

# Living on Campus 2025- 2026



## A GUIDE FOR NEW STUDENTS



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# Residence Hall Philosophy & Staff

## Residence Hall Philosophy

Austin College strongly believes that living in a residence hall is an integral part of a student's educational experience. Therefore, all students are required to live in college housing for six (6) fourteen (14) week semesters or the equivalent of three academic years.

## First Year Information (F.Y.I)

The most critical period of the college experience is the first year. How successful a new student is in making the transition will impact the rest of his/her college career and may very well determine whether or not the student proceeds to graduation. It is with these thoughts in mind that Austin College developed First Year Information (F.Y.I) programs. FYI is a comprehensive program designed to help first-year students benefit from peer support and more structured intentional interactions.

First-year students are assigned to "clusters" in which only first-year students live. These clusters enable the College to put first-year students in contact with necessary resources, while enhancing positive interactions with upper-class students.

Resident Assistants (RA's) are concentrated in the first-year student clusters. With special training to assist first-year students, RAs are equipped to facilitate a positive learning environment and community atmosphere. This structure provides first-year students with several benefits, including: another first-year student as a roommate, the opportunity to interact closely with a variety of other first-year students in a community atmosphere, and an upper-class student whose training and focus is on developing first-year students.

In addition to the cluster structure, FYI provides a variety of intentionally timed programs that are specifically designed to assist first-year students during their transition throughout their first semester. **Attendance at FYI programs is highly encouraged for all first-year students.**

## Residential Communities

The residential facilities consist of four traditional residence halls, all of which house freshmen and sophomores, Jordan Family Language House, and the upperclassmen complexes, which consist of apartments, cottages and suites. The residence halls at Austin College have common features to enhance the living environment and aid students in their academic success. Computer labs with Windows-based PC computers and printers are available in all residence halls. Students find these labs very accommodating, especially when they do not have a computer of their own or when they do not wish to disturb their roommate.

All residence communities and complexes contain common areas with a TV, study rooms, a kitchen area, and laundry facilities. Laundry facilities are located in each

residential facility and there is no charge to do laundry. These costs are built into the cost of living on campus. Baker, Caruth and Dean have larger recreation rooms. Traditional residence halls are monitored by a computerized security system. Students may gain access into the hall where they live 24 hours a day by simply waving their ID in front of a computerized reader that releases the door locks.

## Residence Life Staff

Residential communities are staffed by a professional Community Coordinator (CC) and student Resident Assistants. Community Coordinators are responsible for the overall operation of their areas. In addition to CCs we also have a Head Resident (HR), an upper-classman who assists the CC in the operation of our communities. Johnson "Roo" Suites, Bryan Apartments and Jordan Family Language House are staffed by Resident Managers (RM). RMs work in conjunction with CCs to facilitate programming and manage the administrative needs of the communities.

RAs are generally assigned to areas with a concentration of first year students so that they can facilitate adjustment to college by serving as positive peer influences. RAs assist all students in the hall with a wide range of concerns including personal, academic and social. The staff, as well as the Hall Council (residence hall government), assist in providing intentional educational programming, social activities, recreational events and other experiential learning opportunities.

### Steps for Move-In Day

- Arrive during your scheduled date and time
- Come to the lobby of your building to check-in and receive your key and room inventory form.
- Move in to your room, meet your roommate, get settled and prepare for orientation!



# Austin College Residence Halls

**Baker Hall** — A men's hall, Baker is named after the Rev. Daniel Baker, the founder of Austin College. Constructed in 1958 and renovated in 1996, Baker Hall contains 71 double occupancy rooms and four single occupancy rooms. Baker Hall includes movable furnishings, including extra-long twin beds (39x80in) which can be bunked, dressers, study chairs, and permanently positioned desks.

**Caruth Hall** — A women's hall, has 77 double rooms. Caruth Hall was constructed in 1963 and renovated in 1997. A large basement area contains space for meetings, exercise, and recreation. Individual rooms have movable furnishings, including **standard twin beds (39x75in)** which can be bunked, desks and study chairs, as well as permanently positioned dressers. Due to the size and shape, the dormer rooms on the fourth floor of Caruth have permanently positioned beds, desks, and dressers. The dormer rooms are single occupancy rooms.

