



Welcome to your new home from the Mary Baldwin Student Life Office!

We are excited to have you as part of our community and will work with you to help make your college experience at MBC successful. **Get ready to be a BOLDLY BALDWIN woman!**

What do I need to bring?

The following is a list of suggestions to help you prepare for your arrival in August. Each room is furnished with a single bed with standard size mattress, desk, desk chair, closet/wardrobe, chest of drawers, and window covering (usually blinds). Prior to your arrival, we highly recommend that you discuss with your roommate(s) the items that will be needed for the room in order to avoid duplication and to accommodate any space constraints. It is fun to talk about colors and tastes before you arrive on campus! Keep in mind that some of these things may be easier to purchase locally once you have arrived in Staunton. Don't worry about forgetting anything. Many of your hall mates may have cars and you will be able to pick up whatever you need!

Clothing:

College students generally dress casually for class. In addition to your every-day clothes, remember to bring:

- A couple of nice dresses or pants outfits
- One outfit that you aren't afraid to get dirty (for outdoor and/or art activities)
- Anything specific for church or other gatherings that Rev. Scott has identified.

Weather conditions throughout the school year will vary greatly. If you will not go home before Thanksgiving, come prepared by packing:

- A warm winter coat
- Good winter shoes (for hiking through the snow or walking on ice)
- Boots, mittens or gloves, hat, scarf
- Rain gear (umbrella, raincoat)

Things for your room:

- **Standard twin-size bedding (mattress cover, sheets, pillow and comforter) – beds do not need extra long sheets – just standard size**
- Bath towels, washcloths
- Robe and slippers
- Shower caddy
- Toiletries, including soap
- Rubber flip-flops for the shower
- Small first aid kit (include any over-the-counter and/or prescription medications you use)
- Clothes hangers
- Sewing kit
- Laundry bag/basket
- Detergent, dryer sheets
- Desk and/or floor lamp
- School supplies – notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, stapler, tape dispenser
- Stationery and stamps
- Wastepaper basket
- Calculator
- Dictionary, thesaurus and other study aids
- Large backpack
- Watch
- Flashlight and batteries
- Memo board for door (bulletin or dry-erase)
- Plates, bowls, utensils, cups, mugs, pots and pans for personal use. MBC has full Dining Services, but students like to take advantage of the kitchen in the residence hall.
- Carpet/area rug
- Storage crates/tubs
- Cleaning supplies
- Fan (residence halls are not air-conditioned – but the mountains get cool at night!)
- Covering for your bulletin boards (in most rooms the walls include built in bulletin board which can be covered with cloth or wrapping paper – great way to bring color and decorations to your room!)

Electronics:

- Computer (optional) and disks We have several on campus computer labs if you do not have your own computer.
- UL approved surge protectors (15amps/125volts – check for UL approved notation)
- UL approved extension cords (16–18 gauge – check for UL approved notation)
- Ethernet cord (long) – wireless connection is also available
- Plastic sleeve protector (for cords under rugs)
- Alarm clock
- Telephone (service and hookup provided by MBC—it's nice to have a phone for inter-campus calls and messages! Local service only on dial out)
- Our lounges in the residence halls have television but you can bring one for your room. This is another item to coordinate with your roommate!

Fun things to bring!

- Music
- Movies
- Camera
- Sports equipment
- Playing cards, board games, puzzles
- Books for pleasure reading
- Musical instrument
- Posters/pictures/photos from home (NOTE: We have a great poster sale the first two days of school on campus. You may want to save some money and bring it with you to shop. (www.beyondthewall.com))

MICROFRIDGE

The "Microfridge," microwave/refrigerator combination appliance is the ONLY college approved microwave allowed in the residence halls. The reason is that these units have a unique feature that automatically turns off the power to the refrigerator while the microwave is in use therefore reducing electrical demand. More information on these units – pricing and rental agreements can be found on the Mary Baldwin website at the following web address: <http://www.mbc.edu/residencelife/microfridge.php> . We recommend making this arrangement after you arrive if you find you need it. There are microwaves and refrigerators in the common area kitchens in the residence halls.

You can bring your own refrigerator; it must be less than four cubic feet. Another great item to coordinate with your roommate!

For safety reasons and or excessive electrical demands, please do NOT bring the following items:

- Small cooking appliances with open heating elements (examples include – hot plates, toaster ovens, George Forman grills, electric oil fryers) and gas/propane cooking equipment
- Window air-conditioning units
- Microwaves (see above on Microfridge)
- Refrigerators over 4 cubic feet
- Candles and incense
- Pets other than fish
- Lamps with halogen bulbs
- Christmas and/or holiday lights of any kind
- Cinderblocks or other make-shift bed lofting devices (approved bed risers can be purchased at most department stores and at Bed, Bath and Beyond)
- Weapons of any kind including ornamental knives, guns, and swords
- Room dividers or space separators

Outside of my room is there any storage available?

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any storage of personal belongings in the residence halls. You should plan to store your luggage and or boxes in your room or have your family take them back home for you. Storage is also not available over the summer in-between academic years.

When can I arrive?

If you are in **VWIL, PEG, International, or Ida B. Wells** Gateways you will receive your arrival information directly from your program director.

If you are in **Career Academy, Healthy Lifestyles, Honors, Latino Culture or Spencer Citizens** Gateways please call Cindy Wine in the Student Life Office for a Move-in time after July 1. . Her number is 540-887-7221. Move-in days vary by Gateway. You will first check in at the Ham and Jam Pub in the Pannill Center when you arrive on campus.

If you are participating in **Soccer, Volleyball or Cross Country** as a fall sport, your coach will notify you of your arrival time. You must be on the coach's list to receive this communication.

What if I still have questions?

Please contact Lynn Tuggle Gilliland '80, Executive Director of First and Second Year Experience at firstyear@mbc.edu or 540-887-7230. If you have a specific roommate question, you can also contact Cassie Doyle, the Director of Housing at cdoyle@mbc.edu. VWIL, PEG, International and Ida B. Wells students should contact their program director with roommate questions.

Once you arrive on campus, you can find the Student Life Staff in Kable House next to the Pub. We are always glad to help you!

See you in August!