

Forest Villas Assignments

Priority for assignments in the Forest Villas apartment complex is given to juniors, seniors, and graduate students with acceptable academic and disciplinary records. The Forest Villas apartment units contain four private bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. A limited number of one- and two-bedroom units are occasionally available.

Amenities in all facilities include air-conditioning, basic utilities, local telephone service, cable television and Internet access. All units include basic furnishings (beds and mattresses, wardrobes, desks and chairs, carpeting and window treatments). Apartment commons areas are equipped with stoves, refrigerators, microwave ovens, dining table and chairs, and sofas. Forest Villas apartments also include a dishwasher and garbage disposal.

The residence halls and Forest Villas Apartments are equipped with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and fire sprinklers. The Village Apartments are equipped with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers but do not have fire sprinklers.

Residence halls and apartment buildings house both men and women; however, individual units are not coed.

All residential facilities are conveniently located near the Ervin Dining Hall, Rogers Library, and recreational facilities. All students are allowed to have a vehicle on campus and ample parking is available.

Additional information regarding the housing facilities can be found under the Campus Facilities heading in the section of this catalog entitled "The University."

Students should apply for housing immediately after acceptance to the University. Housing contract periods are: Fall, Spring, Late Spring, Summer I and/or Summer II and run from the first day of the term until the last day of the term. Campus housing generally opens the Sunday prior to the beginning of classes for the fall and spring terms.

SMITH UNIVERSITY CENTER

The Smith University Center provides comprehensive athletic and recreational facilities as well as offices for Student Affairs, Athletics, the Student Government Association, the Army ROTC, the student newspaper, the University Programming Board, and the Patriot Bookstore. Facilities include a 2,547-seat varsity gymnasium, an eight-lane varsity swimming pool with three diving boards, a commons area with game room activities, a television/card playing room, four racquetball courts, weight/fitness rooms, a sauna, and related areas.

Exterior athletic and recreational facilities include a lighted baseball complex; Kassab Courts, eight tennis courts, four of which are lighted; regulation soccer and softball fields; two natural grass intramural fields; an outdoor recreational pool; and an outdoor sand volleyball court (the latter two are located adjacent to The Grille).

BOOKSTORE

The Patriot Bookstore exists to serve the textbook and supply needs of students, faculty, and staff. Since the fall of 2010, the Bookstore has provided a textbook rental program which allows students the option of renting instead of purchasing textbooks. In addition to textbooks, the Bookstore offers FMU apparel, greeting cards, paperback bestsellers, and magazines. Also available are personal fax sending and receiving services for a nominal charge. The Patriot Bookstore is a source of graduation supplies (caps, gowns, hoods, invitations, and University class rings). Normal hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAIL

Students living on campus are assigned a campus mailbox number and a key to a mailbox. Mail is posted in mailboxes by 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Outgoing mail with proper postage may be placed in U.S. Postal Service boxes located on campus or taken to the University Mail Center in the Office Services Building. The Mail Center also offers stamps for purchase.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

The University provides telephone service to students living on campus. Local service is provided at no cost. Personal calling cards should be used when placing long distance calls from residence hall telephones. There are emergency phones with direct access to Campus Police strategically placed around campus.

LAUNDRY & VENDING

For the convenience of residential students, there are two laundry facilities: one located adjacent to Ervin Dining Hall, open 24 hours a day, and one located in the Heyward Community Center building. Washers, dryers, vending machines with necessary laundry products and beverage/snack machines are available. Other vending machines for beverages and snacks can be found at several other locations on campus. Refund information is posted at each location.

DINING SERVICES

The Ervin Dining Hall, located near the campus housing facilities, provides a variety of meal plans from which to choose. Meals can also be purchased individually for a reasonable price. Hot meals are served daily in addition to a complete salad and deli bar, pizza and grill items, and fresh desserts.

The Grille is located adjacent to the outdoor pool and provides a wide variety of menu options including fresh deli sandwiches, grill items, and pizza.

Additional information regarding the dining facilities can be found under the Campus Facilities heading in "The University" section of this catalog.

RECYCLING

Spurred by the voluntary efforts of the Ecology Club, FMU has tried to be as environmentally responsible as possible through the years. FMU has an active campus-wide recycling program in place that was initiated in late 1995 in response to a call by the South Carolina legislature to reduce solid waste in the state. At that time, South Carolina residents were producing more than six pounds of solid waste per person per day.

The University recycles office paper, newspapers, cardboard, aluminum, plastic, and glass. Of these items, paper creates the largest volume of recycling waste on campus. From the classrooms to the offices to the residence halls, recycling is encouraged throughout campus, with readily available drop-off points in all buildings.