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Beacon Hall Frequently Asked Questions & Information

Beacon Hall is a suite-style residence hall designed for sophomore students. The suites are 4-, 6- and 8-person suites. Each student will share a room within that suite with 1 other individual. The student then has a shared foyer and bathroom area with the other members of their suite. The 6- and 8-person suites have 2 bathrooms on each end of the foyer area. Sinks are with in foyer area, not in the individual student rooms.

How will I access my room? Will my suitemates have access to my room?

Your Valpo OneCard will give you access to your suite and your room. Only the students living in each room will have access to that specific room within that suite.

What furniture will be in the rooms?

Each student will be provided with a wardrobe with a set of drawers within it, a chest of 3 drawers, a desk, a desk chair, and loftable bed (with extra-long twin mattress).

Can the furniture in the rooms be rearranged?

All of the furniture has the capability to be arranged in a variety of configurations. Your bed can be lofted to a variety of heights.

What size are the rooms?

The rooms in Beacon vary in dimensions (though the square footage per room is approximately the same). Some rooms are long/narrow and measure around 11'6" x 18' and others are wider and measure at 12'6" x 16".

What size carpet should we buy?

Since rooms in Beacon vary in dimensions we recommend buying a remnant and cutting it to the size when you move into your room or waiting until you arrive at Valpo.

Who is responsible for cleaning the bathroom(s) within a suite?

Beacon Hall residents will have their bathroom areas cleaned weekly on a schedule which will be posted in their hall. On this day, residents will need to remove personal belongings from the bathroom area so Building Services may clean fully. Building Services will only have access to the foyer areas of the suite.

Do I have to provide my own toilet paper?

No. You will be provided toilet paper on your designated cleaning day.

What are some of the amenities of Beacon?

Each floor has multiple lounges. One will be designated as a TV lounge, equipped with a SMART TV, while others will be designated as study and community lounges. Each floor also has a kitchen space. The prayer room is located on the 2nd floor of the building. Laundry can be found in the basement.

Is there air conditioning in Beacon?

Yes. Each room has their own temperature control.

Will I have Internet access in my room?

Each room is equipped with one network port per student for personal computers, as well as wireless network services throughout the residence hall. Each residence hall also has a 24-hour computer lab with a printer.

Is cable TV provided?

Basic cable television is provided in each room, as well as the public lounges in your residence hall.

Is phone service provided?

Phone service is NOT offered in Beacon. There are emergency phones throughout the hallways.

What appliances are permitted in Beacon Hall?

One small refrigerator (no more than 4.0 cu. ft. and 5.0 amperes) and one microwave is permitted per room. We do still recommend renting a Microfridge unit to ensure that you do not overload your room circuits. To order: Visit the website: www.collegefridge.com/valpo. Deadline to order is Monday, August 11th, 2014.

Hot plates, fry pans, toasters, open heating coil appliances, etc. are **not** permitted in the residence hall rooms. Halogen desk lamps may not exceed 50 watts and must have protective glass over the bulb.

Can I hang things like posters?

Yes, but we suggest using Command removable hooks and poster puddy to minimize damage done to the wall. Any holes will be considered damage and fees will be assessed.

When can we move in for the semester?

The residence halls will open for the Fall 2014 semester on **Saturday, August 23rd.** Returning students should arrive on-campus after 3pm on August 23rd, but are also welcome to check in on Sunday, August 24th or Monday, August 25th.

Will break housing be available in Beacon Hall?

No, Beacon will not be used for break housing. There is space in Brandt for students that request break housing.

Who do I go to if I have a question or need help?

Residential Learning Coordinators (RLCs) are full-time, professional staff members who live in each residence hall. They assist students with personal or academic issues, supervise the RA staff, advise the House Council and Judicial Boards, and monitor building operations.

Resident Assistants (RAs) are upper-class students who serve as peer advisors and educators for students living in the residence halls. RAs go through an extensive screening and training process to prepare them to work with students. RAs are a valuable resource to students in the transition to a new environment, helping residents develop time management and academic success skills, and creating opportunities for students to meet others and make new friends.

Important Dates to Know:

Saturday, August 23rd	Move-In Day (Move-in info will be sent via email in July)
Tuesday, August 26th	First Day of Fall Classes
October 10th – 12th	Homecoming
October 18th – 19th	Family Weekend
October 23rd – 24th	Fall Break (No Classes, Halls will remain open)
November 22nd – 30th	Thanksgiving Break
Saturday, November, 22nd	Residence Halls Close for Thanksgiving Break at Noon CST
Sunday, November 30th	Residence Halls Open after Thanksgiving Break at Noon CST
December 15th – 19th	Final Exams
December 20th – January 4th	Semester Break
Saturday, December 20th	Residence Halls Close for Semester Break at Noon CST
Sunday, January 4th	Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester at Noon CST
Wednesday, January 7th	First Day of Spring Classes
February 28th – March 15th	Spring Break
Saturday, February 28th	Residence Halls Close for Spring Break at Noon CST
Sunday, March 15th	Residence Halls Open after Spring Break at Noon CST
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday (No Classes, Halls will remain open)
May 7th – 12th	Final Exams
Wednesday, May 13th	Residence Halls Close at Noon CST

