COMMUNITY LIVING AND AUTISM:

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ROOM LAYOUT OPTIONS:

Bathroom Types:
- Communal: shared with individuals who live on your floor
- Private: shared with roommate (if in Pantzer Suite) or completely private (if in Pantzer Single)

Hall Gender Options:
- Co-ed: Both men and women live in the hall, but are separated into different rooms or floors
  - Aber, Craig, Duniway, Jesse, Knowles, Miller, and Pantzer Hall
- Women’s Hall: Only women live in this hall
  - Turner Hall
- Men’s Hall: Only men live in this hall
  - Elrod Hall
- Gender Inclusive Floor: Mixed-gender housing option, all genders share a room
  - Miller Hall Gender Inclusive Floor/Living Learning Community

Room Types:
- Shared Space Rooms (Double = 1 roommate, Triple = 2 roommates):
  - Aber Hall Doubles - shared room, communal bathroom
  - Craig Hall Doubles or Triples - shared room, communal bathroom
  - Jesse Hall Double - shared room, communal bathroom
  - Knowles Hall Doubles or Triples - shared room, communal bathroom
  - Miller Hall Doubles - shared room, communal bathroom
  - Turner Hall Doubles - shared room, communal bathroom
- Individual Bedroom with Shared Common Space:
  - Miller Hall Pods - 2-3 Individual bedrooms, shared common, communal bathroom
  - Pantzer Hall - 4 Individual bedrooms, shared common space, private bathroom shared with a roommate
- Single Rooms:
  - Craig Hall Singles - Single room, communal bathroom
  - Duniway Hall - Single room, communal bathroom
  - Elrod Hall - Single room, communal bathroom
  - Miller Hall Single - Single room, communal bathroom
  - Pantzer Hall Single - Single room, private bathroom
  - Turner Hall Singles - Single room, communal bathroom
IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

Roommate Benefits:
• Roommate as a potential social support
• Roommate as a contact on campus experiencing similar new challenges

Roommate Challenges:
• Communicating wants and needs
• Problem-solving during conflicts
  ○ Potential different lifestyles and interests between roommates may cause conflict
• Shared space may lead to overstimulation

Single Room Benefits:
• A single room provides some person space while also:
  ○ Remaining on campus
  ○ In the residence halls/around peers

Single Room Challenges:
• Easier to withdraw/become isolated
• May make it harder to meet new people

Living in Residence Halls Provides:
• Close interaction with peers on-campus
• A support system:
  ○ Resident Assistant (RA)
  ○ Campus resources
• A convenient location close to classes without commute stressors

FURTHER RESOURCES:
The UM Housing website includes descriptions and photos of many of the different room options, as well as information about policies:

https://www.umt.edu/housing/rh/descriptions/default.php

University of Montana Disability Services for Students (DSS) can help coordinate room preferences/accommodations with UM Housing:

http://www.umt.edu/dss/
This is a book about navigating common college challenges such as Residence Halls and social norms.


CITATIONS:

