

Campus Life

On-Campus Living and Food Service Requirements

Students enrolled in the residential program at Stephens are required to live in on-campus housing throughout their enrollment and participate in the College's food service plan. Day students are students who reside with their spouse, parent or legal guardian, or are Columbia-area residents not legally dependent on another person, who have lived in the community for one full year or more. All students living off campus are required to pay fees which include the charge for a specific number of meals on campus per semester in the college dining service.

Broadcasting Activities

Stephens students receive hands-on experience in the production of programming for KWWC-FM, the 1,250-watt radio station owned and operated by the College, and in Studio A, a full-size television studio.

Psychological services provided by Stephens College include conducting intake interviews and assessments, making referrals to appropriate psychological resources, providing psychotherapy for students, and providing consultation with college personnel regarding student concerns. Additional services may be negotiated for a fee.

Career Development

Stephens Career Development assists students with all phases of career planning from choosing majors and identifying career possibilities to gaining career-related experiences and securing employment or entrance to graduate school. The Career Development staff work extensively with students one-on-one to address individual needs, as well as in groups through special programs and presentations on such topics as interviewing, résumé writing and job-search strategies. Career Development also works cooperatively with academic programs to help students plan and prepare for internship opportunities.

Career Development maintains an extensive library of resources including employer directories, company literature, graduate school information, résumé sample books, a computerized career information system and much more. The office also maintains a database consisting of more than 500 alumnae career consultants from whom students may gain valuable career and employment information.

Employment opportunities can be found in Career Development for permanent, part-time and summer positions. Career Development also assists students with on-campus work study positions.

Cultural Events

The vast array of cultural experience available to students on campus includes theatre productions, chamber music concerts, exhibits in the Davis Art Gallery, jazz, ballet, comedy and musical productions, numerous lectures, discussions and presentations by on-campus and outside experts.

Disabled Student Services

Mobility-impaired students may contact the Vice President of Student Services to receive an accessibility map of the campus and other information concerning access to campus buildings and grounds. Individual orientation to the campus is available through the Vice President of Student Services.

Mobility-impaired students should contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs concerning accessibility of scheduled classrooms. Once officially notified, the Vice President for Academic Affairs will make every effort to schedule classes in locations that accommodate limited mobility.

Residents who have a physical disability that requires special accommodations should contact the Director of Residence Life for room assignments that best meet their needs.

Health and Wellness

Counseling Services

Students' academic, career and personal counseling needs are met by a variety of services and programs at Stephens College. These programs are designed to assist students as they move toward self-reliance and self-confidence.

Health Services

The Stephens Health Services program is designed to help students gain the knowledge they need to make responsible decisions about optimal health. The director of health services, who is also a certified nurse practitioner, coordinates the delivery of health education and medical services. She sees students by appointment at the health clinic for lifestyle changes, illnesses and injuries and may refer students to a consulting physician. There is an extra fee for using a

consulting physician.

For emergency and/or specialized medical care, students are referred to Columbia physicians or hospitals where all medical and surgical sub-specialties are available. All costs are the responsibility of the student and her family. In Missouri, anyone 18 or older may contract for their own health care. Students should be aware of medical insurance coverage. Specific information on student health insurance is available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

When a student is admitted to Stephens, she receives a health information form which must be completed and returned to Health Services prior to her arrival on campus. A student must furnish the report of her medical history, present health status and evidence of recent immunizations prior to confirming fall preregistration. Insurance information is also required.

Health Connection

The campus workout facility, The Health Connection, is located in Hillcrest Hall.

MU Student Recreation Complex

Stephens is pleased to offer its campus community the wellness benefits of a partnership with the neighboring University of Missouri-Columbia. This arrangement allows Stephens students, faculty and staff access to the state-of-the-art MU Student Rec Complex (SRC) just a few blocks from the Stephens campus. Membership gives you access to the [MU Rec Complex, aquatic facilities and outdoor fields](#). See the Stephens [Campus Life website](#) for more information.

Office of Student Leadership, Campus Programming and Diversity

The Office promotes and sponsors student activities and events, and provides advice and support for student organizations and campus-wide activities.

The director and staff are committed to developing student leadership and involvement through innovative and developmental programs. The office encourages service, volunteerism and active participation throughout the student body.

