

Room Selection Process for 2011-2012 Housing

All current students who want to live on campus next year must participate in the room selection process, including Room or Apartment Selection Nights, in order to choose a room on campus for 2011-2012. If you have questions after reading this, contact your RD or the Residence Life Office.

Important Dates

February 1 to April 1, 2011: Advance housing payments due at Student Accounts, 4th floor Whipple Admin Building. **Only students who have paid an advance housing payment can participate in room selection.**

February 1 to April 8th: College Housing License must be affirmed online. **Students cannot choose a room until they have affirmed the housing license online.** Log onto your Web for Students, choose the housing license and affirm it.

April 13th: Apartment Selection for 4 person, full academic year groups for Commons I and II apartments. **Location and Times TBA**– look for signs. All students who pay a down payment will receive a postcard in their mailbox with instructions, dates, times and locations.

April 14th: Room Selection Night for all residence halls and 4 person groups for Commons I and II. **Location and Times TBA.** All students who pay a down payment will receive a postcard in their mailbox with instructions, dates, times and locations.

April 18th to May 13th: Room selection for remaining students interested in the residence halls or apartments in the Office of Residence Life.

June 30, 2011: Last day to request refund of advance housing payment. See inside for more info.

If a student is thinking about living off campus, they can participate in room selection but need to cancel before they arrive on campus. Once a student has checked into the residence hall or apartments, their housing contract begins for the full academic year 2011-2012 and they are liable for all payments.

Please be aware that room rates vary according to room type (ex. double vs.. single) and hall. Although room rates for 2011-2012 have not yet been determined, you can go to http://www.morrisville.edu/bursar/tuition_fees.aspx to see 2010-2011 prices to gauge the difference. Room rates will increase for the 2011-2012 year. Check with your parents or financial aid to determine what price room you can afford and therefore need to pick at Room Selection Night.

Campus Housing Options

Iroquois Quad

East: East has suites consisting of a central common area and two single rooms housing only 51 residents total. Also available are a few non-suite single rooms. East Hall is coed and a 24-hour quiet hall.

Cayuga: Cayuga Hall has a mixture of single rooms and suites with double rooms. Cayuga is coed throughout the building and houses 135 residents.

Mohawk is NOT available for 2011-2012 due to renovation.

Onondaga: Containing mostly double rooms with some triples. Onondaga is a coed halls but same sex by floor. It houses about 220 students.

Oneida: Oneida is a coed hall but same sex by floor. Oneida has all singles and houses 111 residents.

Pond Quad

Fountain View: Fountain View is a 24-hour quiet, coed hall that is same sex by area. Singles, split doubles and split triples (split rooms have a partial wall for privacy) are available for 88 residents.

Helyar, South, Stewart and West: These halls are coed but same sex by area and have mostly doubles with limited triples. Each houses about 220 residents. *Note: South is NOT all singles for the 2011-2012 year.*

Apartments

Commons I and II: Apartment style buildings with single bedrooms, all at an additional cost. Apartments are assigned same sex. Each apartment includes a living room, full kitchen and dining area, 1 ½ bathrooms, and 4 single bedrooms. Residents are not required to purchase a meal plan but can opt for any of the meal plans including the commuter plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

Last year I filled out a preference form online and was done. Is it the same this year?

All students are encouraged to fill out the housing preference form online (this is new for returners this year) because so often Residence Life must assign a new person with a returner. This is easiest when we know both parties preferences.

The preference form is available via Web for Students.

Although incoming students are assigned by Residence Life, current students must participate in the room selection process including attending the Room or Apartment Selection nights in April.

Do single rooms cost more than doubles? What about different halls?

Room rates are different between singles and doubles and between some halls. For example, Cayuga doubles are more expensive than Helyar doubles. Although the Commons rooms are more expensive, only in the Commons are students allowed to switch to a much lower meal plan or have no meal plan at all. The Commons is a great option for people looking to save money and know how to do basic cooking and effective grocery budgeting/shopping.

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What are my chances of getting the room I want ?

It is almost impossible to predict the chances of securing any particular space as it depends on the number of those spaces available and their popularity. When planning for room selection night and what hall or room they are interested in, students should take into account their lottery number and the number of those types of spaces available. There will be fewer singles available next year due to Mohawk shutting down.

How do I get a room on campus for the 2011-2012 year?

Room selection is the process by which currently registered students choose college housing for the 2011-2012 academic year. Students select a room according to a point total. Students earn points based on GPA and number of credits completed. Points are deducted based on judicial standing. Students with higher point totals go through room selection first.

