

New Spring Residential Students

Students who enter housing in the spring semester will be given a package of points to account for the fact that they were not here during the fall semester. If they do not have a GPA because it is their first semester at Eastern, freshmen will be given a GPA of 2.8, and transfer students will be given a GPA of 3.0. The package of points is based on the average number of points earned in the fall for Housing educational and Housing community service programs.

Lastly, students in this population will be credited for any Housing educational or Housing/CCE community service programs that they attend in the spring semester prior to the April 1 deadline.

Room Selection

All current residential students who wish to live on campus for the following academic year must participate in the Housing Selection process. During this process, eligible residential students will have the opportunity to match up with roommates/suitemates and choose their fall housing using our online housing selection software. The rank order and participants' pick time is based solely on their earned priority points score for that academic year until the April 1 deadline. This housing selection process is only utilized for current residential students and approved students studying abroad or on National Student Exchange.

ROOM SELECTION PROCESS

- Residential students earn priority points based on the categories included in this brochure during the academic year (*until April 1*).
- Residential students will be required to complete a Housing Application (which will inform Housing of their intent to return for the fall) by the posted deadline in order to participate in the housing selection process.
- Residential students will be required to pay the non-refundable \$250 housing deposit by the posted deadline in order to participate.
- Eligible students receive a summary of points earned as of April 1 for auditing.
- Following the audit period, eligible students will receive an e-mail with directions for logging into myHousing to get their pick time.

- Pick times are ranked in order of total priority points earned for that academic year.
- Eligible students are able to create matched roommate/suitemate groups of no more than six. There is no guarantee you will be living with your matched group/roommates.
- Eligible individual students will choose their room at their earned pick time.
- Eligible matched groups will have their rooms chosen by one of the group members at that student's earned pick time.
- When the room has been confirmed, students will be notified via Eastern e-mail of their hall and room assignment for the fall.
- Housing is not guaranteed.

SUMMARY OF POINTS

Credits = 1 point for each credit earned by April 1

GPA = cumulative GPA cubed

Housing Educational Programs = 1 point each

Community Service & CCE = 1-5 points each

Conduct = 20 points for no violations

SGA Recognized Organizations = 5 points each
(10 point cap)

Varsity Athletes = 10 points each
(20 point cap)

LEAP Tier 1 = 5 points

LEAP Tier 2 = 10 Points

LEAP Tier 3 = 15 points

RHA Attendance = 0.5 per meeting (10 point cap)

RHA/UROC President = 10 points

RHA/UROC Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations = 5 points

UROC Attendance = 0.5 per meeting (10 point cap)

IDEAL Residential Portfolio = 20 points

Service to the University = points vary

Dean's Cup (1st Place on April 1) = 5 points



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PRIORITY POINT SYSTEM



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Priority Point System

The Priority Point System was designed to reflect Eastern's Core Values:

Academic Excellence
Engagement
Inclusion
Integrity
Empowerment
Social Responsibility

PRIORITY POINT CATEGORIES

Students earn points in the following areas:

Credits

Academic Excellence & Engagement

Students earn one point for every credit on their transcript as of April 1 with a maximum point total of 90. This category is capped at 90 credits to reward students for progress towards their degree, but to avoid giving an advantage to students who may need to live on-campus beyond four years.

GPA

Academic Excellence

With a focus on academic excellence, this value is determined by taking a student's cumulative GPA and cubing the value.

Housing Educational Programs

Engagement, Inclusion & Empowerment

With research indicating that learning occurs outside of the classroom, students earn a point for each housing educational program they attend. Housing programs that are eligible for priority points will be labeled appropriately on program publicity.

Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and Housing Community Service Programs

Social Responsibility & Engagement

Community service benefits both the volunteer and the community. Each CCE and housing community service program will be worth a minimum of one point. Longer community service programs often have a greater impact on the community and volunteer and are worth one point plus another point for every hour beyond the third hour (*i.e., a five-hour program is worth three points*). All community service programs that are eligible for priority points will have the point value indicated on its publicity.

Conduct Score

Integrity & Social Responsibility

Living on-campus is not a right, it is a privilege. Living in a community demands that students be responsible for their actions and act with integrity. Therefore, all students can earn up to 20 points for how they conduct themselves at Eastern. Students who do not violate the Student Code of Conduct at all will earn 20 points. Students who are found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct once during the year will earn 15 points. Those who are found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct twice will earn 5 points, and those who are found responsible for three or more violations will not earn any conduct points. It is possible to lose all conduct points based on the severity of a single violation.

Campus Participation

Engagement

- Varsity athletes can earn up to 20 points for participating in Eastern's Athletic Program (*10 points per team*). There is a cap at 20 points regardless of participation on more than two teams (*student must be on team rosters*).
- Involvement in SGA funded student organizations earns a student up to 10 points (*5 points per club*). There is a cap at 10 points regardless of participation in more than two clubs (*student must be on club rosters*).

- Students can earn 5 points for participation in LEAP into Leadership (Learn, Explore, Achieve, Perform) LEAP Tier 1; 10 points for participation in LEAP Tier 2 and 15 points for participation in LEAP Tier 3. Points are assigned at the discretion of the LEAP staff based on active participation as of April 1.
- Students can earn 20 points for successfully completing the IDEAL Residential Life Portfolio by the posted deadline in the spring semester.
- All residents of the residence hall that is in 1st place with the Dean's Cup competition as of April 1 will receive 5 points.

Residence Hall Leadership

Engagement & Empowerment

- Students can earn up to 10 points for participation and attendance at Residential Hall Association (RHA) meetings in their residence hall (*0.5 points per meeting*). Student must appear in the meeting minutes/attendance roster.
- Students elected to E-Board positions for their residence halls and/or University Residential Outreach Council (UROC) can earn 10 points for being President or 5 points for being Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Public Relations (only one person per position). Points are assigned at the discretion of the Hall Director based on active participation and completion of the responsibilities of the office. Points will be given only to those students serving in these positions on April 1.
- Students can earn up to 10 points for participation and attendance at UROC meetings (*0.5 points per meeting*). Students must appear in the meeting minutes/attendance roster.

Service to the University

Engagement

The University recognizes the many different ways students can be involved within our community by working together for a common goal. Whether it's serving fellow students as peer mentors, being a tour room or managing a varsity team, this category allows Eastern faculty/staff to apply to have an experience earn points for students on a case by case basis. Applications are available at www.easternct.edu/housing/forms/ and are due by September 15. Requests are not guaranteed and will be evaluated based on the experience, the benefit to the Eastern community and the time commitment involved. Requests for points will be reviewed by the Housing Office and notification will be made to those offices by October 1 of the decision. Experiences in which a student receives financial compensation are not eligible to be considered.