We strongly encourage you to review the ResLife website for more information about living on-campus. Just go to http://reslife.sdsmt.edu. It contains detailed information that will help you in your choice to live on campus or off campus. We’ve provided a quick look at the advantages and disadvantages to living in the dorms or within the campus apartments. If you have additional questions, please contact the ResLife Office directly.

What are the advantages of living on campus or in a campus apartment?

- Residence Halls are close to everything on campus; campus apartments are within walking distance.
- Quiet hours and good study environment
- Resident Assistants (RA) available for each floor in the residence halls, and on-site apartment managers in the campus apartments.
- Living communities allow you to get to know your fellow students in a safe environment.
- Residence Life institutes safety measures that all students must follow, and there are consequences if students violate these measures.
- If you live in the dorms, you are required to purchase a meal plan, so you don’t need to worry about cooking for yourself.
- If you are sharing an on-campus apartment, you do not have to worry about roommates covering their share of expenses – we do that for you!

What are the disadvantages of living on campus or in a campus apartment?

- If you live in the dorms, you are required to purchase a meal plan. Food in the US is often quite different from other countries, and international students may not adjust well to those differences.
- The fee for your room and your meal plan (or your apartment rent) must be paid for a full semester and is not on a monthly payment (although you may include these costs within a payment plan through Student Accounts and Cashiering Services).
- Overnight guests are allowed on a limited basis, so if you have family or friends coming to visit, they are not allowed to stay with you for extended periods of time.
- No alcohol is allowed in any campus housing, regardless of whether or not you are legally able to purchase and consume alcohol. This policy is strictly enforced.