**Clyce Hall** — Clyce is one of the two co-ed residence halls. It contains 64 double rooms. Clyce was constructed in 1957 and remodeled in 1991. Each room has movable furnishings, including dressers, extra-long twin beds (39x80in) which can be bunked, night stands, and study chairs. They also have permanently positioned desks for each roommate and one vanity.

**Dean Hall** — Dean is the largest residence hall on campus with 116 double occupancy rooms. It is co-ed, and may be divided in various ways to provide space for men and women. Typically, the floors are divided with freshmen men in one wing and women in the other, with upper-class students residing in the rooms between the two wings. Furnishings in Dean Hall include permanently positioned desks and dressers along with movable study chairs and extra-long twin (39x80in) beds which can be bunked.

**Upper-class Student Housing Options** — Upperclassmen are also able to live in the Jordan Family Language House, the Flats at Brockett Court, Johnson Suites, Bryan Apartments and the Village on Grand. Assignment to the Jordan Family Language House is determined by the classical and modern language faculty. Students living in the facility are divided into four separate language houses. In order to live in the Flats at Brockett Court, Johnson Suites or Bryan Apartments, students must have lived on campus for four (4) sixteen week semesters.

## What to Bring To Campus

*All of these are optional, but recommended*

- Desk lamp (Dean Hall rooms come equipped with desk lamps, but other rooms do not)
- Desk supplies: pens, stapler, sharpener, etc.
- Power strips
- Bed linens, mattress pad, pillow(s)
- Blanket and bedspread/comforter
- Towels, washcloths
- Clothes hangers
- Wastebasket
- Recycle Bin (Austin College Thinks Green)
- Laundry supplies (detergent, hamper or basket, etc.)
- Alarm clock/radio/CD player/MP3
- Personal care appliances (hair dryer, curling iron, etc.)
- Rain gear
- First Aid kit
- Sewing kit
- Shower caddy (to carry items to the shower)
- Shower shoes
- Personal computer with Ethernet card (for those without a computer, there are several computer labs on campus). See page 6 for more information on computers.

*To avoid duplication, you may wish to check with your roommate before bringing these items:*

- Coffee pot
- Refrigerator (no larger than 4.6 cubic ft.) **Students in Residence Halls and Jordan Family Language House may only have one mini-fridge per ROOM.**
- Area/Room rug
- TV and DVD/Blue Ray
- Stereo

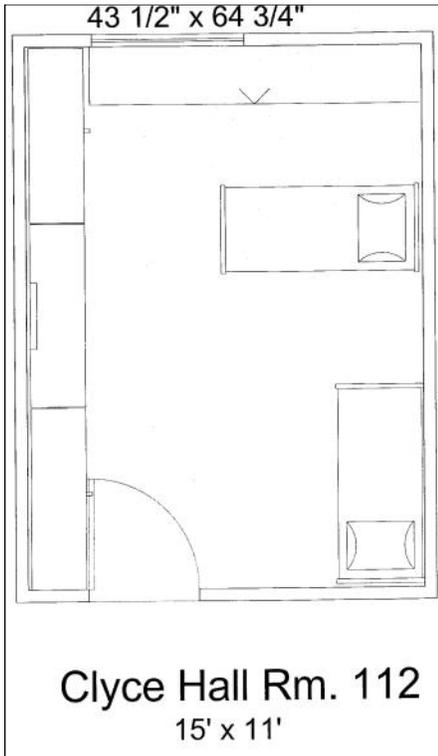
*You may **NOT** bring the following (possession of these items will result in confiscation and a fine):*

- Candles (even those without wicks)
- Incense
- Water beds
- Appliances not mentioned above (including toasters, sandwich makers, etc.)
- Pets (except fish )
- Microwave oven
- Air Fryer
- Halogen lamps—popular type of desk lamp.
- Wireless Phones and Wireless Printers

To put objects on walls, you must use 3M Command Adhesive with the exception of upperclassmen housing which require tacks. You are not permitted to use double-sided tape, duct tape, sticky tack, nails or anything else that will damage the surface of the walls.

