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# RETURNING STUDENT HOUSING SELECTION PROCESS

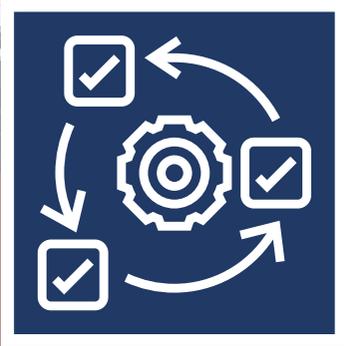
2026-2027





# Housing Selection 2026-2027

The Housing Selection Process is how students choose their housing for the next year. The process starts in September when students start earning Priority Points, and it ends in April when students choose next year's housing assignment.



## THE PROCESS IN FIVE STEPS:

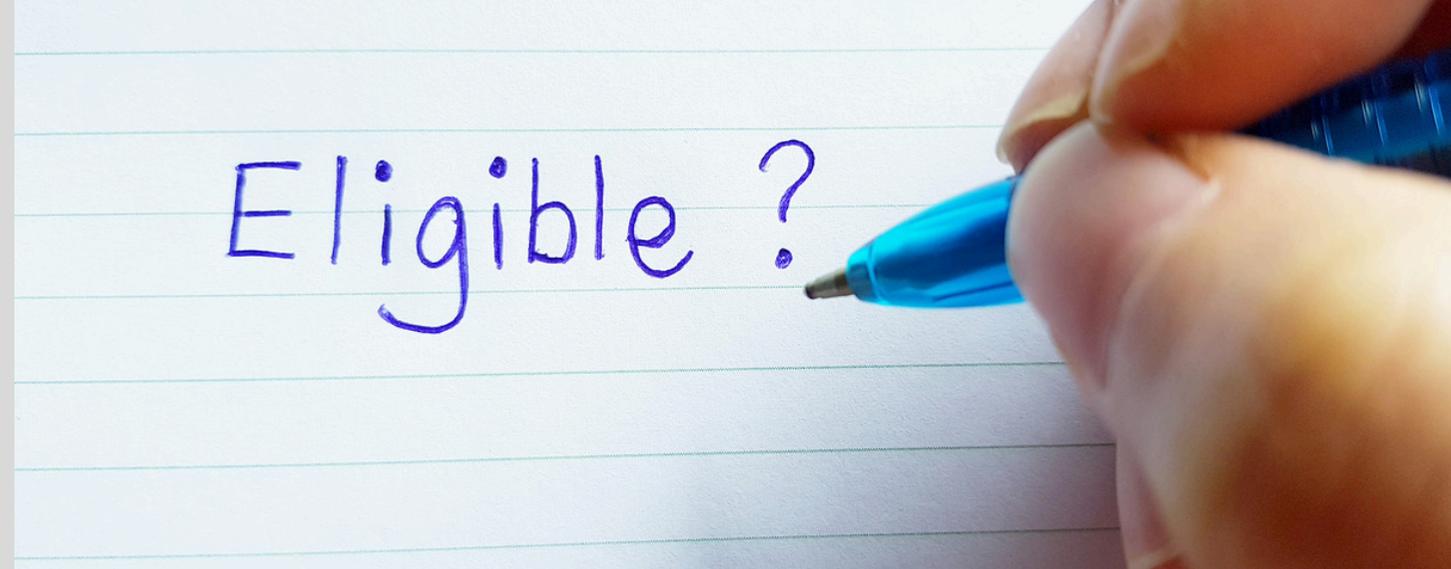
**STEP 1: Submit your Housing Application & Deposit**

**STEP 2: Priority Points Finalized**

**STEP 3: Roommate Matching**

**STEP 4: Pick Times Released**

**STEP 5: Housing Assignment Selection**



Eligible ?

## **To maintain eligibility for the Housing Selection Process:**

- 1.) Submit your Housing Application in the MyHousing Portal no later than March 31st at 3:00pm.**
- 2.) Submit your non-refundable \$250 Housing Deposit no later than March 31st at 3:00pm.**
- 3.) Have no holds on your account by March 31st at 3:00pm**

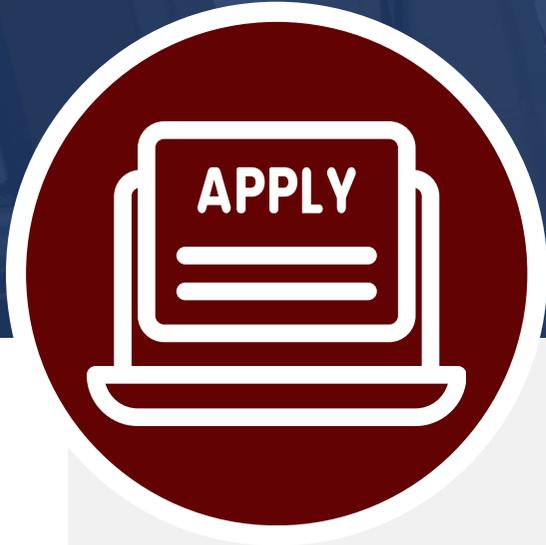


# STEP ONE

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**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT STEPS OF THE  
HOUSING SELECTION PROCESS,  
THE APPLICATION & DEPOSIT ARE DUE:  
MARCH 31st at 3:00pm**

## **HOUSING APPLICATION**

Submitted in the MyHousing Portal.

