Room Selection Information Session
Boston College
Office of Residential Life
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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
  OR
  Final Selection
Step 1: Information Sessions

- Duchesne – 1/23
- Keyes – 1/25
- CLXF – 1/26
- CKM – 1/30
- FitzShawGa – 2/1
- Hardey/Cushing – 2/2

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

- All interested students must indicate their **housing intent** by February 10.
- **Agora > My Services > My Reslife > Applications > 2017-2018 Academic Year.**
- Update your **roommate profile**, indicate your **housing intent**, indicate if you have a **medical need**, complete a **living & learning community 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 guaranteed to live in university housing for the 2017-2018 academic year and may lose housing for future years.

- If your housing intent changes, please contact Residential Life at placement@bc.edu or 617-552-3060.
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 set up a meeting by Friday, February 10
  • Please email christina.olson@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 10.
• Students are encouraged to meet with the Assistant Dean for Students with Disabilities if you require further guidance or support.
Step 3: Investigate and Plan

Investigate all possible avenues for your housing:

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

Healthy Living; Honors Housing; Sustainability; Romance Language
Healthy Living

• A common space for students interested in an environment free of alcohol, tobacco, and other harmful substances.

• A lifestyle that supports academic success, personal development, a sense of community, and overall wellness

• The ability to further define and promote wellness through a variety of programmatic opportunities offered by the Office of Residential Life and the Office of Health Promotion.

Located in Vanderslice for Sophomores and Reservoir Apartments for Juniors & Seniors
Honors Housing

- Preference is given to students in Morrissey College Arts and Sciences Honors Program.
- Honors students can request non-Honors roommates, but the non-Honors roommates must also complete the Honors application.

Located in 66 Commonwealth Ave for Sophomores and Gabelli for Juniors & Seniors
Sustainability

• Students in the community will focus on an interdisciplinary approach to environmental awareness and living a sustainable lifestyle.

• Participants are required to enroll in a 1 credit seminar in the fall semester. In the spring semester, they have the option to either continue in the 1 credit seminar or opt into a 3 credit course, which meets a Natural Science core requirement.

Located in Vanderslice Hall for Sophomores
8 & 9 Person Suites
Romance Language

- Romance Language is for students who wish to immerse themselves in French or Spanish language and culture.
- Students should be proficient or actively learning French or Spanish.
- Upon completing the online application, students will interview with the Romance Language Graduate Fellows.

Located in Voute for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
LLC Application Specifics:

1. Completed during housing intent: **January 30th-February 10th**.

2. Interested students complete an **individual application**, and selections are based on the quality of individual applications.

3. Applicants **can** preference roommates.

4. **Please Note:** Roommate preferences must match, apply to the same program, and be selected in order for preferences to be accommodated.

5. Students will be notified of acceptance by **February 24th**.

6. If selected/accept placement in one of these programs, students **do not** participate in group process!
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.

• Groups 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 able 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 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**.
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.
- 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 codes and categories can be found in the policies section of the room selection website.
Group Selection

- 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!
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 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.
Room Selection Order of Days

• 6-Person Apartments
• 4-Person Apartments
• 2-Person & 3-Person Apartments
• 6-Person Suites (Stayer Hall)
• 8-Person Suites
• 4-Person Suites
• 6 and 9-Person Suites (triple rooms)
• Traditional Style Housing

How can you use blocking if you register for housing on multiple days?
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
Step 4: 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 24 and ends Monday, March 27.**
- Students will be assigned to housing in June.
After Selecting Your Room

• If you wish to move off-campus after selecting your 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.
• 2-person, 3-Person or 4-person apartments in Reservoir Apartments
Housing Designations

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.
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 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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