Supporting Your Terp Through On-Campus Housing Room Selection

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Overview of webinar

• Provide an understanding of our campus and our residence halls
• Discuss important deadlines, dates and who may participate in Room Selection 2019
• View Room Selection Calendar
• Provide tips and advice for students
• Answer questions from participants
• Where to get individual assistance
On-Campus Housing & Dining Agreement

On-Campus Housing & Dining Agreement Submission Deadline:

March 29th at 4 PM.

- The On-Campus Housing & Dining Agreement is an academic-year commitment.
- The Online Agreement can be found in the student's housing profile at reslife.umd.edu
On-Campus Housing & Dining Agreement

• Room Selection Options:

• Student can choose:
  ○ Return to their Current Room
  ○ Preference-Based Shopping to Choose a New Room
  ○ Are they “being pulled in”?
  ○ If they change their mind and they want to choose a new room, then they can “Opt-in” to go Preference-Based Shopping, by April 6.
Our Residence Halls

North Campus (60% of Spaces)

Denton  Ellicott  Cambridge
Our Residence Halls

South Campus  (40% of Spaces)

Leonardtown

North Hill

South Hill
Housing Assignment Information

- **73%** of our rooms are double occupancy
- **13%** triple and quad; **14%** single occupancy (approximate)
- Offer housing options in traditional halls, semi-suites, suites and kitchen-equipped apartments
- Expansion of Substance Free Housing Option into more residence halls. More information can be found at [www.reslife.umd.edu/housing/substancefree/](http://www.reslife.umd.edu/housing/substancefree/)
- The majority of housing options are single gender, but we do offer mixed gender and gender inclusive options.
- Room rates can be found at [www.reslife.umd.edu/fees/](http://www.reslife.umd.edu/fees/)
THE FACTS ABOUT LIVING ON CAMPUS

• Friendships and Connections
• Academic Success
• Convenience and Cost
• Twenty-Four/Seven Support
• Student Development
Room Selection Participation

- We are committed to housing students in their freshman and sophomore years in residence halls to help establish the firm foundation on the path to graduation.

- All rising sophomores are guaranteed housing as long as they meet the March 29th deadline.

- Must be financially, academically and judicially eligible to participate in Room Selection.

- In addition to University-owned residence hall housing, we offer on-campus housing through public-private partnerships for upper-division students.

- Certain rising third and fourth-year students may be in exempted groups that will allow them to participate in Room Selection 2019.
How Participation is Determined

- Resident Life determines who can participate in Room Selection 2019 in the following way:
  - Exempted students are guaranteed
    - Honors College and specific living-learning programs, Study Abroad, Resident Assistants and Customer Service Supervisors, Maryland Incentive Award Students, some student athletes, RHA executives
  - Projected number of new Freshmen and Freshmen Connection students considered
  - Rising second-year students meeting March 29 deadline
  - April 3 notification email sent to all residents
# Room Selection Calendar

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<td>April 3, 9:00am</td>
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Priority Numbers

• April 3rd Notification Information
  • Students informed if they are eligible to participate
  • Students are provided with their priority number
    • Points calculated on only a few variables. Visit http://reslife.umd.edu/roomselection/prioritynumber/.
    • Lower is better
    • Many students have the same point value, so numbers are randomly generated

• What role does the priority number play?
Room Selection Options

• Students must decide if they want to return to their current room (where applicable)
  • About 10% of students typically exercised this option in for 2018-2019
  • Easy and makes the process very simple
  • Medical needs met?

• Select to move to a new room, building, community
  • Most students go this route by using the Preference-Based Shopping option
  • Ability to select a lot of preferences for consideration and allows for group moves

• Will your student move with other people?
  • Can create “Group” sizes from 2 to 7 people (one group of each size)
  • Could form a “Group” and select multiple housing preference options
  • Groups are processed in descending order, the largest group first.
  • Students can and should select housing preference options as an individual as well.
Medical Needs - Assignment Consideration Form

• Your student must complete the Assignment Consideration Form if they have medical needs that need to be considered.

  - Form can be found at http://reslife.umd.edu/assignmentform/

• If their form is already on file, ask them if their new room will meet their needs.
Tips For Your Terp’s Success

• Students may join a group with their friends, but they should always set preferences for themselves as well.

• If your student is not the group leader, they can still (and should) review the preferences that were set.

• To ensure that your student gets what they want, they need to be very flexible and add many preferences with a variety of room types/buildings.

• To find a roommate, check social media for groups needing to add one person.
Questions to ask your Terp

● Have you completed your On-Campus Housing & Dining Agreement? Do you know when it’s due?
  ○ It’s required and due Friday, March 29 at 4 PM.

● Have you researched the buildings that you are interested?
  ○ What environment are you most successful in?
  ○ Do the buildings meet your needs (academic, study, social, space, etc.)

● If your Terp is moving to a suite or apartment...
  ○ Have you discussed who will be in which bedroom?
  ○ Have you decided who will get the single(s)?
  ○ Have you discussed a plan for cooking, cleaning, sharing?

● Is your roommate eligible?
  ○ Roommates cannot be on the waitlist and if they are an incoming student, they must be accepted
  ○ Program students cannot invite non-program roommates during Room Selection
What If Your Student Doesn’t Like Their Final Assignment?

Two options:
- Room Exchange occurs from April 22 through May 3rd
- Fall Reassignment process begins May 28

Students who wish to cancel housing must submit a petition for release.
- July 1st is the deadline to avoid a late fee.
Resources

- http://reslife.umd.edu/roomselection/
- http://reslife.umd.edu/housing/fees/
- http://reslife.umd.edu/roomselection/returning/
- http://reslife.umd.edu/roomselection/notifications/
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