

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. Our residential program is designed to foster development of the skills learned in community living. After approved ADA accommodation singles are assigned, the remaining singles are available to students starting with the highest HSP number. Your single selection number is not the same as your general HSP number. Students who do not secure a single room will be emailed within 24-48 hours after single selection day. The remaining students will then need to register for general HSP. This will conclude the single selection process.

How do I pick roommates?

Rising sophomores: May only 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. 2 rising sophomores will only select on rising sophomore selection days, however a sophomore may be pulled into a larger group of rising juniors and or seniors. Keep in mind, by adding a rising sophomore, the group's time will likely be toward the end of the selection day as all of the individual selection numbers will be averaged.

Rising juniors: May register between 1 and 5 other students.

Rising seniors: Rising seniors wanting the senior apartments must register with 3 other rising seniors only. 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?

Under HSP Important Dates, note the day each class selects a room in the Brooks-Mulledy Hall Social Space. By April 11, 2017, each student must sign the Statement of Obligation on STAR, and then register with a group (ranging from 2-6 students.) STAR generates a random number for each student. The system bases this number on two things:

- Class year
- Three random numbers generated by STAR

This gives everyone a 5 digit "HSP Number." Your HSP Number is averaged with your roommate(s) number(s), and the resulting averages are placed in order from highest to lowest to create appointment times. HSP information is disseminated by email, through the HSP website, and even over social media. 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 HSP.

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

Resident Assistants in the first year residence halls each host programs to help students reflect on what it means to be a good roommate and to facilitate roommate matching when possible. We will also have a Roommate Board in the Residence Life & Housing Office (Hogan Campus Center suite 122, 1st floor) for students to post requests as well.

However, reaching out to your RA or posting on the roommate board 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 HSP.

***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 arrive at Brooks-Mulledy to choose a room?

Once you have received your time (on your rising class date) you should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your appointment. You may arrive earlier, however, you won't be allowed into the "waiting area" until 15 minutes prior to your appointment time. Each group is given several minutes to view what's available before their appointment begins.

After a group has chosen a room/suite/apt. the group's selection is recorded and the group must then vacate the selection area. This helps to keep the viewing area clear and allows each group ample private and quiet time to select from what's available.

Does the entire group have to show up at our appointment time?

No. Only one resident is required to attend and choose for the group. In the same way, only one resident needs to register the group. We would prefer one person attend for the group. It can get very crowded therefore it's ideal for the group to meet prior to your appointment and come up with backup plans for one representative to refer to. This is also ideal because HSP takes place during the day, therefore, with classes; everyone may not be able to attend. If the time works for neither of you, use a proxy.

Anyone can use a proxy. To designate a proxy, simply email HSP@holycross.edu including your name and the name of the person you're choosing to proxy for you. You must also copy (CC :) the proxy student in the email so that we know the student has agreed.

The person I want to live with next year is going abroad/DC in the fall. Could we choose a room together for HSP and the office hold it for them for spring?

No. ONLY students who will be living on campus for the fall may select a room in General Selection for HSP. The office is provided with a list of approved students going abroad/DC. 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 in the fall, therefore, we cannot occupy space with students who do not intend to be on campus.

The best option is to find another student you both agree on, who will be on campus and going away/DC 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 on campus for one semester do not have to be assigned a random roommate and neither do you.

Students who are away/DC are required to keep up with HSP information and complete deadlines. Students who are away or abroad should use a proxy to select a room.

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 reassignment. Please see the Substance Free contract for details.