

Housing Selection Process (HSP) Frequently Asked Questions

How do I select a single room?

There is very a limited number of single rooms available on campus and in some years a single room lottery may not be offered due to limited availability. Instructions for participating in a single room lottery, if available, will be sent out via e-mail.

How do I pick roommates?

All students may register in groups of 2-6 however, availability of rooms by capacity varies by class year and depends upon how earlier groups select rooms.

Rising sophomores: As the majority of rooms available to rising sophomores are double rooms, rising sophomores should register with 1 other rising sophomore; however, a rising sophomore may register with rising juniors or seniors in a group of no more than 6 total. Groups with mixed class years will likely select a room on the same day as the latest class year in the group.

Rising juniors: May register with between 1 and 5 other students. Most 4-person and 6-person suites will be selected by rising juniors.

Rising seniors: As all on-campus apartments are 4-person units with 2 double bedrooms, rising seniors wanting to live in the senior apartments should register with 3 other rising seniors only. Mixed class year groups will have a significantly decreased chance of being able to select an apartment. Seniors not looking to live in the apartments may register with up to 5 other students for suite style living.

How are selection numbers assigned?

[The Housing Director - Self-Service](#) generates a random priority number for each student. Your number is then averaged with your roommate's number(s), and the resulting averages are placed in order by class year and from highest to lowest to create selection times. Room selection information is disseminated by primarily by email, through the [Housing Selection Process website](#), and posted around campus. It is each student's responsibility to frequently check and thoroughly read their student email to be sure they are aware of all the latest information on the Housing Selection Process.

What if I don't have a roommate right now?

Resident Assistants in the first-year residence halls can help students reflect on what it means to be a good roommate and to facilitate roommate matching when possible. Students can also create a roommate profile and [search for potentially compatible roommates](#) using [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#).

However, reaching out to your RA or creating a roommate profile should not be the start of looking for a roommate, begin NOW! You have classes, meetings, programs, activities, events, work-study, retreats, etc. with your peers; begin asking them questions. The questions should be centered on crucial information such as sleep schedules, guests, sharing items, study habits, cleanliness, communication styles, etc.

*Living with friends doesn't mean being roommates will be effortless, in fact it may require more effort. If you are planning to live with a friend or acquaintance, discuss your expectations/needs for living together.

*You must have a minimum of one roommate to participate in room selection.

***Students who do not register with a roommate will be randomly assigned a roommate over the summer or wait-listed for housing.**

When should I log in to [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#) to choose a room?

Once you have received your selection time you can log in during the room viewing period prior to selection times to view available rooms. At the start of your group's selection time, each group has 2 minutes before the next selection time begins. Each group has until the end of the class year's selection process to select a room or rooms for all members of their group.

Does the entire group have to log in during the selection time?

NO. Only one student should log in and choose for the group. If none of the members of your group will be available to select a room during your allotted selection time, please contact the Residence Life & Housing office as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

The person I want to live with next year is going abroad/DC/NY (not living on-campus) in the fall. Could we choose a room together during room selection and have the office hold it for them until spring?

NO. ONLY students who will be living on-campus for the fall semester may participate in room selection. The office is provided with a list of approved students going abroad/DC/NY, etc. If an approved student willingly chooses a room for the fall, the vacancy will be filled (which will give you a random roommate) and the approved student may be fined and jeopardize their housing contract. Housing is in high demand each fall, therefore, we cannot occupy space with students who do not intend to be on-campus during that semester.

The best option is to find another student you both agree on, who will be on-campus and then going away/DC/NY during opposite semesters, to choose with you. That person is your fall roommate and when they leave, your initial roommate takes their spot. This way, both students who are on-campus for one semester do not have to be assigned a random roommate and neither do you.

Students who are away/DC/NY are required to keep up with room selection information and meet all relevant deadlines. Students who are away or abroad may still access the online room selection process using [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#).

What does agreeing to the Substance Free contract mean?

The Substance Free contract offers an additional measure of support for those individuals who choose to live a lifestyle free of substance use, including but not limited to alcohol, cigarettes, and other smoking materials as well as illicit drugs. When room spaces become available, Residence Life & Housing will make every attempt to honor this lifestyle preference, whenever possible. Students electing to agree to the Substance Free contract should ensure that all students they select to live with also agree to the Substance Free contract. Breaking any of the rules/policies outlined in this contract may subject the student to disciplinary measures and/or room re-assignment.