Residence Life

The Director of Residence Life and graduate residents, all of whom are professionals in the student life area, work closely with student staff members, assist in the development of hall programs and provide opportunities for individual and group development that contribute to the quality of life for students living in the residence halls.

Resident assistants (RAs) and resident directors (RDs) living in the halls are students who serve as peer support persons, providing resource information and referrals. They assist students in adjusting to college life and its demands. RAs and RDs are responsible for creating and maintaining a sense of community in the residence halls.

Residential hall living complements students' academic endeavors through the connections they make with their roommate, hallmates and staff. The staff encourages students to take advantage of the many opportunities for involvement. These opportunities are designed to challenge a student as she learns and grows throughout her college years.

Students invited to be a part of the Honors House Plan, which is a specialized living and learning environment, will be living in a designated area in the residence quad. Tower Hall is reserved for upper-class students only. A special housing situation exists for students with pets. Please refer to the Stephens College website for [details](#).

Student Government Association, Hall Councils

Students' responsibilities in campus and hall government are twofold: to become involved in policy-making by making suggestions and problems known to elected representatives; and to uphold the rules and regulations made by the same representatives.

Every student is automatically a member of the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA has executive and legislative powers to govern student activities and to develop and maintain group living standards. Students who are elected to SGA committees gain experience in planning, administering and communicating cultural, social and recreational activities and in dealing with academic, residential and community problems. Students are also elected to serve as class officers for each of the four classes. These officers work within the SGA guidelines as well as serve as leaders for their classmates.

Each residence hall has its own elected council that provides ideas and support for campus-wide concerns through SGA. Hall councils also coordinate recreational, social and cultural activities within the hall.

Student Identification Card

With the Identification card, a student may cash checks, obtain a Stephens postal box and be given ticket discounts for most Stephens Macklanburg Playhouse productions. It may also be used as a debit card at the Bookshelf after funds are deposited into the debit account. Please contact the Bookshelf for details.

Student Organizations

Many growth and leadership opportunities are available to students through the following organizations. Honoraries include Alpha Epsilon Rho; Alpha Lambda Delta, national freshman honorary; Beta Beta Beta, science; Chi Tau Epsilon, dance; Kappa Delta Pi, education; Mortar Board, national senior honorary; Pi Phi Rho, fashion; Psi Chi, psychology; Sigma Delta Beta, business, management, administration; Sigma Tau Delta, English and Creative Writing. Campus organizations include ACES Dance Team; American Association of University Women; American Humanics Student Association; Campus Life Unleashed; Catholic Student Association; Champions of Character; Christian Outreach Fellowship; Dance Collaborations; Happy Tuesday Players; Innovative Fashion Association; International Interior Design Association; Judicial Board; Keep a Child Alive; Martin Luther King Student Union (MLKSU); Overflow; Pre-Law Society; Prince of Wales Club; Psychology Club; Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA); Queer-Straight Alliance; Stephens Equine Therapy Association (SETA); Sketchy Business; Stephens College Ambassadors; Stephens College Democrats; Stephens College Film Series; Stephens College Pro-Choice; Stephens Sisters; Student Government Association (SGA); Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE); Students Learning About Teacher Education (SLATE); Susies for Organized Service (S.O.S.); Velvetones; Warehouse Theatre; Wood Womyn; Greek life includes Sigma Sigma Sigma; Kappa Delta; Panhellenic Council.

Student Publications

Students may become involved in the production of the student newspaper, *Stephens Life*, by enrolling in a mass communication practicum course for credit. *Harbinger*, a magazine of original literary, photographic and graphic works, is also produced by students.

The Campus

The buildings on the Stephens campus bridge the modern and historic eras.

Historic Senior Hall, the oldest building on campus (1841) and one of the oldest structures in Columbia, is included in the National Register of Historic Places and houses the music and dance programs.

The James Madison Wood Quadrangle is the Stephens learning center. Included are the Hugh Stephens Resources Library, classrooms, multipurpose areas, office-seminar space, a teaching auditorium, a lecture theater, listening rooms, television and radio studios, FM broadcast facilities, newsroom, computer labs, laboratories, galleries, art studios—bringing together traditional learning aids and modern technology.

The Hugh Stephens Resources Library is the central building of the Quadrangle. It is an open, informal space housing a variety of resources and offering students and staff comfortable study areas and computer access to enhance a pleasant, independent learning and research experience. The Library also offers other spaces to facilitate academic and business meetings, such as the Penthouse and other meeting rooms. The Albert Schweitzer Collection area is a quiet nook tucked away in a corner of the Library—perfect as a quiet place for individual study or reflection.

