

Residence Life

The Residence Life program is designed to enhance students' total educational experience by utilizing the residence halls as living/learning environments. Social and educational programming, small group discussions, and personal attention are all common to the education that occurs within the residence halls at St. Andrews. St. Andrews seeks to challenge individuals to develop autonomy and competence, manage emotions, establish identity, develop positive interpersonal relationships, appreciate and celebrate differences, resolve conflicts effectively, and live with purpose and integrity. The residential community at St. Andrews is designed to provide the structure necessary for academic success as well as to ensure that students can experience the freedom of college life.

At residential liberal arts colleges, the daily living experience is considered to have an important role in student learning and development in conjunction with the academic experience. To support that role, St. Andrews expects all full-time students to live on campus and participate in the College meal plan. Exceptions are rarely granted. Students are encouraged to read *The Saltire* student handbook before requesting an exception to the residency requirements. They may also contact the Dean of Students at 910-277-3955 if they have any questions.

Disability-related housing accommodation requests should be submitted to the Office of Disability Services. The Program Coordinator for Disability Services will verify that appropriate disability documentation is on file to support the request and coordinate the request with the Director of Housing Services and the Dean of Students.

There are four multi-story single-gender halls (two are for upper-class students and two are for freshmen). There are four single-story co-ed halls. Each hall has four to eight suites consisting of six to eight rooms, a large bath and suite lounge. Halls also have laundry facilities and a larger main lounge with a television. Microwaves are provided in each suite lounge. All halls are smoke-free. Concord, Wilmington, and all suites in Granville are alcohol-free. In Granville Apartments, Albemarle, Mecklenburg, Pate, and Winston-Salem, students of legal age may elect to use alcohol in their individual rooms. Orange is the only hall where alcohol may be consumed in a public area (i.e. the hallways, suite lounges, main lounge, and courtyard). Alcohol use is not allowed in the public areas of any other hall, unless there is a sanctioned party.

Each room is wired for computer access and Granville Hall has Wi-Fi. Most students use personal cell phones for their primary campus telephone contact numbers. However, any student may request a Cisco VOIP landline phone in his/her residence hall if he/she agrees to set up the voicemail. The telephone jack provides campus and local service.

Residence Hall Staff

A Resident Director (RD) is the professional responsible for supervising personnel and the total educational and developmental program within the residence hall. This includes supervision of the Resident Assistants, program development, policy enforcement and facility management. RDs are part of the Student Affairs staff, are College officials, and report to the Dean of Students (or designee).

Resident Assistants (RAs) are students selected to serve as peer counselors and peer advisors to their residents. Even though they are students, they also are considered employees of the Residence Life Program and report to the RD for their hall and the Dean of Students (or designee). Each RA is responsible for supporting the policies and pursuing the goals and objectives of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and the College policies as outlined in *The Saltire*. The RA assists in the administrative operation of the hall, helps to ensure that the rights of students are protected and not abused by others, provides information about College services and resources, and helps to stimulate educational, cultural, social, and recreational programs in the residence hall. RAs are paraprofessional staff at the level between the Resident Director and the individual hall members. If an issue cannot be resolved satisfactorily between members of the residence hall, it should be brought to the attention of the RA. If resolution is still unsuccessful, it is the job of the RA to refer the issue to the Resident Director of the hall or the Dean of Students.