

*Office of AccessAbility Services and
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Accessible Housing Information*



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Accessible Housing

Eastern Connecticut State University is committed to providing equal access to its programs, services and activities, including on-campus housing. The Office of Housing and Residential Life works closely with the Office of AccessAbility Services (OAS) to ensure students with documented disabilities are able to enjoy accessible on-campus housing. Please review the information included in this brochure to learn the process for requesting on-campus housing that is accessible to you.

Students with a documented need for specific housing due to a disability will be assigned to housing early and will not participate in the housing selection process. Students with a documented need for a housing accommodation that can be implemented in any hall (i.e. electric blanket, support animal) will participate in the housing selection process.

Please note that although there is no deadline for requesting accessible housing, students are strongly encouraged to submit requests by the priority dates below in order to be given priority consideration.

March 1 Returning Students (students currently living on campus)

May 15 New Incoming First-Year, Transfer or Re-Admit Students

May 15 Commuters Requesting to Return to Housing

Steps for Requesting Accessible Housing

1. Pay the non-refundable housing deposit of \$250 and complete the on-line housing application by established deadlines. You must be eligible to live on campus for the next academic year.
2. Submit documentation of your disability to OAS. The type of documentation needed depends on the disability. Please refer to the Documentation Guidelines on the OAS website: www.easternct.edu/accessibility.
3. Submit an Accessible Housing Application, located on the OAS website. *Please note that the Housing Accommodations Application is separate from the Housing Application and both are required.*
4. After you submit sufficient documentation and the Accessible Housing Application to the OAS, the OAS staff will review your request. If an accommodation is needed, OAS staff will inform Housing of your accommodation needs. You will be notified of the status of your housing accommodations request via your Eastern email account within four (4) weeks after the priority dates. Information and notification will not be accepted from, nor sent to, any other email address.

5. Housing accommodations are made for one academic year (fall to spring). Students must submit a new request for accessible housing each academic year by submitting an OAS Accessible Housing Application. *Please note that the OAS reserves the right to request updated documentation of disability.*

Room Assignment and Preferred Roommate

1. Students with a documented need for specific housing due to a disability will be assigned to housing early and will not participate in the housing selection process.
2. The student's hall preferences will be used for assignment, if possible. However, the student may be assigned to any hall that meets the accommodation.
3. Current residential students are able to be assigned with one preferred roommate, if requested by the priority date. Preferred roommates are not possible after the housing selection process has occurred.*

The preferred roommate must:

- Be a current resident student
 - Be eligible to live on campus for the next academic year
 - Have paid the non-refundable housing deposit by established deadlines
 - Have completed the housing application by established deadlines
 - Email the Associate Director of Housing and Residential Life, Blaine Fisher, at fisherb@easternct.edu by March 1 to request the ability to live with the student with the housing accommodation, which removes the eligibility to participate in the housing selection process.
4. Incoming new First-Year, Transfer and Re-Admit Students are not able to be assigned with preferred roommates due to limited spaces available. However, the Housing staff will do their best to accommodate these requests, if requested by the priority date.
 5. Commuters requesting to return to housing are not able to be assigned with preferred roommates due to limited spaces available, as commuters are assigned after all current residential students have been assigned.

* *There is no preferred roommate/hall for students whose sole accommodation is a support animal or for those participating in Theme Housing.*