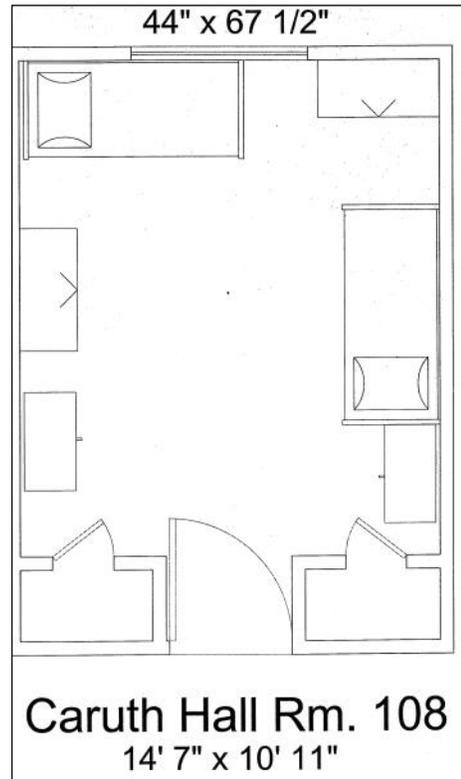
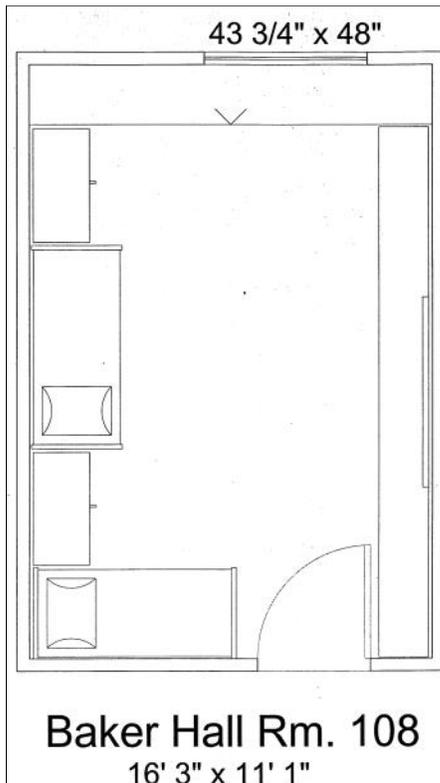
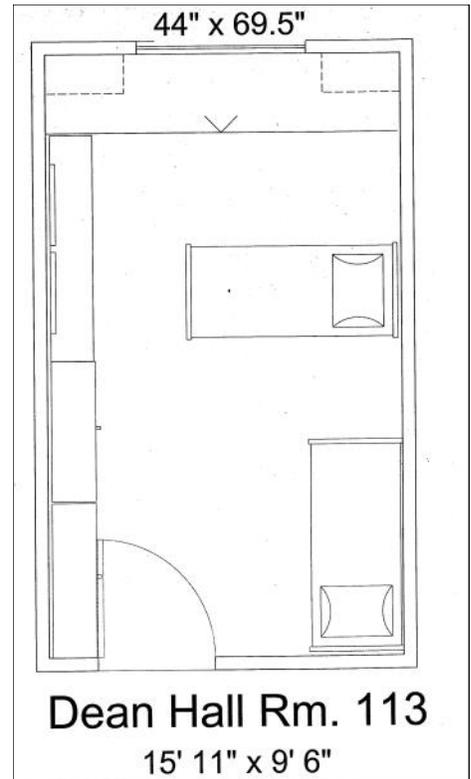


