Room Selection Information Session
Boston College
Office of Residential Life
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Thinking it over...

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The Room Selection Process

- **Step 1:** Information Sessions
- **Step 2:** Individual Application
  - Housing Intent
  - Housing Application
- **Step 3:** Investigate and Plan
- **Step 4:** Group Selection
- **Step 5:** Final Selection
Step 1: Information Sessions

- Duchesne – 1/25
- Keyes – 1/27
- CLXF – 1/28
- Cheverus – 2/1
- Fitzpatrick/Gonzaga – 2/3
- Hardey – 2/4

Congratulations!
You’ve completed step one!!!!!!!
Step 2: Individual Application

- All interested students must indicate their housing intent by February 12.

- Agora > My Services > My Reslife > Applications > 2016-2017 Academic Year.

- Update your roommate profile, indicate your housing intent, complete a living & learning program housing application, check the Include in Search box, and sign the residency agreement.
Housing Intent

• All students must declare their intent as:
  • on-campus
  • off-campus
  • study abroad
  • withdrawal
  • other
• Students who do not declare an intent are not eligible to live on-campus for the 2016-2017 academic year and may lose eligibility for future years.
• If your housing intent changes, please contact Residential Life at placement@bc.edu or 617-552-3060.
Step 3: Investigate and Plan

Investigate all possible avenues for your housing:

- **Tour** different areas
- Speak with RAs and RDs
- Look at **floor plans** available on the Residential Life website
- **Speak with potential roommates** about preferences
- Have **many plans** in mind for Room Selection
- Check information available on the room selection website.
Living & Learning Housing

Four living & learning communities are available:

- **Healthy Living Community** – located in Edmonds, open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- **Sustainability** – located in Edmonds, open to Sophomores only
- **Romance Language Community** – located in Voute, open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- **Honors Housing** – located in Gabelli for juniors and seniors, 66 Commonwealth Ave for sophomores
- Students will be notified of acceptance by **February 19**

Healthy Living

• Healthy Living is for students interested in living a lifestyle that supports personal development, academic success, and promoting healthy choices.

• Healthy Living is a tobacco, alcohol, and drug-free environment.
Romance Language

• Romance Language is for students who wish to immerse themselves in French or Spanish language and culture.

• Students must be proficient in either French or Spanish.

• Upon completing the application, students will interview with the Romance Language Graduate Fellows.
Sustainability

- The Sustainability Community is a living-learning community for sophomore students.
- Students in the community will focus on environmental awareness and live a sustainable lifestyle.
- Students will co-enroll in a 1 credit hour course in the fall semester and a 3 credit hour course in the spring.
- Acceptance to the program is based on quality of the applications.
Honors Housing

- Preference is given to students in the Arts and Sciences Honors Program.
- Acceptance is based on quality of the application, as well as involvement in the Honors Program.
Step 4: Group Selection

• Each day is a different selection based on room-type and group size. See the Calendar on the Residential Life Website for the dates of different selections.

• Students must register and verify their group the morning of their intended room selection.

• Groups must equal the number of bed spaces of the housing being selected.
  • Example: Only complete groups of eight can select an eight person suite. A group of seven would not be eligible to select a space.
Group Selection

• Groups are weighted based on the class year of students. Each class has a different eligibility code
  • Juniors and Seniors = 1
  • Sophomores = 2
  • First-years = 3
• The sum of the groups eligibility codes determines the group’s category. See the Residential Life website for a complete breakdown of categories.
• Groups with lower eligibility/categories will receive preference over students with higher eligibility/categories.
The Group Leader

- Each group will have a designated group leader. All members of the group will give their Eagle ID to their group leader.

- The group leader is responsible for selecting housing for all group members.
  - The group leader is the only member of the group with an active role during the group selection process.

- Each student can only be the member of one group – do not give multiple group leaders your Eagle ID!
Group Selection Day

• 8 am – 12 pm: The group leader creates the group.
  - The leader logs into the housing application and follows the steps to add (or remove) group members.

• Once the group is full, the group leader will verify the group. Verified groups cannot be changed.

• New groups must be formed every day.
  - If your group is not selected to pick housing for a selection, you must form a new group the next day, even if the group does not change.

• Students with financial holds or conduct holds are not eligible to participate in room selection and cannot be added to groups.
  - Be sure to address any account holds prior to your desired room selection day!
Group Selection

- Once the sign-up portion closes, groups will be sorted into categories 1-5 based on eligibility codes.
  - Groups will then be randomly selected to participate in the group selection process.