Preferred residence halls and roommates listed on the application are NOT a guarantee.

If you can't access the MyHousing Portal, contact the IT HelpDesk.

## **HOUSING DEPOSIT**

Submitted in eWeb.

\$250 and non-refundable even if you don't participate in the process or if you cancel your housing.

# STEP ONE:

**COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE:  
SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING APPLICATION & DEPOSIT**

**STRICT ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE:  
March 31st at 3:00pm**



**If your application or deposit is NOT submitted,  
or if you have a hold as of March 31st at 3:00pm:**

- You will NOT be able to match with roommates.
- You will NOT receive a pick time.
- You will NOT be able to choose a room in April.

**Instead, you will be added to the  
“Late Housing Selection Process”, scheduled during summer break.**

# STEP ONE:

**COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE:  
SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING APPLICATION & DEPOSIT**



## **Late Housing Selection Process**

**For students who submit an  
application or deposit, or have a  
hold removed after March 31st:**

- A bed in your preferred roommate's room is not a guarantee .
- A bed in your preferred hall is not a guarantee.
- You can match with other students in the Late Housing Selection Process.
- You'll select from beds vacant at the time of the Late Housing Selection Process, in order of Priority Points.
- Schedule and process instructions will be released at a later time.



# STEP TWO

**PRIORITY POINTS FINALIZED  
& AUDIT PERIOD**

# STEP TWO: | PRIORITY POINTS FINALIZED

Students have been earning Priority Points since move-in day with their academic achievement, campus engagement, community service, and student conduct.



**Last Day to Earn Points:** April 1st

**Final Points Earned Notification:** April 2nd

**Priority Point Audit Window:** April 2nd - 9th

**Priority Points Locked In:** April 10th

# STEP TWO: | PRIORITY POINTS FINALIZED



## Priority Points Email Notification: April 2nd

All students will receive an email detailing the points they've earned throughout the year on April 2nd after 4:00pm.

The email will include information on how points were earned and how to dispute any inaccuracies.

# STEP TWO: | PRIORITY POINTS FINALIZED



## Priority Points Audit: April 2nd-9th

If anything in your Priority Points notification seems incorrect, students can audit them by contacting the campus partner in charge of tracking those points.

For example, if you believe you're missing community service points, you'd contact the Center for Community Engagement.

The last day to dispute points is April 9th at 4:00pm.

# STEP TWO: | PRIORITY POINTS FINALIZED



## Priority Points Locked In: April 10th

After the audit window passes,  
Priority Points are locked in and cannot be disputed or changed.

Everyone will receive another email on April 10th  
with their finalized Priority Points and how to match with roommates in the  
MyHousing Portal.

# PRIORITY POINTS | LAST YEAR'S STATISTICS



## 2025 Top Earner

Last year's 1st place Priority Point earner was a first-year student who earned 575 points. Their points were mostly earned through volunteer programs and academic performance.



## Average Points Earned

Last year, the average number of points earned across 1270 students in the Housing Selection Process was 132 points.



## When VS Where

Priority Points do not determine where you'll live next year, but they determine when you'll choose your housing next year.

LAST YEAR, WE HAD 1270 STUDENTS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE HOUSING SELECTION PROCESS, AND WE ANTICIPATE ABOUT 1280 STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING PROCESS.



# STEP THREE

# ROOMMATE MATCHING

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**April 1st - 16th**



Students eligible for the Housing Selection Process will be able to search for and match with roommates in the MyHousing Portal starting on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm.

You can search for students based on:

- Name
- Cleanliness
- Personality
- When they wake up or go to sleep

# STEP THREE: | ROOMMATE MATCHING

**April 1st - 16th**



## **I CAN'T FIND MY PREFERRED ROOMMATES:**

**Make sure they're eligible for Housing Selection.**

*Ask them to check their MyHousing Portal and email for alerts on their eligibility.*

**Make sure you're all in the same process.**

*Everyone should check their MyHousing Portal to ensure they're in the same process: General Process, Full Apartment Process, Gender Inclusive Process*

# STEP THREE: | ROOMMATE MATCHING

## Who should you live with?



**It is important to consider who will be a good fit as a roommate. You should have honest and open conversations with one another to find if you are compatible as roommates before going into the roommate matching part of this process.**

**Some questions to ask when thinking about being roommates include:**

- Do you want to live in the same residence hall next year?
- How do you plan to schedule sleep, study and social time in your suite/apartment?
- Do you have any unique quirks a roommate should be aware of?
- When are you okay with guests coming over?
- How do you communicate that you are upset with someone or something?
- How will you share in keeping the space clean and tidy?