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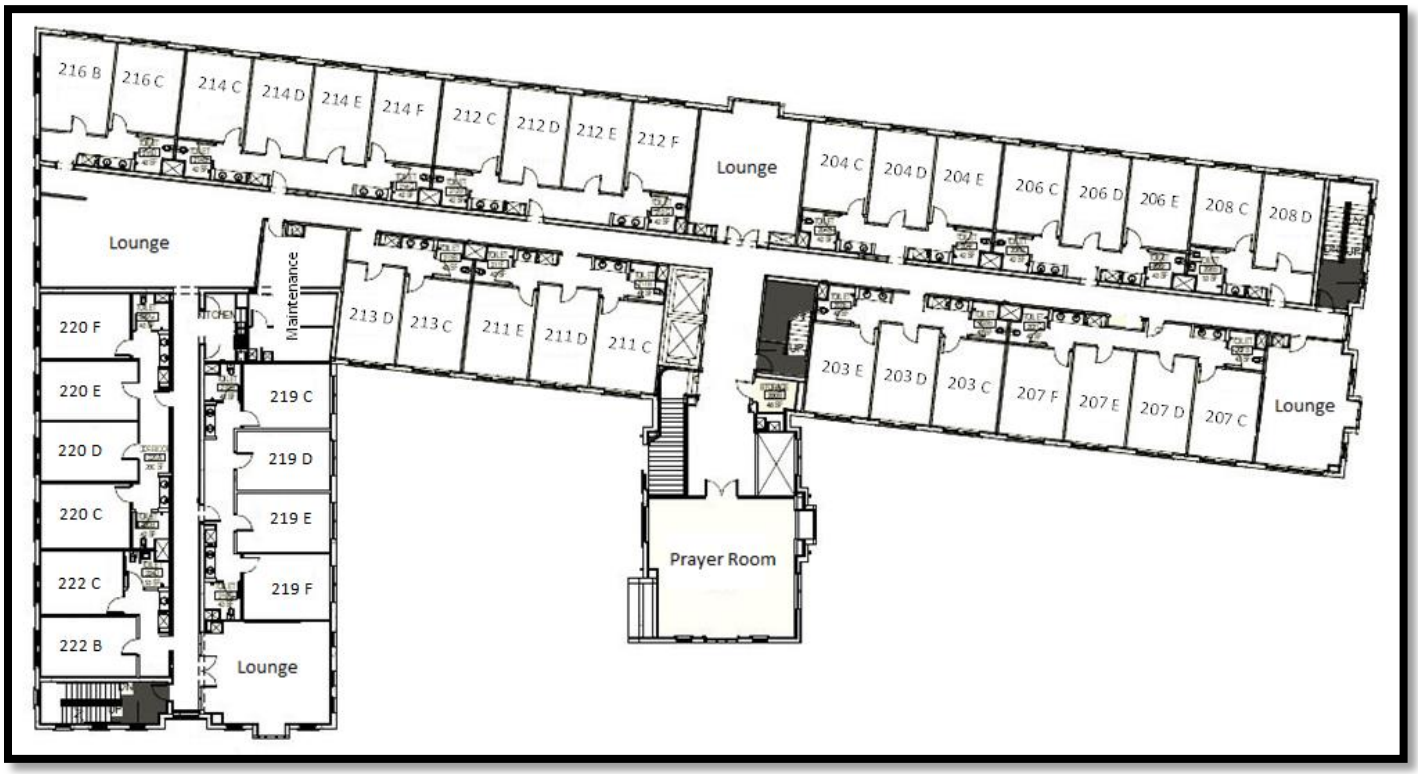
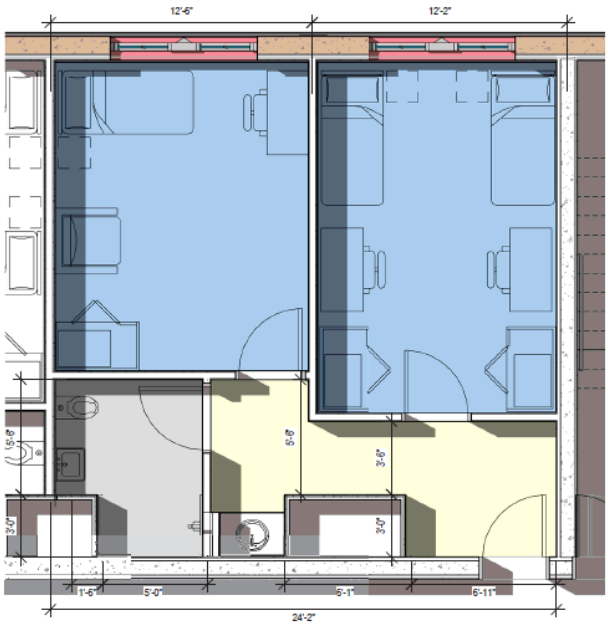
Typical Floor & Room Layout



