

*Hope College
Residential Life &
Housing*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

by Incoming Students

*Residence Hall Specifics
& More*



Housing Measurements By Residence Hall

Cook Hall (Upperclassmen housing)

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 10' x 17'

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Unavailable to loft but can be bunked; 33inches of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds).

Inside Drawers: 27.5inx20in

Closet: 67in approximately

Flooring: All rooms are carpeted with tile in bathrooms

Helpful Links:

[Cook Hall website](#)

[Cook Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Cook Instagram](#)

Durfee Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 15'8 x 10'5, Height: 8'7

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 33inches of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3-4 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds).

Inside Drawers: 32inx19in

Closet: 104 in total height, 26 in deep, 62 in wide

Flooring: Carpeted floors

Helpful Links:

[Durfee Hall website](#)

[Durfee Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Durfee Instagram](#)

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Housing Measurements By Residence Hall

Dykstra Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 10'6 x 15/ 10'5 x15, Height: 9'6 (Double), 22'7 x 10'8, Height: 8'2 (Triple)

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Unable to be lofted but can be bunked; 34in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3-4 drawers. 30in H, 30in W, 24in D (will fit under unlofted beds).

Inside Drawers: 26inx22in

Cubby: Top shelf (10.5" high, 23" wide and 22" deep.), Bottom shelf (12 3/4 in H by 23 in W), Closet (65.5 in tall and 23 in wide), 23 in deep

Inside Cubby Drawers: 21inx19in

Hanging Space from bar: 52x 24x 22.5

Flooring: Linoleum tile in rooms

Helpful Links:

[Dykstra Hall website](#)

[Dykstra Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Dykstra Instagram](#)

Gilmore Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 11'8 x 13'7, Height 8'9

Desk: 24inx36in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 33inches of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds).

Inside Drawers: 32inx19in

Closet: Shelf (14.5 in H by 32.5 in W), closet minus shelf (67 in H by 32.5 in W), 25 in deep

Flooring: Tiled floors

Helpful Links:

[Gilmore Hall website](#)

[Gilmore Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Gilmore Instagram](#)

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Housing Measurements By Residence Hall

Kollen Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 11'1 x 11'8, Height: 8'8

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 26inx19in

Closet: 1st shelf (13.5 in H 37 in W) 2nd shelf (16.5 in H by 37 in W) closet minus shelf (64 in H by 37 in W), 27 in deep

Flooring: Carpeted floors

Helpful Links:

[Kollen Hall website](#)

[Kollen Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Kollen Instagram](#)

Lichty Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 14 x 11'7, Height: 8'8

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 26inx19in

Closet: Shelf (14 in H by 43 in W), closet minus the shelf (66 in H by 43 in W)

Flooring: Tiled floors

Helpful Links:

[Lichty Hall website](#)

[Lichty Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

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Housing Measurements By Residence Hall

Phelps Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 12'1 x 10'11, Height: 9'0

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 32inx19in

Closet: 39 in wide, 20 in deep, one shelf is 22 in high, closet without the shelf is 85 in high

Flooring: Tiled floors

Helpful Links:

[Phelps Hall website](#)

[Phelps Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Phelps Instagram](#)

Scott Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 11'8 x 14, Height: 7'10

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 26inx19in

Closet: Shelf (14.5 in H by 38 in W) closet minus shelf (66 inches H by 38 in W)

The width in the closet can be as long as 51 inches depending on the room

Flooring: Carpeted floors

Helpful Links:

[Scott Hall website](#)

[Scott Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Scott Instagram](#)

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Housing Measurements By Residence Hall

Van Vleck Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 16'2 x 10'5, Height: 9'9

Desk: 32inx19in

Bed: Unavailable to loft but can be bunked; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 26inx19in

Shared Closet: 1st shelf (12in H by 67.5in W), 2nd shelf (38in H by 67.5 wide) closet minus the shelves (66in H by 67.5 in wide), 27 in deep

Flooring: Carpeted floors

Helpful Links:

[Van Vleck Hall website](#)

[Van Vleck Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Van Vleck Instagram](#)

Voorhees Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 11'5 x 12

Desk: 36inx24in

Bed: Unavailable to loft but can be bunked; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 32inx19in

Shared Closet: Roughly 6 feet wide, 26 in deep. The closet minus the shelves is 5'6". The first 2 shelves are 11 inches tall and 3 feet wide, and there is a very top shelf that is 16 inches tall.

Flooring: Carpeted floors

Helpful Links:

[Voorhees Hall website](#)

[Voorhees Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Voorhees Instagram](#)

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Housing Measurements By Residence Hall

Wyckoff Hall

Room Dimensions: The average sized room is 14 x 11'8, Height: 8'8

Desk: 42inx24in

Bed: Ability to loft or bunk; 31in of space under bed half lofted

Dresser: Usually 3 drawers. 28in tall (will fit under unlofted beds)

Inside Drawers: 26.5inx20in

Closet: Shelf (14 in H by 54 in W), closet minus the shelf (66 in H by 54 in W)

Flooring: Carpeted floors

Helpful Links:

[Wyckoff Hall website](#)

[Wyckoff Hall video tour](#)

[Residential Life Instagram](#)

[Wyckoff Instagram](#)

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Frequently Asked Housing Questions

Housing

Can my bed be lofted?