What do I do first?

Any student who wants college housing for next year must pay a \$100 advance housing payment, which will be credited toward next year's bill. Students pay their advance payment at Student Accounts, 4th floor Whipple Admin Building. Advance housing payments can be paid between February 1st and April 1st. Although late advance payments will be accepted, those late advance payment students will not be allowed to choose a room until April 19th, after Room Selection.

What do I do second?

Students must log on to their Web for Students and affirm the Housing License. Then students need to fill out the Housing Preference form even though they are picking a room in April. This will allow Residence Life to pair residents up better with a roommate if the person a student is currently planning on living with does not return to the college.

And third?

Students who have paid their housing down payment and affirmed their housing license online are assigned a lottery number. Students find out their lottery number by April 8, 2011. If a student has paid their housing down payment AND affirmed their housing license online, they will go to room selection in April to pick their room when their lottery number is called. Students will bring their lottery card with them. The location will be announced on the lottery card and posted throughout buildings.

What if I require special housing/medical accommodations?

Students must submit a request for medical accommodations along with any medical documentation necessary to the Office of Residence Life before April 8th. Only requests of a serious, debilitating nature can be considered due to limits on space for 2011-2012. If a student already has medical documentation on file with Residence Life, the student will still need to notify the office that they wish to live on campus with a medical single request. Requests may not be able to be accommodated due to space or late submission. Medical single requests pay the full rate of the single in the hall assigned.

What if I am EOP? Do I still need to pay an advance payment?

EOP students are still required to go to the Student Accounts office to confirm their status and receive a waiver for their advance housing payment.

Are there any restrictions?

A percentage of rooms will be reserved for incoming freshman and will not be part of Selection. For the Commons, groups of 4 students who will be staying the entire academic 2011-2012 year will be given preference in selection. Remaining spaces will be available after Selection. Look for special Commons publications.

Can I change my room after Selection?

Students who have selected a room may sign up on a Room Change Waitlist either at the room selection night (after they have chosen a room) or in the Office of Residence Life. Changes will be made by availability and lottery # of requesting student.

What if I am currently a commuter student?

Commuter students follow the same procedures as current residential students. You will be assigned a lottery number and information sent to the mailing address you have listed with the registrar's office. (This address should be the one you live at locally.)

Can I keep my current room?

All students must participate in the room selection. Students cannot simply keep the same room and not participate.

Can I select a room after April 14th?

Remaining options will be available at the RD offices starting on April 19th until May 13th. Students paying the advance housing payment late or selecting late have fewer choices and risk being placed into temporary overflow housing in August.

How do I know what my point total is?

All students who have paid their \$100 advance housing payment will be notified of their point total via their mailboxes between April 4th and 8th. Roommate pairs may use the higher of their two individual point totals when selecting a room.

What if I don't have a roommate?

For students that don't have a roommate, the Office of Residence Life will assign one to that room. ***After May 13th, Residence Life staff will consolidate people without roommates together into double rooms. This will result in a change in some students' assignments.***

What if I cannot attend room selection?

Students should not miss class to participate in room selection. If a student is unable to attend the Room Selection nights, the student may have someone participate for them by giving the other person a proxy form. The proxy form is available from the Residence Life Office or any RD office. If the chosen proxy does not have the proxy card, they cannot choose a room for someone.

Can I get my advance housing payment back if I change my mind?

The advance housing payment is non-refundable except when the following circumstances occur:

- If the student is no longer attending Morrisville State College, a written request to cancel their college housing must be received on or before June 30, 2011.
- If the student chooses to live off campus, a written request to cancel their college housing must be received in the Residence Life Office on or before June 30, 2011.

There are no refunds after June 30, 2011

After July 1, 2011 a student may cancel your housing (but not receive the advance housing payment back) up until the student checks into the residence hall or apartments. Once a student has checked in, they are bound by the Housing License.

☞ Once you check into your residence hall, your contract begins for the full academic year 2011-2012 and you are liable for all payments.

What if I am going on internship, transferring or graduating for Spring 2012?

Students who officially withdraw, graduate or are on internship according to their academic school, are automatically released from their housing license.

How will I know what my room assignment is during the summer? Will it change?

There is a possibility a student's room assignment might change, particularly if the student requested a change. It is more likely the roommate will change due to the roommate canceling, withdrawing, transferring, etc. Residence Life does not have the capacity to inform every student of every change. Students are expected to periodically check their Web for Students to see their most up to date housing assignment and roommate.