# Room Sizes and Specifications



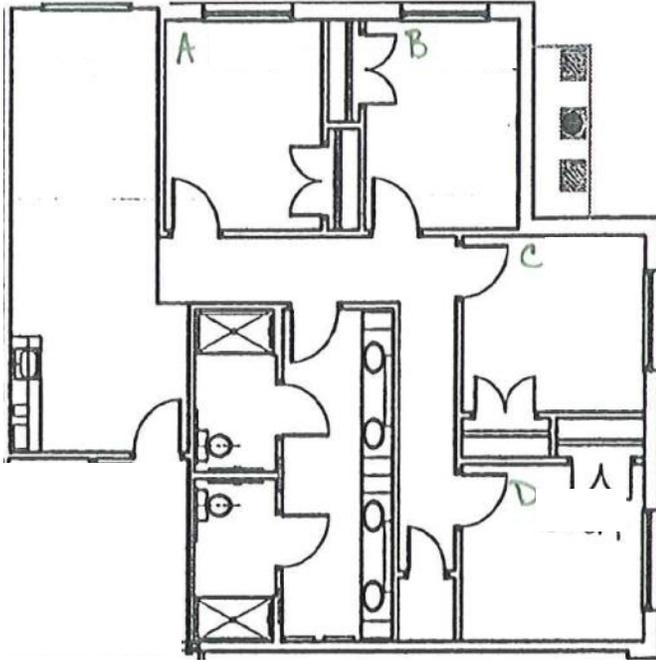
## Room Diagrams

Please note that these are general floor plans representing the majority of double rooms in each traditional hall. By and large, new students will receive double rooms that meet approximately these specifications; however, some slight room variations





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## Bryan Apartments

### Single-Story Apartments

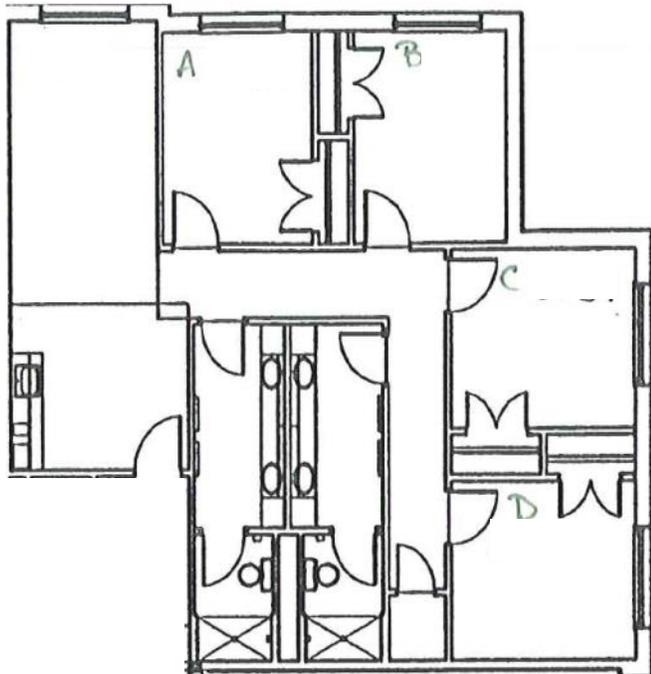
Bedrooms 11'2" x 13'2"  
Living rooms 10' x 13'7"  
Dining rooms 8'1" x 10'6"  
Kitchens 7'9" x 7'2"

### Split-Level Studios

Bedrooms 11'10" x 13'5"  
Living rooms 11'3" x 13'1"  
Dining rooms 7'5" x 10'6"  
Kitchens 8'8" x 7'2"

## Johnson Roo Suites C101

All bedrooms (A, B, C, and D) are 10' x 10'



## Johnson Roo Suites C201

All bedrooms (A, B, C, and D) are 10' x 10'

## Room Diagrams

Please note that these are general floor plans representing the majority of rooms in each area. By and large, students will receive rooms that meet approximately these specifications; however, some slight room variations exist.

# Appliances

The following list indicates appliances allowed in each of our residential facilities based on electrical load and fire safety considerations. While it covers the most common appliances students ask about, it is not a comprehensive list. If you have a question about an appliance not on this list, please contact the Student Life Office.

