

RESIDENCES

As MVNU grows and adapts, so must its approach to student housing. The university currently has three dormitories and several apartment units. These facilities offer a range of moderate-to-low density housing options. The master plan recommends additional residences, the refurbishment of the existing units and the improvement or addition of amenities like student recreation.

As the student population continues to grow, it demands we develop the remaining building sites as efficiently as possible. Therefore, a higher density dormitory solution becomes appropriate. Located just north of the Prince Student Union is the site of this expansion. The new dorms may be up to three (3) stories tall. They will feature suite-style units that can accommodate up to eight (8) students. These dorms would be equipped with technology infrastructure to serve both current and future demands. They would house project labs that could enable student teams to work together in a more convenient and collaborative atmosphere. These dorms would complete the university's offering of a wide range of housing solutions.

In addition to new dormitories, it is important that the remaining facilities evolve with student housing trends and needs. The older dorms (Pioneer, Galloway and Oakwood) may be renovated to provide different housing solutions and improved comfort and technology connectivity. The apartments (such as Cedar and Birch) may be reconfigured to offer new and varied housing solutions. Due to the residential construction type of these units, they could be easily updated and modified to meet rapidly changing trends in student housing.

The new facilities and renovations would provide the necessary space to meet the growing residence needs. But so much of the "dorm" experience is centered around activities that occur outside of the dorm room itself. With that in mind, these expanded facilities would be accompanied by improved relational spaces. These spaces range from warm and inviting student lounges to a nearby prayer chapel to outdoor recreation facilities like fitness trails and basketball, sand volleyball and tennis courts.

Finally, the west campus affords the university an opportunity to develop further residential solutions beyond currently anticipated needs and markets. Although currently undefined, these might include options such as flex student housing, temporary conference/Graduate student housing, or a retirement lifestyle community.