- Bunking is available in all halls. Lofting is available in:
 - Durfee, Gilmore, Kollen, Phelps, Wyckoff, Scott, Lichty
 - Alterations to any room is prohibited this includes painting or construction of furniture any kind, no building lofts/platforms.

How do I get into my lofted bed and how do I loft my bed?

- The bed frame acts as a ladder. You can visit Physical Plant's website and go to the Learning tab for info on [Lofted Bed Assembly](#).

How can my room be arranged? I want to see decorating pictures.

- Students are encouraged to decorate and arrange their room as they see fit, given that all college furniture remains in the room and neither the room nor furniture is damaged. *Reference the *Helpful Links**

How much space is beneath the bed in the half-lofted or fully-lofted position?

- Bed Height: 37" for unlofted, 74" lofted (get range of options based on notches)

How big is the bed (what size futon can fit beneath the bed)?

- Beds are Twin XL (80in), space underneath is a little less. We recommend not to bring futons with wood frames- often too tight of a fit/difficult to bring in the doorway.

Is there a shelf and mirror?

- Hall dependent. Typically rooms have a shelf in the closet, wardrobe or as part of the desk. Mirrors in most rooms. If not full-sized, often one in the hallway or bathroom.

What is the size of the window? What size tension rod do I need? Can I install blackout curtains? Does every residence hall room have a window?

- Window sizes vary from hall to hall and room to room. All windows come with blinds, but you may also put up curtains using a tension rod. Yes, every residence hall room has to have a window for egress so that it is within the guidelines in case of a fire emergency.



Frequently Asked Housing Questions

Housing

Packing List: Is there anything that I can't bring?

- Please visit the orientation page [Packing List](#) for packing recommendations.
- For more information on what NOT to pack or the sizes of items that are approved check out the Housing Terms & Conditions in the [Student Handbook](#).
 - We often see students bring candles, wax warmers, microwaves, personal window A/C units, air fryers and toasters. All of these items are NOT ALLOWED.

What can I use to hang my decorations?

- Pictures, posters, and other materials MUST be hung with blue painter's tape only. Nails, tacks, screws, glue, plastic hooks, and other adhesives may not be used on walls, ceilings, wardrobes, woodwork, doors, or furniture.
 - Decorating with removeable wallpaper is not allowed.

Is there a place to store my bike?

- Some residence halls have bike rooms which students can store their bikes. Across campus there are bike racks. A lock is recommended. All bikes must be registered which can be completed at the Hope College [Campus Safety](#) office at no cost.

Does my hall have AC and do I have to share a bathroom?

- Residence halls are not equipped with air conditioning, with the exception of Cook Hall, which serves upperclassmen. Cook Hall is also the only residence hall that offers suite-style rooms, featuring a shared bathroom between two rooms. All other halls have community-style bathrooms shared by residents on each floor.

What is the community like in each hall?

- Each residence hall has its own uniqueness shaped by the students who live there. As an incoming student, you'll have the opportunity to find the people, spaces, and routines that feel like the right fit for you, no matter where you live. Every hall has a variety of experiences—you'll find groups that are outgoing, more low-key, focused on academics, into late-night hangouts, and everything in between.



Frequently Asked Housing Questions

Housing

I just received my housing assignment, can I be placed somewhere else?

- Due to high demand for certain residence halls, we were unable to place some students in their preferred residence hall.
- You can fill out the [Incoming Students Housing Question Form](#), to request to be added to a waitlist for your preferred hall. We want to meet as many requests as possible, but know that our ability to make changes is limited, if at all.
- We will not make any changes for 2 weeks (July 8-22) after housing assignments are made. If we are able to make any changes to your housing assignment, we will notify you by August 14.

I need request a housing accommodation. How do I submit a request?

- Please be aware that we have passed the deadline set by DAR, and accommodations that are approved after the deadline are met as space becomes available.
- To inquire and/or request housing accommodations, you must contact [Disability and Accessibility Resources \(DAR\)](#). DAR works with you to understand your needs, compile any necessary documentation, and make accommodation determinations.

I have never had a roommate, what should I know about living with someone else?

- Check out our [Guide to Living with a Roommate](#). Additionally, at the beginning of the year you will fill out a Roommate Contract together with your roommate.

Can I see my assigned room during the Summer?

- No, camps and conferences are hosted in the halls during the summer.

What cleaning supplies are provided?

- Custodial Staff cleans communal spaces, but their supplies can be borrowed (paper towels, surface cleaner, vacuum, etc.).



Other Frequently Asked Questions

Parking Pass

Where can I find information about parking?

- Visit [Campus Safety's website](#)

Student Mail

Address mail and packages to:

Student's Name
Mail File Number(found on student's personal Hope Housing Portal)
141 E 12th Street (not the hall, cottage or apartment address)
Holland, MI 49423

More information can be found at [Campus Print and Mail Services](#)

Health Center

How do I locate Immunization forms?

- For all [Health Center](#) questions visit their website! Student Patient Portal will be where the forms are.

Technology

Which laptop should I buy?

- For all of your tech questions (printing, Wi-Fi, google tips, Moodle help, etc.) you will want to visit [Computing and Information Technology \(CIT\)](#).

Physical Plant

If an item in my room is broken or missing what should I do?

- All college owned property/furniture is repaired by Physical Plant staff. Work Orders can be placed for any room concerns by Residence Life staff.
- Visit the website for [Physical Plant TIPS & TRICKS](#).