	<b>Traditional Halls &amp; Jordan</b>	<b>Bryan, Flats, &amp; Village</b>	<b>Johnson Roo Suites</b>
Toaster	No	Yes	Yes
Toaster Oven	No	Yes	No
Electric Tea Kettle	Yes	Yes	Yes
Microwave	Provided in kitchen	Provided	Provided
George Foreman Grill	No	Yes	No
Electric Griddle	No	No	No
Electric Skillet	No	No	No
Blender/Food Processor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coffee Pot	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hot Plate	No	No	No
Induction Cook Top	No	No	No
Waffle Iron	No	Yes	No
Crock Pot	No	Yes	Yes
Refrigerator	4.6 cubic ft. or smaller	Provided	Provided
Sandwich Maker	No	Yes	No
Rice Cooker	No	Yes	No
Deep Fryers	No	No	No
Outdoor Grills	No	No	No
Air Fryer	No	Yes	No





# Living In The Residence Halls

## Internet Access/Computer Labs

All Austin College students living in a residence hall, Johnson "Roo" Suites, or Bryan Apartments have a connection to the College network in their room. Each residence hall also has a computer lab with networked computers and a printer.

## Is there wireless available on campus?

Yes. Wireless network access is available in all campus residence halls, academic buildings, the Wright Center, and the Abell Library

## What can I access through the College network?

You can access email, the Internet, the library catalog, syllabi, class assignments and lecture notes on-line, and instructional applications.

## How do I get network access?

Students are required to register their computer or tablet before gaining access to the College network. Their device must have updated anti-virus software installed prior to accessing the College network. Students will receive further instructions at orientation.

## How can I print?

Each computer lab is equipped with a printer. Each student is allocated credit to use for their printing needs. If necessary, additional credit can be purchased from the Business Office in the Caruth Administration Building during normal business hours.

## What equipment should I bring?

There are sufficient computers available in labs on campus so that students are not required to bring their own computer or tablet. Students may bring their own computers, tablets, smartphones, and printers, as long as printers are not set up to generate wireless signals (which can interfere with the College's wireless network).

## Austin College Network Policies

Connecting to the College network requires that you understand the responsibilities of being a network user in order to protect the integrity of the other users. It is each student's responsibility to read the entire AC Network Policies document located on the AC website: <http://www.austincollege.edu> or Life @ Austin College

## Technology on Campus

Key requirements of the network policy are:

- Use network to support education
- Keep private any passwords given to you
- Obey all copyright laws
- Respect the privacy of other users on the network
- Refrain from sending offensive mail or messages
- Use of accounts is limited to the account owner
- Degradation of the network should not be attempted
- Refrain from interfering with others' use of the network

## Telephone Service

Commercial cellphone service is generally reliable across campus and in the Sherman area.

Telephone lines are not available in individual residence hall rooms. However, community phones are available on each floor of each residence hall. No phone lines are available in the Roo Suites or Bryan apartments.

To call campus phone numbers from off campus:

- Dial 903.813.nnnn (4-digit extension)
- Dial 903.957.nnnn for students living in either Bryan Apartments or Johnson Suites.
- To make a call on campus to a on campus phone number, dial the last 4-digits of the number.



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# Living In The Residence Halls

## Health Services

Health Services provides health care with an emphasis on the value of preventive care and keeping healthy. All enrolled students are expected to have health insurance. Students who are unable to provide documented proof of insurance will be assigned the College sponsored insurance plan automatically.

Adams Center, located near the Wright Campus Center, is where all students can visit a nurse free of charge and without an appointment from 9:00am-4pm Monday-Friday. A physician is available on campus at certain times on a first-come first-served basis. The medical walk-in clinic schedule is available on the Austin College website under Health Services. For further information, call 903.813.2247.

