**[Residential Life](https://www.fandm.edu/campus-life/housing-dining) and the** [**College House System**](https://www.fandm.edu/college-houses)

* [**Unique “Houses”**](https://www.fandm.edu/college-houses)**- especially designed for first-year students.**
  + **Think Oxford, Cambridge, or *Hogwarts without the magic staircase!.***
* **First-year students live with interdisciplinary (freshman) writing seminar classmates**
* **Each house has**
  + **a Don and a Dean whose offices are in your house**
  + **a student government system (leadership opportunities)**
  + **substantial annual operating budget to plan social events**
* **F&M Housing is guaranteed for all 4 years (and required)**
* **Most first and second year students live on campus in the residential quad in a building affiliated with their house**
* **Most upperclassmen live in F&M-approved off-campus housing (apartments) that are in areas *adjacent* to campus**
* **Honors house for rising seniors (selected by faculty and fellow students)**

**Athletics**

* **27 Division III varsity sports**
* **Division I wrestling**
* **18 club and intramural sports**
* **Around a third of F&M students are involved with athletics.**

**Safety**

* **F&M** [**Public Safety**](https://www.fandm.edu/public-safety/services) **uses a 2-2-2 system. 2 officers on foot, 2 on bike, and 2 by car; cordinates with the City of Lancaster**
* **Free safety app to communicate immediately with Public Safety**
* **Blue light response system**
* **Emergency alert system**
* **Escort system**
  + **Free shuttle system that takes students downtown or nearby POI (such as the nearby regional shopping mall)**
  + **Student-led safety committee with Public Safety with college house liaisons**