



**Room Selection
Information Session
Boston College
Office of Residential Life**

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Thinking it over...

Living Environment: What kind of housing do I want? Suites? Apartments? Traditional? Do I want to participate in a Living & Learning Community?

Community: What type of a community do I want to be a part of? Quiet? Active? Social?

Friends: Is it important that I live with my best friends? How will living together impact our relationship? Will I meet new people?

Cost of housing: Is cost of housing important? Do I want to be on a meal plan?

Rumors: What is it actually like to live in a particular place? Rumors might not be true...do some investigating!

Have a back-up plan!



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

OR

Final Selection

- **Step 5:** After Room Selection





Step 1: Information Sessions

- Main Campus:
 - Wed. 1/22 at 7:30 pm, Devlin 008 Auditorium
 - Thu. 1/24 at 7:30 pm, Devlin 008 Auditorium
 - Fri. 1/25 at 2:30 pm, Devlin 008 Auditorium
 - Newton Campus:
 - Mon. 1/27 at 6:30 pm, Trinity Chapel Basement
 - Tues. 1/28 at 6:30 pm, Trinity Chapel Basement
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Step 2: Individual Application

- The application goes live **Monday, 1/27**.
 - All students must indicate their **housing intent** by **Friday, 2/7**.
 - **Agora > My Services > My ResLife > Applications > 2020-2021 Academic Year**.
 - Update your **roommate profile**, indicate your **housing intent**, indicate if you have a **medical need**, complete a **living & learning community application**, check the **Include in Search box**, and sign the **residency agreement**.
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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 guaranteed to live in university housing** for the 2020-2021 academic year.
 - If your housing intent changes, please contact Residential Life at placement@bc.edu.
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Medical, Psychological, and Disability Need-Based Housing Requests

- Students should indicate a medical need in the **housing application**
 - Students **must renew** accommodation requests **each year**
 - Students who wish to request accommodations must register and set up a meeting by **Friday, February 7 with the Disability Services Office**
 - Please register by completing [the form on the Disability Services website](#)
 - Please call the Dean's Office at 617-552-3470 to schedule a meeting
 - **Supporting documentation** from a physician or other health care professional must be submitted to the Disability Services Office by **Friday, February 7**
 - Documentation received after **February 8 will not be reviewed** until **AFTER** Room Selection, and may be denied
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Step 3: Investigate and Plan

Investigate where you want to live:

- Tour different areas
 - Look at [floor plans](#) available on the Res Life website
 - Speak with potential roommates about preferences
 - Speak with RAs and RDs
 - Read your hall bulletin boards
 - Read emails from placement@bc.edu
 - Check information available on the [room selection website](#) (Infographics, YouTube Videos, etc)
 - Learn more about [Living & Learning Communities](#)
 - Have many plans in mind for Room Selection
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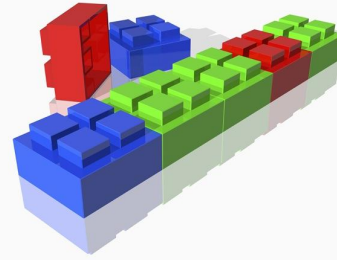


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Investigate who you want to live with:

- Speak with potential roommates about preferences
 - Speak with RAs and RDs
 - Check out the [Facebook roommate finder group](#)
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Blocking



- Blocking allows several groups to select housing together at the same time.
 - Groups may block with one, two, or three other groups (depending on the selection day).
 - Groups must be the same size, applying for the same type of housing, and fall within the same **eligibility category**.
 - Blocked groups have one group leader and register once for everyone.
 - Blocking does not improve or hurt chances of selecting housing.
 - Groups that block may be co-ed (but suites and rooms are still single-gender).
 - Information about blocking can be found in the [policies section](#) of the room selection website
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Living & Learning Communities

Healthy Living; Honors Housing; Sustainability

Healthy Living



A community dedicated to:

- Defining and promoting individual wellness through a sponsorship with the Office of Health Promotion

Requirements:

- An interest in further developing and maintaining a lifestyle that supports well-being.
- Dedicated to living in an environment free of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

**Located in Vanderslice for Sophomores
& Reservoir Apartments for Juniors/Seniors**

Sustainability



A community dedicated to:

- Exploring the broad topic of sustainability through an interdisciplinary lens and promoting environmental awareness

Requirements:

- Open to Sophomores
- While no prior experience is necessary, interest in and commitment to living in an intentional community around the issues of sustainability is necessary.
- Students will be required to take a 3-credit course in the Spring semester

Located in Reservoir Apartments

Multicultural Living Experience 2.0



A community dedicated to:

- Exploring the broad topic of multicultural leadership through an interdisciplinary and social justice lens.

