RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE APPLICATION
Residential Life Department
Academic Year 2011-2012

Residential College Mission Statement

The Residential College (RC) mission is to enable students’ development of their intellectual interests and creative talents in an environment in that relates learning with application of knowledge. Students are members of a learning community that challenges them to take the initiative in shaping their education, to participate actively in seminars and in extra-curricular programs, to think critically and to engage with the University community as well as the global community. Toward this end the Residential College learning communities offer:

- Living/learning communities that link students' classroom experiences with intellectual, artistic, social, and cultural activities in their learning community.
- Innovative initiatives that are continually renewed and reshaped by a faculty strongly committed to teaching, and that engage students with knowledge, persons and programs that are related to the learning community’s intent.
- The opportunity to undertake creative work within the scope of their chosen learning community.
- Communities structured to support all needs of their members (academic, physical, social, spiritual and emotional).

Missouri S&T Residential College Learning Communities combine the social and intellectual advantages of small learning communities with access to the academic and cultural resources of a world-class research university.

Application Process and Deadlines

Pre-requisites for living in the Residential College include acceptance to the Residential College program and subsequent enrollment. In order to maintain housing in the Residential College, participants are required to meet the expectations outlined on page two of this application as well as expectations outlined in instructor syllabi.

In order to be considered for a learning community, interested students must complete the following program application and return materials (along with a signed Housing Interest Form) to: Residential Life Department, Missouri University of Science & Technology, 205 West 12th St, Rolla, MO 65409. Applications received by May 1st will be given priority consideration. Applications received after this time will be processed as space allows.

Please note that initial acceptance to the Residential College program does not guarantee on-going placement within the building. Student progress is monitored periodically throughout the year by course instructors and students must reapply annually to continue program participation.

Part I: Personal Information

Name (please print):  ________________________________  Student Number:  __________________

Semester of Enrollment (circle one):  2011—12 academic year  Spring 2012 semester only

E-mail address:  ________________________________  Telephone:  __________________
Part II: Expectations of Participants

The Residential College seeks to admit students who will be able to benefit from the community and at the same time contribute to it. Typically, such students are academically serious, personally responsible, enthusiastic, self-motivated, and possess an interest to be involved.

Students who fail to meet Residential College expectations will be removed from the facility and reassigned to another room on campus. Therefore, by applying and enrolling in the Residential College program, I understand that I will (please initial to indicate that you have read and understand each statement):

_____ Complete the personal statement and request the appropriate reference letter.

_____ Enroll in a learning community and remain enrolled and involved in one of the seminars during the duration of my assignment in the Residential College, maintaining satisfactory progress. Satisfactory progress is defined as earning a grade of “C” or better.

_____ Take responsibility for informing my academic advisor about my responsibility to participate in a learning community seminar while living in the Residential College.

_____ Be courteous and respect the rights of other community members and staff and contribute in a positive, non-disruptive manner.

_____ Abide by the Student Code of Conduct and all Residential Life policies. Failure to abide by this agreement may also result in disciplinary sanctions, which may include removal from the Residential College facility.

Part III: Personal Statement

Along with this application and recommendation form, applicants should also submit a personal statement detailing your motivation for applying to the Residential College and what you hope to contribute to this program. This statement should be typed, double spaced and limited to a maximum of 400 words. Include your student number in the upper right hand corner of each page submitted.

Part IV: Recommendation Form

Accompanying this application is a separate recommendation form which should be given to someone familiar with your academic history. The recommender should be a teacher, guidance counselor, or other school official (not a family member). Letters should be returned in a signed, sealed envelope along with your other Residential College application materials.

Part V: Signature

I understand that by signing below, I am indicating my interest in becoming a member of the Missouri S&T Residential College during the indicated academic year. I also acknowledge that if I am offered, and accept, a Residential College assignment, I will do so in good faith, consistent with the college mission and expectations stated above.

Student Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Return application materials and a signed Housing Interest Form to:
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For Office Use Only

Date Received ________ Accepted ________ Community ________ Initials ________

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Part I: To be completed by applicant

Applicant’s Name (Print): ____________________________________________________________

Reference’s Name & Title: __________________________________________________________

Applicant’s signature: ____________________________

It is the applicant’s responsibility to present this form to his or her reference. Reference forms and letters should be returned to the applicant in a signed and sealed envelope and returned to Residential Life, 205 West 12th St, Rolla, MO 65409, with your application, personal statement, and signed Housing Interest Form.

Part II: To be completed by recommender

The Residential College at the Missouri University of Science & Technology is open to all undergraduates, regardless of major and is particularly suited to students who are seeking a family-like environment, and a richer academic experience than they might have in a traditional residence hall. Residential College students take the usual series of courses as well as a seminar unique to their residential experience. They may also participate in a variety of co-curricular activities including discussion groups, social activities and field trips sponsored throughout the year.

We seek to admit students who would be able to benefit from the available programs while simultaneously contributing to them. Typically, such students are academically serious, personally responsible, enthusiastic, self motivated and possess diverse interests and a desire to serve others. Based on the dynamics of this program, we are looking for students who demonstrate the intellectual and social maturity required to meet the challenges of a demanding college and residential experience. We encourage you to be candid in your responses.

To assist us in our selection process, please submit a letter of recommendation addressing the following:

♦ How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
♦ What evidence do you have that the applicant is academically serious and has a strong desire to learn?
♦ How well does the applicant interact with fellow students and with faculty?
♦ In what ways have you found the applicant to be responsible and self-motivated?
♦ How would you rate the student’s leadership ability and capacity to work cooperatively with peers?
♦ Please share with us any additional information you feel may be helpful.

Overall Recommendation—Please check one of the following:

_____ Recommend

_____ Recommend with reservations (please explain in your letter)

_____ Do not recommend (please explain in your letter)

Signature/Title ____________________________ Date ____________

The mission of Department of Residential Life is to create educational environments emphasizing learning and development.