

## Reasons why you should live in the Dorms

1. Sheer convenience. It is close to campus—no time wasted driving to and from class, finding parking, etc. You are far more likely to go to class when the weather is bad because you are close.
2. You will only have this opportunity for 4-5 years. The rest of your life will be spent living in apartments and houses. This is truly a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
3. No where else is there such a concentrated, controlled, and open environment with so many non-Christians. They will come to you and talk with you in a dorm setting. Nowhere else will non-Christians be so willing to be a part of your everyday life with so little effort on your part.
4. You have to chance to make the best friends of your life. When choosing a roommate, who is very important. 2 Cor 6:14 speaks of light and darkness. The atmosphere in your room helps to set the tone of your ministry. The friendships made in college really are for a lifetime. If you choose those who want to have a ministry in college, you are far more likely to have one outside of college and have friends that do the same.
5. Lamentations 3:27 says, “It is good for man that he should bear the yoke in his youth.” Discipline now will equal more freedom in Christ and influence later in life. Now you are preparing to live and make life-long habits that will make you a person of influence for Christ. Living in the dorms IS hard and it IS a sacrifice, but it will strengthen you and your faith.
6. Matthew 28:19, “go therefore and make disciples” literally means “as you are going” make disciples. So, as you’re going to school, you should also be making disciples. By living in the dorms you will meet freshmen and other Christians that will want and need help! Because of shared space (a dorm or floor) you can let them into your life and disciple them far easier.
7. 1 Timothy 4:12, “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.” You are to be an example to not only other Christians on your floor, but to unbelievers. The dorms need positive examples as they make life-changing decisions.
8. If you want to be used by God in the lives of other, you need to take advantages of every opportunity. By living the dorms, you are being strategic to reach the campus for Christ. Each day unbelievers will pass by your room—and when the door is open and you are there, you can meet and build relationships with them. No where else does an open door policy have such impact. If my door is open in the apartment or house, it is not safe and is not appealing to the world. Only dorms foster such an atmosphere.
9. God, through University rules and requirements, has gathered people to the dorms—mostly freshmen. They have to be there! So why run from them to a secluded apartment or house?
10. Every year we have a banquet that honors seniors. Each senior is honored by someone he or she has disciplined through a short testimony, and the senior is presented by his disciple a quote by Jim Elliot that says this—“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” No one has lived in a dorm past their freshmen year that has not decided to lay down his life to make disciples. Is it worth it? I say yes. Each year these students say of the senior, “When I was a freshmen the person who met me and reached out to me when I moved into Walker Tower was \_\_\_\_\_. I often went to her room, and she began to share her life with me. We did fun things together. She invited me to an e-group, and she began taking me to the BSU and church. I didn’t know it at the time, but she was disciplining me and now my whole life has changed because she lived on my floor.”