The library collection includes more than 120,000 volumes with new materials added at the rate of approximately 1,000 each year. There is also a very good reference collection with professional staff who work with students and faculty to provide individual or group instruction concerning the various library resources as needed. The Library subscribes to several large databases with access to approximately 10,000 full-text and abstract versions of numerous journals. Other media include audio and videotapes, DVDs and journals on microform. The Education/Children's Resource Collection is also housed in the Library.

Access to the Library's collection is through the on-line public catalog, Arthur. Stephens College is a member of the Arthur cluster of the MOBIUS consortium and so has access to the collections of the other 58 member academic libraries in Missouri. Students can view the online catalogs of other member libraries, borrow books directly online or review their own list of checked out materials and renew items themselves if so desired. Arthur is available at <http://arthur.missouri.edu/>.

The library is home to two computer labs (Mac and PC) and a G5 Mac lab for digital film editing.

Helis Communication Center, KWWC-FM and the Patricia Barry Television Studio serve as laboratories for students in television and radio production, digital filmmaking, broadcast and print journalism, and public relations courses.

Lewis James and Nellie Stratton Davis Art Gallery exhibits works of selected artists, with a special emphasis on women

artists. The Catherine Webb Art Studios provide class and studio space for drawing, painting, computer and digital design, and printmaking. These studios also support fashion design classes.

E.S. Pillsbury Science Center houses science and mathematics faculty offices. Classrooms and laboratories are set up for individual projects and class experiments.

Louise Dudley Hall contains classrooms with audiovisual equipment for courses in English, art history, social studies, business, psychology, and computer technology. Special facilities in Louise Dudley Hall include a large art history collection of 35,000 slides, records, CDs and videos. This specialized library is used as a teaching aid in art and art history classes.

Windsor Auditorium, a teaching auditorium seating 300, is also used for recitals and guest lectures.

Charters Lecture Theatre, with seating for 128, is used for lectures and films. The adjacent Arena Classroom is used for teaching, lecturing, conferences, exhibitions, audiovisual presentations and special theatre arts productions.

Firestone Baars Chapel, designed by Eero Saarinen, is acknowledged to be one of the most beautiful buildings of its kind in the United States. It is used for a variety of worship services and campus activities as well as for individual worship and meditation.

Stamper Commons features self-service dining facilities for all students, faculty and staff and separate lounge areas. Also located in Stamper Commons is the College post office, the bookstore (known as the Bookshelf), the Office of Student Leadership and Campus Programming, Health Services, Office of Vice President of Student Services, Office of Residence Life and the spacious Windsor Lounge.

The Stars Café in Columbia Foyer features deli style sandwiches, salads, beverages and snacks, plus Starbucks brewed coffee and hot teas. The hours of operation will be posted by the Café at the beginning of the fall semester.

The John and Mary Silverthorne Arena is equipped for NAIA basketball and volleyball. The Arena is used for a variety of campus activities.

Macklanburg Playhouse adjoins the Performing Arts Department production shop and the student-run Warehouse Theatre. The playhouse seats 350 and includes a computerized lighting control system, sound system and modern rigging equipment. Some unique features are a fully trapped stage floor; 8-foot-by-32-foot flexible apron deck; dimmer per circuit lighting distribution; and an independent intercom system. The building houses faculty offices, a rehearsal hall, an art gallery and a box office.

The Visitors Center, a four-story building, houses the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies and SC Events (Campus Conferencing) and provides rooms for guests of the College. The building also contains the Macklanburg Gallery, which exhibits the Berman Collection and works of art by Albert and Arland Christ-Janer.

Other Buildings

Classrooms, studios for fashion design, dance, music and drama, and student offices are located in several traditional and modern buildings; administrative offices are centered principally in Lela Raney Wood Hall.

Also on campus are the experimental arena-type Warehouse Theatre with seating for about 300; the Johnson Plant Laboratory (greenhouse); and the Audrey Webb Child Study Center, housing the Stephens College Children's School. Stephens Stables, including indoor and outdoor arenas, paddocks and rings, and two stable blocks, are close to the main campus. The indoor arena, renovated in 1999, furnishes all-weather accommodations for riding instruction and horse shows.