Beacon Hall Suite Floor Plans



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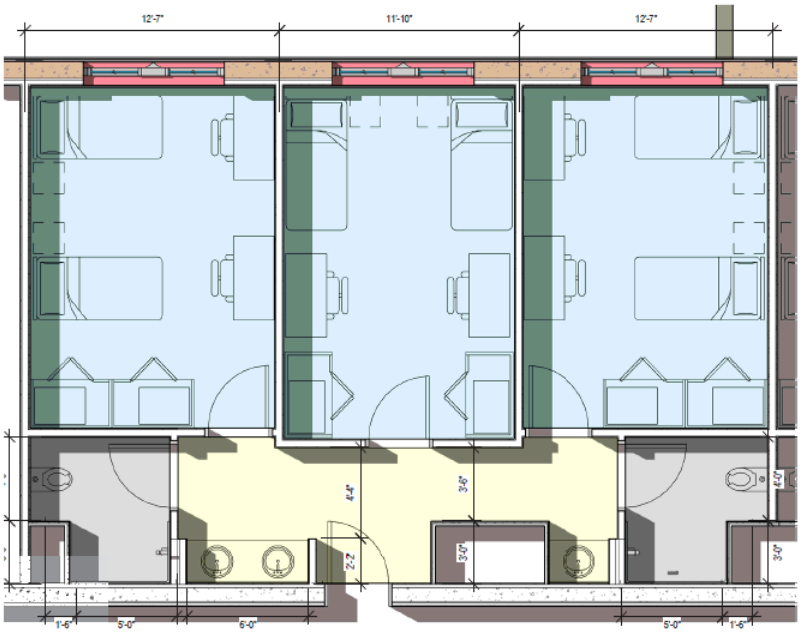

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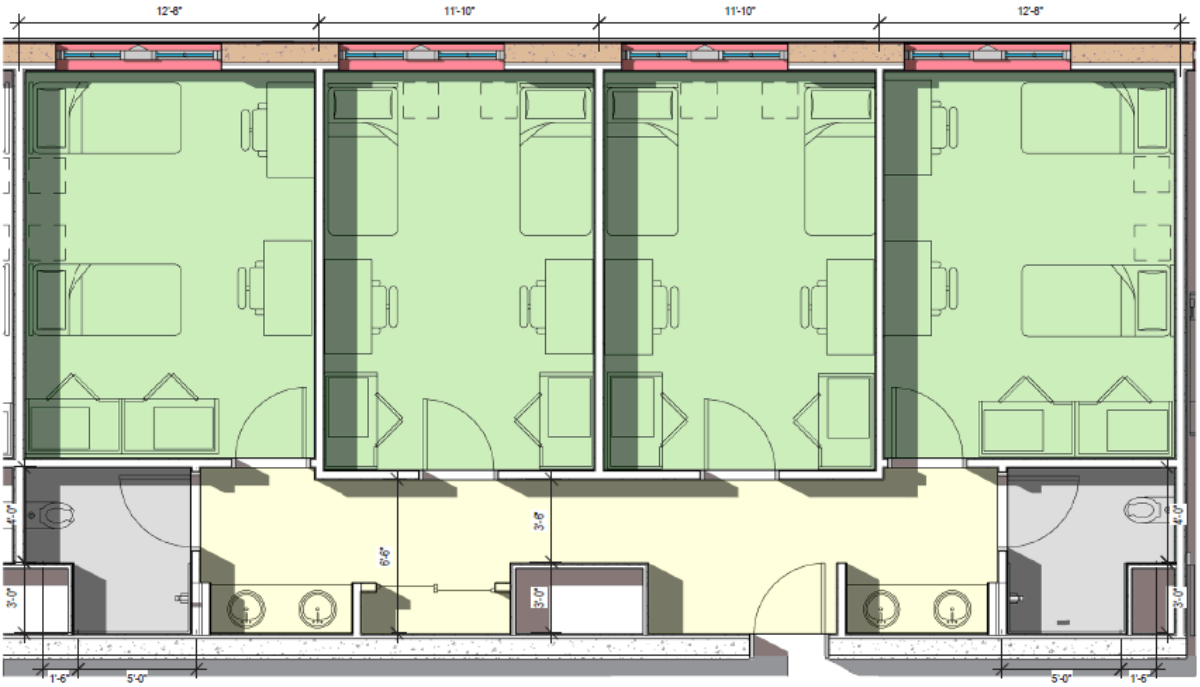

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