



marcia kelly mcalister residence hall (coed)



McAlister is a six-story residence hall in which approximately 536 students live in four- and six-person suites (opening to outside corridors) with two students per room. Each suite consists of two or three bedrooms, two or three bathrooms and one living room with kitchenette.

The common area in each suite is furnished with a cherry wood-finish bistro table and barstools, two loveseats (or sofas in larger suites), a coffee table and one end table. Upholstery is multicolored. The kitchenette comes with cabinets, a microwave and full-size refrigerator. No additional refrigerators or microwaves are allowed.

There are two or three bathrooms in each suite and two residents share a bathroom – compartmentalized with a vanity area containing a sink with cabinet space and a second area for toilet and shower (showers have doors; shower curtains not needed). There is limited drawer space in the vanity. For additional storage, residents may bring over-the-toilet cabinets that are supported by poles; wall attachments are not allowed.

The color scheme for the common areas is: bright white walls and ceilings, medium blue accent walls and baseboards, and ivory doors and door trim. The floors in the sleeping/study areas are covered with blue carpet; there is ivory floor tile in the closet, dressing areas and common room.

On the first floor there are an activity/study room, laundry room, a central courtyard and Einstein's Bagel Shop (not accessible via the interior of McAlister). In addition, the building contains a multi-zone fire alarm system, fire sprinkler system, digital security camera system and 24-hour information/security desk.



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“McAlister is a fun place to live. There are people here from all over the country. A lot of my fraternity brothers live in this dorm, which is nice because we can socialize together.

“Every group of rooms has its own common area, so we get together there and watch football or play Xbox. But there’s also a big common room for the whole dorm where we can have social activities and the RAs play movies. There’s also a courtyard outside, and it’s set up with a grill.”



marcia kelly mcAlister bedrooms

- Two wood-frame cherry-finish single beds (80" long x 36" wide), semi-lofted (can be lofted* and bunked) – twin-long sheets
* gives approximately 66" of vertical clearance under the bed at full loft position and 30" of vertical clearance at semi-loft position
- Two cherry-finish desks (42" wide x 24" deep x 30" high). Each desk has a retractable keyboard and mouse surface with rear storage, retractable reference shelf, two open shelves and one storage drawer.
- Two cherry wood-frame desk chairs with a navy blue upholstered seat and back
- Built-in dresser drawer unit (48" wide x 24" deep x 36" high) with six drawers – shared by two residents (located in vanity area)
- One walk-in closet with non-locking door (shared). Average size: 48" wide x 60" deep x 96" high
- Window: 46" wide x 70" high (larger in the fifth- and sixth-floor tower rooms) covered by 1" aluminum mini blinds (students may drape fabric from the valance but may not use wall- or frame-fastened curtain rods)
- Air conditioning
- Telephone hook-up (per bedroom)
- Basic cable television service (per bedroom)
- "Wired" Internet service (per student)

Although dimensions vary according to the specific location, a typical bedroom measures 10'6" wide x 11'0" long, not including the dressing, closet and bath areas.