**Texas State law effective 1/1/10 requires the meningitis vaccine 10 days prior to starting classes or participating in any Austin College activity.**

Classes begin Thursday, August 23, 2018. **Documentation of your meningitis immunization must be dated 10 days prior to the start (August 13, 2018) of classes or you will not be allowed to start as stated by the Texas State Law.** This is a state law and can not be excused. **Please fax (903.813.3188) or e-mail (health@austincollege.edu) verification of your Meningitis shot ASAP so you can be cleared to move in.**

## Mailing Address

Mail is delivered Monday through Friday (except holidays) to the student's campus mailbox at the mailing center in the Wright Campus Center. Suite numbers are campus box numbers that are assigned to students for their academic tenure. Letters and parcels should be addressed to:

Student's name  
Austin College  
900 N.Grand, Suite #  
Sherman, TX 75090-4400



## Meal Plans

Austin College Dining Service provides a wide variety of food choices to meet the needs of today's active college student. Meal plans are contracted through the Student Engagement, Enrichment, and Development Office. Any change to the selected meal contract must be made on or before the Friday prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> class day. As part of the on campus experience, all resident students are required to have a dining plan membership. There are 2 options available depending upon your student classification. Students must present a valid ID to have access to the dining facility. If you have specialized dietary needs, please call the dining service office at 903.813.2366, or stop by the office, WCC 117.

**7 day unlimited access** - Required for first year resident students

This membership will allow unlimited dining access every day. This plan will also include \$75 hopper dollars per semester which can be used in any dining location.

**14 Weekly Meal Plan** – Minimum plan for traditional halls, Johnson "Roo" Suites and sophomores approved to live anywhere on campus.

This membership will allow for a declining balance of 14 meals per week. This plan will also include \$100 hopper dollars per semester which can be used in any dining location.

## Hours of Operation

	Pouch Club	Hopper Store	Kangaroo Coffee Co.
Monday—Thursday	11am - 11pm	7am- 11 pm	7am – midnight
Friday	11am— 10pm	7am - 10pm	7am - 10pm
Saturday	4:30pm— 10:00pm	10am - 10pm	10am - 10 pm
Sunday	4:30pm— 11pm	10am - midnight	10am – midnight
<b>Dining Room</b>			
Monday – Saturday	7am - 8pm	Sunday	8am-8pm

## Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar can be found on the Austin College website at <http://www.austincollege.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>



# Residence Hall Policies & Procedures

## Residency Requirement

Students admitted as first-year matriculates, with a CI year assignment, must live in on campus housing designated by Austin College for a minimum of six(6) fourteen (14) week semesters, including January Term, or the equivalent of three academic years. Students admitted as transfer matriculates, without CI year assignment, must live in on campus housing designated by Austin College for a minimum of four (4) fourteen (14) week semesters including January Term, or the equivalent of two academic years.

Transfer students who matriculate from traditional four year colleges will be automatically opted in to living on campus, they can complete an appeal through financial aid if they are requesting to live off campus. Transfer students who matriculate from our community college partners, will have an opt-in process to reside in on-campus housing.

## Visitation Policy

The residents of each hall set their own hours for visitation in the residence hall rooms. At the beginning of the year, these hours are Sunday-Thursday from 10:00AM to 10:00PM and Friday-Saturday from 10:00AM to 12:00 AM. The residents of each hall will vote during the first weeks of school to either maintain these standard visitation hours or extend them to Sunday-Thursday from 10:00AM to 12:00AM and Friday-Saturday from 10AM to 2:30AM.

## Candles and Halogen Lamps

Due to fire safety and health concerns, halogen lamps, incense and candles of any kind are not permitted in the residence halls. Such items will be confiscated and students in possession of them will be fined.

## Electrical Appliances

Each electrical circuit in the residence halls provides power for several students' rooms. For this reason, residents are encouraged to plug in no more than two appliances per outlet. More than two appliances may result in the circuit overloading and shorting out. Many appliances use excessive electricity or, if used incorrectly, may present a fire hazard. For these reasons, the following are not permitted in the residence halls: any appliance requiring 220 or more volts, microwaves, hot plates, portable heaters, air conditioners, any appliance with an exposed heating element and any device which is determined to be the cause of a circuit overload.

