Supporting your Terp through housing selection

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Overview of webinar

• Provide understanding of our campus and our residence halls
• Discuss important deadlines, dates and who may participate in Room Selection 2018
• View Room Selection Calendar
• Provide tips and advice for students
• Answer questions from participants
• Where to get individual assistance
Returning Student Agreement (RSA)

- Deadline to complete the RSA is **March 30th at 4 PM**

- Options
  - Students can remain in their room
  - Go Shopping for a new room
  - Are they “being pulled in”?
  - They have until April 6 to opt out of their current room to go shopping
Our Halls

North Campus (60% of Spaces)

Denton  Ellicott  Cambridge
Our Halls

South Campus  (40% of Spaces)

Leonardtown

North Hill

South Hill
Housing Assignment Information

- **75%** of our rooms are double occupancy
- **13%** are triple and quad; **12%** are single occupancy
- Offer housing in traditional halls, semi-suites, suites and kitchen-equipped apartments
- The Returning Student Agreement (RSA) is an academic-year commitment
- 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/housing/fees/](http://www.reslife.umd.edu/housing/fees/)
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• Friendships and Connections
• Academic Success
• Convenience and Cost
• Twenty-Four/Seven Support
• Student Development
Occupancy/Housing Demand

• All rising sophomores are guaranteed housing as long as they meet the March 30th deadline.

• Students in the various Honors programs are guaranteed housing all four years as long as they meet the published deadlines.

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

• In addition to University-owned residence hall housing, we offer on-campus housing through public-private partnerships for upper-class students.
Who participates in Room Selection?

- Any current residence hall student who meets eligibility requirements may complete the Returning Student Agreement (RSA) by Friday, March 30 at 4 PM.
  - Must be financially, academically and judicially eligible to participate in Room Selection

- Rising second-year students (current first-year students wanting to return for a second-year) will be able to participate in Room Selection 2018.

- Rising third and fourth-year students may be able to participate in Room Selection 2018 on a space available basis.

- Certain rising third and fourth-year students may be in exempted groups that will allow them to participate in Room Selection 2018.
How participation is determined

- Resident Life determines who can participate in Room Selection 2018 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 counts of FR and FR Connection students considered
  - Rising second-year students meeting March 30 deadline
  - April 4 notification email sent to all residents
# Room Selection Calendar

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<td>March 30, 4:00pm</td>
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<td>Priority Numbers Published</td>
<td>April 4, 9:00am</td>
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<td>Check Room Activity</td>
<td>April 4 – 6, 3:00pm</td>
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<td>Deadline to Opt to go Shopping</td>
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<td>Invite Eligible Pull-ins</td>
<td>April 9 – 11, 3:00pm</td>
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<td>Final Pull-in Results Published</td>
<td>April 11, by 4:00pm</td>
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Priority Numbers

• April 4th 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 remain in their current location (where applicable)
  • About 10% of students typically exercised this option in for 2017-2018
  • 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 preferencing options
  • Gives lots of options to consider and allows for group moves
  • Adds some complexity depending on what your student is looking for

• Will your student move with other people?
  • Group sizes from 2 to 7 people
  • Should form multiple options
  • Set preferences as an individual
  • Groups are processed in descending order, the largest group first.
Medical Needs

• 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 RSA? Do you know when it’s due?
  - It’s required and due Friday, March 30 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
- What if your student doesn’t like their final assignment.
  - Two options:
    - Room Exchange occurs the last week of April
    - Fall Reassignment process begins late May
Questions?
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