

SMITH HEATING/COOLING

GENERAL OVERVIEW

In Smith, air-conditioning and heating can be used in either the heating or the cooling season. Heat is provided via hot water through panels in the ceiling. In Smith, air-conditioning is available only when the outside temperature is above 50° F and is provided via chilled water that blows cold air through a wall vent. Having issues with the temperature of your room? Please submit a maintenance request at: mars.housing.wisc.edu.

GUIDELINES & HELPFUL HINTS

- Try small adjustments first to avoid overheating/cooling your room
- Make sure furniture, bedding, or belongings aren't pushed against convectors as this could block air flow
- During heating season, open curtains and blinds during the day when you are home to allow the sun to warm your room naturally, and close them at night to decrease drafts; during cooling season, do the reverse
- Keep doors and windows closed when the heat or air conditioning is on
- Dress for the season: instead of turning up the heat, use blankets and sweaters

HEATING & COOLING CONTROLS

Your room's temperature can be set from 65 – 75 °F and is controlled via a thermostat located on the wall (*see photo*). Temperature is controlled by a bar on the right side of the thermostat. Sliding the bar up will warm the room, while sliding it down will cool the room. Please note that your room's thermostat will only allow for a limited change in temperature because the cooling system is shared with surrounding rooms. Cooling temperatures are an average of what occupants of surrounding rooms are requesting.

HUMIDITY TIPS

- When possible, keep your room door open to promote air movement and introduce fresh air
- Take wet clothing or towels to a laundry room to be washed/dried ASAP to reduce moisture
- Run a fan to help circulate air in your room
- When possible, keep your blinds open to prevent air from being trapped against the window
- Consider the items you have in your room: fish tanks, plants, humidifiers, and diffusers can contribute to humidity/moisture levels in your room