- A list of eligibility categories and numbers can be found on the policies section of the room selection website.

- If your group is selected to pick a room, your group leader will receive an email with your group pick time.
  - The group leader will be responsible for selecting housing for your group at that time.

- If your group is not selected, you will be able to form a new group for a different selection on another day.
Selecting Your Space

- All selections take place the same day as sign-ups. The first pick time is at 4 PM.
- The group leader will select the specific suite, apartment, or room(s) for your group.
- The group leader will assign group members to specific bedrooms.
- The space your group leader selects is your room for next year. Be sure your group leader knows who should be direct roommates and who should be in which room.
- Click save after finalizing your selection. Group members can view their assignment once it is selected.
Blocking

- Blocking allows two or three groups to select housing together at the same time.
- Groups may block with one or two other groups (depending on the selection day).
- Groups must be the same size and applying for the same type of housing.
- Blocked groups have one group leader and register once for everyone.
- Blocking does not improve chances of selecting housing.
- Groups that block may be co-ed (but suites and rooms are still single-gender).
Step 5: Final Selection

- Students who do not have a group or do not wish to participate in the group process can sign-up for final selection.
- Students may indicate up to three room type preferences.
- Assignments will be based on availability of preferences and roommate profile matching.
- Final Selection Sign-up begins Friday, March 18 and ends Monday, March 21.
- Students will be assigned to housing over the summer.
After Selecting Your Room

- If you wish to move off-campus after selecting you room, you must do so by completing a Leave of Absence form.
- Students must move into the room selected at Room Selection or assigned through Final Selection.
- Students are not permitted to transfer assignments until after the second week of classes.
- Students choosing to change rooms without approval may be referred through the student conduct system.
Housing Designations

- Class year is determined by the student’s date of entry, expected graduation, and credits completed.
- Locations are not class specific; however, most locations become class based through the selection process.
- Cross-class groups are allowed, but will impact eligibility category.
Housing Designations

Sophomore Students

- 8-person suites in Walsh, Vanderslice, and 90 St. Thomas More.
- 4-person suites in Walsh.
- 6-person suites (triple rooms) in 90 St. Thomas More.
- 9-person suites (triple rooms) in Vanderslice.
- Doubles in Greycliff.
- Doubles and triples in 66 Commonwealth Ave.
- Doubles, triples, and Quads on College Road.

Note: Triples in 6-person and 9-person suites are not forced triples.
Housing Designations

Juniors
- 8-person suites in Stayer, Vanderslice, and 90 St. Thomas More
- 6-person suites in Stayer Hall.
- Doubles and triples in 66 Commonwealth Ave.
- Doubles in Greycliff.
- 4-person or 6-person apartments in 2150 Comm Ave.
- 2-person, 3-Person or 4-person apartments in 2000 Comm Ave.

Seniors
- 6-person apartments in Mods, Rubenstein, and Ignacio.
- 4-person apartments in Gabelli, Voute, Rubenstein, and Ignacio.
- 6-person suites in Stayer.
- 4-person or 6-person apartments in 2150 Comm Ave.
- 2-person, 3-Person or 4-person apartments in 2000 Comm Ave.
Medical, Psychological, and Disability Need-Based Housing Requests

- Students must renew accommodation requests each year.
- Students who wish to request accommodations must setup a meeting by Friday, February 12.
  - Please email placement@bc.edu to schedule a meeting
- Supporting documentation from a physician or other health care professional must be submitted to the Office of Residential Life by Friday, February 12.
- Students are encouraged to meet with the Assistant Dean for Students with Disabilities if you require further guidance or support.
Civility, Respect, and Integrity

- Manipulation of the room selection system results in fewer options for all students and more stressful experience overall.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and respect at all times during the Room Selection Process.
- Students caught tampering or manipulating the Room Selection Process risk immediate removal from housing and conduct referral.
- Students are asked to be civil and courteous to each other to make the room selection process as less stressful as possible.
Some Things to Remember

- 8-person suites are popular, but that does not make them the best thing in the world.
- 20-25% of the sophomore class lives on College Road. Your social life will exist if you live there too.
- The only factor impacting selection and pick times is class year.
- The process is designed to be as fair as possible and allow for equal participation for all students.
- Room Selection is not The Hunger Games!
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