## Alcohol Policy

In accordance with State laws, an individual must be 21 years of age or older to consume, possess, purchase or transport alcohol. Consumption of alcohol is permitted in

an individual's residence hall room if that person is 21 years of age or older and keeps the door to that room closed. Individuals may drink in another student's room as long as the resident of that room is also 21 years of age or older and present in the room at the time of possession and/or consumption.

Furthermore, students under the age of 21 may possess a maximum of two empty alcohol containers (i.e., beer bottle, wine bottles or glasses or shot glasses) which must be clean and used clearly for decorative purposes. Public intoxication is also a violation of the Austin College alcohol policy, which is detailed in the student handbook, the *Environment*.

## Drug Policy

The following actions are violations of the Non-Academic Code of Student Conduct: the illegal transfer and/or improper use, possession or consumption of any controlled substance (e.g. narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, or hallucinogens); the transfer, possession, or use of marijuana; or the possession of drug paraphernalia as defined by state law, on College property or at any College sponsored activities; *or being present when any of the above listed activities are taking place*. The drug policy is detailed further in the student handbook, the *Environment*.

## Smoking Policy

Like all campus buildings, residence halls are designated smoke-free. Smoking—including electronic cigarettes and vaping—is not permitted within the residence halls. Designated smoking areas are available on campus.

## Pets

Due to health hazards such as fleas, sanitation, and possible allergic reactions, only fish are permitted as pets in all on campus housing. Pet fish must be maintained in aquariums no larger than 15 gallons in volume. All animals must remain outside, even if they are just coming to visit. Fish must be taken home during extended breaks so as not to put them in harm's way.

## Roommate/Room Changes

At Austin College, students are encouraged to meet new people and spend time getting to know each other. Therefore, no room changes will be considered before school begins and the required "settling period" has passed. Assigning rooms and roommates is a complex process and every effort has been made to honor special requests when possible.

All first year students are required to have a roommate. If there are concerns after the first two week settling-in period, please contact your Area Coordinator during their office hours in the residence hall office.

# Austin College Campus

## MAP KEY

1. Abell Library Center
  2. Adams Center
  3. Apple Stadium
  4. Baker Athletic Field
  5. Baker Residence Hall for Men
  6. Ella Barker Memorial Garden
  7. Bryan Apartments
  8. Carruth Guest House
  9. Caruth Administration Building
  10. Caruth Residence Hall for Women
  11. Clyce Residence Hall for Women
  12. College Green
  13. Collins Alumni Center
  14. Craig Hall for Music
  15. Dean Residence Hall
  16. Detweiler House
  17. Dickey Fitness Pavilion
  18. The Flats at Brockett Court
  19. Forster Art Studio Complex
  20. Hall Graduation Court
  21. Hannah Natatorium
  22. Hersh Memorial Garden
  23. Honors Court and Collins Fountain
  24. Hopkins Social Science Center
  25. Hughey Gymnasium
  26. Ida Green Communication Center
  27. IDEA Center (open Fall 2013)
  28. Jackson Technology Center
  29. Johnson 'Roo Suites
  30. Jonsson Fountain
  31. Jonsson Plaza
  32. Jordan Family Language House
  33. Kappa Fountain
  34. Mason Athletic-Recreation Complex
  35. Moody Science Center
  36. Physical Plant Building
  37. President's House
  38. Russell Tennis Center
  39. Settles House
  40. Sherman Hall (Humanities) and Hoxie Thompson Auditorium
  41. Sid Richardson Recreation Center
  42. Soccer Field
  43. Temple Center for Teaching and Learning at Thompson House
  44. Thompson Hall (Sciences)
  45. The Village on Grand
  46. Williams Founders Plaza
  47. Williams Intramural Complex
  48. Windsor House
  49. Wortham Center
  50. Wright Campus Center
  51. Wynne Chapel
  52. Zauk Circle Drive and Garden
- P = Parking  
S = Smoking Area

