Bowling Green State University
Setting Up Your Cable on Campus

You will need:

- These instructions
- One coaxial cable with screws on each end
- TV
- DVR or Blu-ray Player with its components and Ethernet cord (optional)

There are three different configurations to connect cable to your TV:

**Configuration 1: Standard TV**
The typical configuration of connecting your TV to standard cable in the residence halls.

**Configuration 2: TV and DVR/Blu-ray**
The configuration with a DVR or Blu-ray Player.

**Configuration 3: Smart TV**
Configuration with smart TVs (TVs with internet capabilities and applications).

**Getting started**

First, you must locate the cable outlet in the room. Each room is equipped with one cable outlet. If you are using DVR/Blu-ray or a smart TV then you must locate the Ethernet port in the room as well. See images below for examples. The ports in each residence hall may vary.

Coaxial Outlet          Ethernet Port

**IMPORTANT:** Do not confuse Ethernet ports with phone jacks. The Ethernet ports typically say “DATA” or “CAT5” on them.

**Please note:** For security reasons wireless routers are **not permitted** on campus. If you have issues with the ports in your room or the number of available ports, contact RCC/ITS at 419-372-4722 or email rcchelp@bgu.edu.
1) Standard TV Set-up

For this configuration, simply take the coaxial cable and screw one end into the outlet in the wall. Make sure the cable is screwed completely onto the port otherwise you may not receive a signal. Screw the other end into the back of the TV and turn on the TV. If connected properly you should have the standard channels provided on campus.

![Diagram of Standard TV Set-up](image)

2) TV and DVR/Blu-ray Set-Up

Step 1: If you are using a DVR or Blu-ray player on campus, you must register the device through ITS/RCC. You will need to locate the MAC address on your DVR to register. Please refer to the instructions that came with your DVR/Blu-ray player to locate it. If you have any issues contact RCC/ITS at 419-372-4722 or email rcchelp@bgsu.edu.

Step 2: Take the coaxial cable and screw one end into the port in the wall. Make sure the cable is screwed completely onto the port otherwise you may not receive a signal. Screw the other end into the back of the TV.

Step 3: Next take an Ethernet cord. Plug one end into the port in the wall. Plug the other end into the DVR/Blu-ray player Ethernet port.

Step 4: Connect the component cables or HDMI cable to the corresponding ports on the TV and the DVR/Blu-ray player.

![Diagram of TV and DVR/Blu-ray Set-Up](image)
3) Smart TV Set-up

Step 1: If you are using a smart TV with features such as video and music streaming then you must register the device through ITS/RCC. You will need to locate the MAC address on your TV to register. Please refer to the instructions that came with your TV to locate it. If you have any issues contact RCC/ITS at 419-372-4722 or email rcchelp@bgsu.edu.

If you decide to use the TV without the Internet capabilities you can connect the TV using the same process in **Configuration 1**.

Step 2: Take the coaxial cable and screw one end into the port in the wall. Make sure the cable is screwed completely onto the port otherwise you may not receive a signal. Screw the other end into the back of the TV.

Step 3: Plug on end of the Ethernet cord into the wall port and the other end into the TV.

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