like a prepaid debit account that can be used at any of the campus dining facilities. Flex Dollars carry over from fall semester to spring semester, however, Flex Dollars not used by the end of spring semester will be forfeited. Meal plan options:

- **Maverick AnyTime** – Unlimited dine-in access and 65 Flex Dollars per semester, allows unlimited access to Carkoski Dining Hall.
- **Maverick 14** – 14 meals per week and includes 150 Flex Dollars per semester.
- **Maverick 160** – 160 meals per semester and meals can be converted into Flex Dollars at a rate of $5.10 per meal, twice a semester.
- **Maverick Flex** – 200 Flex Dollars per semester and no meals are included. The $200 per semester in Flex Dollars can be utilized at any dining location on campus at any time of the day.

*Meal Plans can be changed through the second Friday of the semester; changes made after this date will be applied to the next semester. You can do this online using E-services or by completing the Meal Plan Change Form available online and bringing it to the Residential Life Offices.

How It Works:

1. **Review the Options**: explore the ResLife website (www.mnsu.edu/reslife/) and review the room and meal rates and room types.
2. **Consider a Learning Community (Fall Semester Registrations only)**: Incoming first-year students can join a community that supports their academic success and transition to a college life. For more information visit www.mnsu.edu/fye/communities
3. **Apply for Housing and State Your Preferences**: Share the preferences you have for residence hall, room type, roommate, etc. Your preference is not guaranteed, the best room to fit your needs will be assigned.
4. **Read and Sign the Contract**: Carefully read the entire Residence Hall Contract before you sign. If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian sign it as well.
5. **ResLife Will Reserve a Space for You**: Space and room assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis, so please reserve a space as soon as possible. If space is no longer available, you will automatically be placed in a waiting pool and your prepayment will be returned.
6. **Choose a Meal Plan (Optional)**: Choose a meal plan online or through your paper housing application between March and August.

Roommate Matching: ResLife will make every possible effort to honor your roommate and lifestyle preference utilizing the information provided on your application. If two persons wish to room together, both parties must write each other’s name and TechID number on the form provided.

*If you arrive ON or AFTER the check-in date there is no additional daily charge. Checking in prior to the check-in date is possible for approximately $11.00 per day and checking in more than 10 days prior to the check-in date will cost approximately $300. Only students who will be living on campus during fall semester may check into a residence hall room.
Off-Campus Housing (Living outside campus)

Looking for off campus housing from your country can be difficult, but not impossible. There are several resources available to you online and several communities that can offer some help. Make sure to pay attention to the word utilities when you are looking for a place to live. This can include water, heating, cable, phone, internet, electricity, etc. Utilities may or may NOT be included in your rent. If they are not included in your rent, you will need to budget for them—a typical monthly utility cost may range from $50-150 depending on how many roommates you have and where you live.

You do not need a car to live off campus, there are thousands of apartments in Mankato, and many of them are in the area surrounding campus, just a short walk from academic buildings, workout facilities, and the student union. Many of the complexes that are not just across the street are on a bus route, making it easy to get to campus. The “Apartment Complexes Close to Campus” map below shows some of the apartments closest to MSU. The map is not all-inclusive of every apartment complex in town, but it does include the complexes most popular with MSU students. For specifics regarding each complex, please visit www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/list.html to download an in-depth list of apartment complexes. For more information consider calling the leasing offices or visiting the respective websites of these housing complexes.

*When signing a lease, you have the option to sign an individual or joint lease. An individual lease makes you responsible for only the portion of rent that pays for your individual bedroom. Joint leases are more common and obligate each resident to ensuring that the full rent amount for the apartment is paid.

**Leaving your apartment or house in the middle of the rental agreement term, due to graduation or another reason, does not release you from your obligation to pay rent. You will need to find a sublease for your apartment or house before you leave. There are usually some subleases available, particularly during the months of June and July and after the Fall semester.

For current apartment announcements see the local newspaper: Look under “Real Estate- Rentals” http://marketplace.mankatofreepress.com/

Questions?

Contact the Office of Residential Life or visit the ResLife website:

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Apartment Complexes Close to Campus

- Highland Hills
- University Square Village
- Campus Village
- Balcerzak Place
- The Quads
- Southridge Apartments
- Briargate Apartments
- The Summit & Jacob Heights
- Colonial Manor
- Southwood Terrace