

Housing Selection Process Myths & Facts

MYTH:

Room selection times are determined and assigned to students by the Office of Residence Life & Housing.

FACT:

Room selection times are determined by only 2 factors:

1. Class standing for the coming year
2. A priority number randomly generated and assigned to students by the system

Your priority number is averaged with your roommate(s) number and then all averages are ordered from highest to lowest to generate selection times.

MYTH:

Residence Life & Housing determines housing selection procedures without input from the community.

FACT:

Several members of the Residence Life & Housing professional staff form a standing committee that addresses all housing related matters including meeting as necessary with the SGA Director of Residence Life and other groups of students.

MYTH:

*If there are **almost** enough people in your group to fill a certain room, you can select that room.*

FACT:

You are only able to select a room that your group is able to completely fill to capacity. Therefore, if you would like a 6 or 4-person room, you will need to have that many people in your group. Students can [search for roommates](#) using the [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#) program.

MYTH:

I can pick my room for next year and then worry about [completing the housing agreement](#) later.

FACT:

All students must [complete the housing and board agreement](#) **before** [registering with roommates](#) or [selecting a room](#).

MYTH:

I'm almost sure that I'm studying abroad next year, so I don't need to select a room.

FACT:

If you have not yet confirmed your plans to study abroad or away, you may participate in room selection. If you are approved to study abroad or away after having selected a room, we will remove you from that room assignment. However, this will leave your roommates with a vacancy that will likely need to be filled. You may also elect to not pick a room during room

selection and be assigned a room over the summer if you do need housing for the fall. You should choose the best option for you and your roommates.

MYTH:

Unless we all live in the same room, it will be impossible for me to maintain my friendships.

FACT:

Students are able to register with as many as 6 people in their roommate group during room selection. If a 6-person room is not available when your group selects a room, your group can change the group to view available rooms with a smaller capacity and still assign each student using the same room selection time. Choosing at the same time could potentially offer your group an option to live close together. Ultimately, Holy Cross is a small and tight knit community; there will be endless opportunities to maintain your relationships outside of living together.

MYTH:

I have a group of friends that have an earlier time than my group of roommates, can I pick a room during their selection time?

FACT:

NO. Groups have from the start of their selection time until the end of the class year's selection process as displayed in [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#). This means your group can select later than scheduled but not earlier. The start of your group's selection time may not be changed in anyway. Groups that do not select a room during their selection time should contact Residence Life & Housing after the room selection process has ended or they may be assigned to rooms during the summer.

MYTH:

Certain student populations get preferential treatment and can manipulate their selection times.

FACT:

No students or student populations are advantaged during room selection. The process by which room selection times are generated is designed to be as fair and unbiased as possible so that each student has an equal opportunity to select their preferred room.

MYTH:

I want to live on campus but if I do not get my first choice room, I'll live off-campus.

FACT:

Students who [complete a Housing and Board Agreement](#) in [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#) and participate in room selection **cannot** cancel their contract if they are not able to select their preferred room. Students who have not already been approved to live off-campus are obligated to live on campus during the coming year.

All students who have been approved to live off-campus for the coming year will not have access to [complete a Housing and Board Agreement](#) in [The Housing Director - Self-Service](#) and

therefore will not participate in room selection. If your plans to live off-campus have changed and you now intend to live on-campus, you must contact our office (reslife@holycross.edu) immediately.

Please note that the off-campus housing application process closed in November and no additional students will be approved to live off-campus.