Requirements:

- Open to Sophomores
- While no prior experience is necessary, interest in and commitment to living in an intentional community around the issues of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion is necessary.
- Students will be required to take a 1-credit course

Located in 90 St. Thomas Moore Hall

LLC Application Specifics:



Part of the Housing Application (January 27th-February 7th):

- Interested students submit an individual LLC application.
- Selections are based on the quality of individual applications.
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance by February 17th.
- If selected/accept placement in a LLC, students DO NOT participate in group process!

Roommate Preferences:

- Applicants can preference roommates.
 - Roommate preferences must match, apply to the same program, and be selected in order for preferences to be accommodated.
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Step 4: Group Selection



Room Selection Order of Days

- 6-Person Apartments - Tuesday, 3/10
- 4-Person Apartments - Wednesday, 3/11
- 2-Person & 3-Person Apartments - Thursday, 3/12
- 6-Person Suites (Stayer Hall) - Friday, 3/13
- 8-Person Suites - Monday, 3/16
- 4-Person Suites - Tuesday, 3/17
- 6 and 9-Person Suites (Triple Rooms) - Wednesday, 3/18
- Traditional Style Housing - Thursday, 3/19

How can you use blocking to avoid breaking up friend groups?

Step 4: Group Selection Overview



- 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.
 - Each group should designate one 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 that will log-in to register AND select housing for the group.
 - Each student can only be the member of one group – do not give multiple group leaders your Eagle ID!
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Step 4: Group Selection Overview

- To apply for a specific type of room, the group leader must register their group the morning of that room type day.
 - Example: A group of four students want a 4-person suite, so the group leader logs-in and registers the group on the morning of 4-person suite day.
 - Groups must equal the number of bed spaces of the housing being requested.
 - Example: Only complete groups of eight students can register an 8-person suite. A group of seven **would not be able** to register for this space.
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Step 4: Group Selection Overview

- 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 room type selection on another day.
 - You are not required to register for a room type on every consecutive day - you can wait to register for a room type later in the week.
 - 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!
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Group Selection Day

- 8 am – 12 pm: The group leader creates & verifies the group.
 - The group 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.
 - The group leader can register the group anytime between 8 am and 12 pm, but no later.
 - 12 pm – 1 pm: Groups are assigned lottery numbers and pick times.
 - 1 pm – 3 pm: The group leader receives an email stating if their group is selected to pick housing that day. If the group is selected, the pick time will be included in the email.
 - All selections take place the same day as sign-ups.
 - First pick time is at 4 pm.
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Group Selection Day

- 4 pm – All Spaces are Selected: Group leaders log-in during their assigned pick time and select housing for their group.
 - The group leader will select the specific suite, apartment, or room(s) for the 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.
 - The group leader should **click save** after finalizing the selection. Group members can view their assignment once it is selected.
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How Groups are Assigned Lottery Numbers and Pick Times



- 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 group's 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**.
 - Example: A group of four juniors will receive preference over a group of four sophomores.
 - Groups with the same **eligibility category** numbers are assigned random lottery numbers to determine pick times.
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Tips and Tricks

- Find one person and don't leave them
 - Register for a room type that meets your group size instead of editing your group size to meet a room type
 - Use blocking when it helps you, not when it hurts you
 - Instead of kicking people out of your group to select for a particular room type, you can:
 - Block with other groups
 - Or wait for another day when your entire group can select together
 - Contact your RD if you need help finding roommates OR use the Facebook Finder group.
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OR

Step 4: Final Selection



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- Students who do not have a group or do not wish to participate in the group process can sign-up for final selection.
 - Final Selection Sign-up begins **Friday, March 20** and ends **Monday, March 23**.
 - Students may indicate up to three room type preferences.
 - Assignments will be based on availability of preferences and roommate profile matching.
 - Students will be assigned to housing in June.
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Step 5: After Room Selection

- If you wish to move off-campus after selecting your room, you must do so by completing a **Leave of Absence form**.
 - **You have until May 31st to cancel housing and receive a full refund.**
 - Students must move into the room selected at Room Selection or assigned through Final Selection.
 - Students are not permitted to change rooms until **after the second week of classes**.
 - Students choosing to change rooms without approval may be **referred through the student conduct system**.
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Class Standing

- 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.
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Where do students live

Sophomore Students

- 8-person suites in Walsh, Vanderslice, and 90 St. Thomas More
 - 4-person suites in Walsh (*only suites on campus without kitchenettes*)
 - 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**
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Where do students live

Juniors

- 8-person suites in Stayer, Vanderslice, and 90 St. Thomas
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 - 6-person suites in Stayer Hall
 - Doubles and triples in 66 Commonwealth Ave
 - Doubles in Greycliff
 - 2-person, 3-Person or 4-person apartments in Reservoir
Apartments
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Where do students live

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 Thomas More Apartments
 - 2-person, 3-Person or 4-person apartments in Reservoir Apartments
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Civility, Respect, and Integrity

- 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.
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Some Things to Remember

- 8-person suites are popular, but they may not be the type of environment you're looking for.
 - **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 can be stressful, but we are here to help!**
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Questions?

Contact us

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Remember to ask Res Life
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