Resources for Successful Room Selection

Living at UMass App!
Get the free Living at UMass app at the Apple App Store or Google Play. Find links to useful room selection videos and get up-to-date information.

Residential Life website
www.umass.edu/living
Find detailed descriptions of all of our fall 2016 housing options including 360° Room Tours. You can research residence hall amenities, and review floor plans with detailed room dimensions and bathroom locations. You can also find a digital copy of this brochure and a Housing Calendar to help you plan!

Online Room Selection Video Tutorials
http://www.umass.edu/living/assign/selection-tutorials
You can find tutorials that walk you through every step of the room selection process, from signing your Residence Hall Contract and submitting your Housing Profile to selecting your fall 2016 housing assignment.

Questions? Contact Us!
Residential Life Student Services
235 Whitmore Administration Building
413-545-2100   living@umass.edu
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Housing Contract Cancellation Fees
Your residence hall assignment and contract is for the full academic year. Students who select an assignment and later cancel are subject to a minimum $100 Cancellation Fee.

$100 Cancellation Fee Period Begins by selecting a space – Ends 5pm Friday April 29th, 2016
$200 Cancellation Fee Period Begins 5pm Friday April 29th – Ends 5pm Tuesday May 31st, 2016
$300 Cancellation Fee Period Begins 5pm Tuesday, May 31st – Ends 5pm Thursday, June 30th, 2016
$400 Cancellation Fee Period Begins 5pm Thursday June 30th – Ends 5pm Friday, July 29th, 2016
$500 Cancellation Fee Period Begins 5pm Friday, July 29th – Ends 5th week of Fall semester

Housing for Students With Disability And Medical Needs
Residential Life provides residence hall accommodations which meet the special needs of residents who require a medical or disability-related accommodation. To arrange for specially modified accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at (413) 545-0892. For further information, contact Residential Life Student Services.

Students with a medical accommodation on file with Residential Life Student Services will have priority in specific online room selection processes for the 2016-2017 academic year and will receive an earlier appointment time. Students with a medical accommodation will receive an email to their UMass email account with specific information about their accommodation and room selection.

Your Fall 2016 Room Selection Checklist

• Use this checklist to track your progress through Fall 2016 Online Room Selection! For more information, look inside this brochure.

• Groups and Group Leaders - be prepared! Review your room selection process carefully.

• Don’t forget the Important Tips section!

- Re-read and sign the Residence Hall Contract and resubmit your Housing Profile in SPIRE under Main Menu > Housing. Remember! Once you select a space, you are subject to the Cancellation Fee Schedule.

- Request an appointment for the process you plan to use. Remember, everyone who plans to participate MUST request an appointment.

- Research early and prepare by watching Online Room Selection Video Tutorials and discussing housing preferences with potential roommates.

- When appointments post, perform test searches to familiarize yourself with room selection.

- Select Your Assignment! Remember, once you select in a process, you are not eligible to participate in other processes until the Summer Change Process.

- Get Confirmation! When you are assigned, you will receive a confirmation email.

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Where do you want to live on campus next year?

Multi-Year Room Selection Options
The following assignment types are available in this process for fall 2016:

- **North Apartments**
  - North Apartments offer a more independent living style and are a short walk to the center of campus! Each apartment consists of four single rooms and offers residents a kitchen, two bathrooms, a living room, and air conditioning. Individual students and groups of up to four people are able to select these.

- **Sylvan Suites**
  - Individual students and groups of up to eight people can select into a suite. Suites are available in Cashin and Brown Halls in the Sylvan Residential Area. Suites include single and double rooms with a lounge and bathroom to share. Rates for this area are lower than those in CHCRC and single rooms in North Apartments.

- **Single and Shared Rooms**
  - Single, double, triple, and quad rooms throughout campus will be available in Multi-Year Room Selection except for Defined Residential Community and Honors Community spaces.

Processes Requiring Application and Eligibility

**Defined Residential Communities (DRC)**

**Application Process**
Defined Residential Communities create supportive environments that encourage personal growth and academic achievement. Each community is focused on common interests, ethnicity, or identity. All students are eligible to submit an application for the program they are interested in.

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**Honors Living and Learning Room Selection**

All Commonwealth Honors College students are eligible to request an appointment for the Honors LLC Room Selection Process. Students are able to select from single and double rooms in suites and apartments in CHCRC and single rooms in North Apartments.

Important Tips For Fall 2016 Online Room Selection

1. Every student who wants to participate in a room selection process must request their own appointment or apply for each distinct process. Students who do not request an appointment are not eligible to participate in the process and will not be given an extension or exception.

2. Your appointment is determined by how many semesters you have lived on campus. You can see this information under Housing>Room Selection Priority on SPIRE starting February 26th.

3. A Group Leader can only invite a person who has an appointment into a group.

4. When you accept a group invitation, your group leader must select an assignment for you. You are not able to select the assignment yourself. Follow up with your group leader to ensure they have fulfilled their responsibility! If you decide to leave the group, the group leader must dissolve that group.

5. If your group wishes to continue searching after they have selected an assignment, they must reform the group!

6. In each selection process, there is a limit to the number of times you can change your assignment. “Selection Opportunities Remaining” on the Room Selection Home page indicates this limit. The number decreases by one each time an assignment is selected.

7. Get confirmation! After you request an appointment, join or form a group, or select an assignment, ensure that you or your group leader complete all the steps by checking your Room Selection Home page or your confirmation emails.

8. Once you select an assignment, you are subject to the contract cancellation fee. Only select an assignment if you are sure you want to live on campus for fall 2016.

**When can I select a room for fall?**

**Fall 2016 Selection Processes**

**DEFINED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES**

- Application Due: February 20, 2016
- Appointments Post: March 4, 2016 by 3:00pm
- Room Selection: March 7 – March 10, 2016 11:59pm

**SOPHOMORE EXPERIENCE**

- Application Due: February 20, 2016
- Appointments Post: March 4, 2016 by 3:00pm
- Room Selection: March 7 – March 10, 2016 11:59pm

**HONORS LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY**

- Appointments Post: March 4, 2016 by 3:00pm
- Room Selection: March 7 – March 10, 2016 11:59pm

**MULTI-YEAR ROOM SELECTION**

- Appointment Request: March 4 – March 21, 2016 11:59pm
- Appointments Post: March 22, 2016 by 3:00pm
- Room Selection: March 23 – April 1, 2016 4:00pm

Visit www.umass.edu/living for more information.