# STEP THREE: | ROOMMATE MATCHING

## Creating Back Up Plans



**Sometimes, your best plan isn't the one that works out.**

**You will need to talk as a roommate group to create some of the following back up plans:**

- 1.) How you'll break up into smaller groups in case there are no rooms available to accommodate your roommate group size during your pick time.

**EXAMPLE:** *if you are in a group of 4 students, but all rooms with 4 beds are filled, you will have to break up into smaller groups so that you can choose a room that has the beds needed to accommodate you.*

- 2.) If you don't want to break up into smaller groups, what halls will you consider choosing that may keep your group together?

# STEP THREE: | ROOMMATE MATCHING

## After Matching with Roommates



When a roommate group is formed, all their Priority Points are averaged together to create one group Pick Time. If during room selection, the roommate group must break up, a member from each smaller group would need to login to choose their own room.

If you do not create a roommate group, you will keep your individual Priority Points and your own Pick Time.

### **ROOMMATE GROUP CHANGES:**

If changes are made to roommate groups during housing selection, pick times will be updated to reflect the new groups.



# STEP FOUR

## PICK TIMES POSTED

# STEP **FOUR:** | PICK TIMES POSTED

**APRIL 10th after  
6:00pm**



Students who are eligible for Housing Assignment Selection Week will receive an email with apartment/suite/room selection instructions after 6:00pm on the Friday before Housing Assignment Selection Week.

The Pick Time is when a member of the roommate group will login to the MyHousing Portal to view what beds are available to choose from.

Once Pick Times are published in the MyHousing Portal, they are non-negotiable and cannot be changed. They are automatically generated in the MyHousing Portal using the Priority Points earned by individual students OR the average Priority Points in a roommate group.

Pick Times will be scheduled between 10:00am and 4:00pm during Housing Assignment Selection Week.

# STEP **FOUR:** | PICK TIMES POSTED

**APRIL 10th after  
6:00pm**



## **CHANGES IN PICK TIMES:**

Changing your roommate group during the process will update your pick time. Housing tracks roommate group changes.

If there are widespread changes, new pick times may be generated for all students, and an email and text notification will be sent.

**Example:** If many groups split or add new roommates to their group, Housing will issue new pick times to reflect the updated groups. This can impact individual students or everyone in the selection process, depending on how many changes students make.



# STEP FIVE

# HOUSING ASSIGNMENT SELECTION WEEK

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**April 13th - 16th**



**Housing Assignment Selection Week is  
April 13th - 16th, 10:00am-4:00pm.**

During this week, a member of each roommate group will login at/after their Pick Time to view the housing assignments available that can accommodate their roommate group.

**EXAMPLE:**

**If your pick time is April 23rd at 3:15pm, you will be able to log in during these windows to choose a housing assignment:**

**April 23rd, 3:15pm-4:00pm**

**April 24th, 10:00am-4:00pm**

**April 25th, 10:00am-4:00pm**



# Options for Assignment Selection

Residence Hall	Unit Style	Bedroom Style	Kitchen	Meal Plan Required	How Many Students Per Unit	Cost per Semester
High Rise	Apartment	Single	Yes	No	5	\$5539
Laurel Hall	Apartment	Single	Yes	No	4	\$5826
Low Rise	Apartment	Single	Yes	No	6	\$5539
Niejadlik Hall	Suite	Single	No	Yes	4	\$5511
Noble Hall	Apartment	Double	Yes	No	4	\$5264
Nutmeg Hall	Apartment	Single	Yes	No	4	\$5826
Occum Hall	Apartment	Double	Yes	No	4-6	\$5264

*Efficiency apartments and enhanced singles in High Rise, Low Rise, and Noble Hall will not be available during Housing Selection.*

## Shafer Hall

Unit Style	Unit Details	How Many Students Per Unit	Cost per Semester
Single Studio Apartment	Each student has their own bedroom, living/study area, and kitchen. Share a bathroom with one other student in neighboring apartment.	2	\$6536
Single	Each student has their own bedroom. Entire apartment shares a kitchen, living room and bathroom.	3	\$6151
Double Studio	Two students living in one studio apartment. They share the same bedroom, living/study area, kitchen and bathroom.	2	\$5493
Quad Double Studio	Two double studio apartments, with two students living in each. All four students share a bathroom.	4	\$5493



# Options for Assignment Selection

When choosing a room, pay attention to the “ROOM TYPE”

Available Rooms: (22)

**Shafer Hall - G009**

**Room Type:** Shafer Hall - Double Studio ←

**Spots:** 2

**Suite:** Shafer Hall G009 Spots: 2

**Rate:** \$5493 [Term]

Select Room/Suite

**Shafer Hall - 120A**

**Room Type:** Shafer Hall - Single Studio ←

**Spots:** 1

**Suite:** Shafer Hall 120 Spots: 2

**Rate:** \$6536 [Term]

Select Room/Suite

# STEP FIVE | HOUSING ASSIGNMENT SELECTION WEEK

**April 13th - 16th**



## **REMEMBER:**

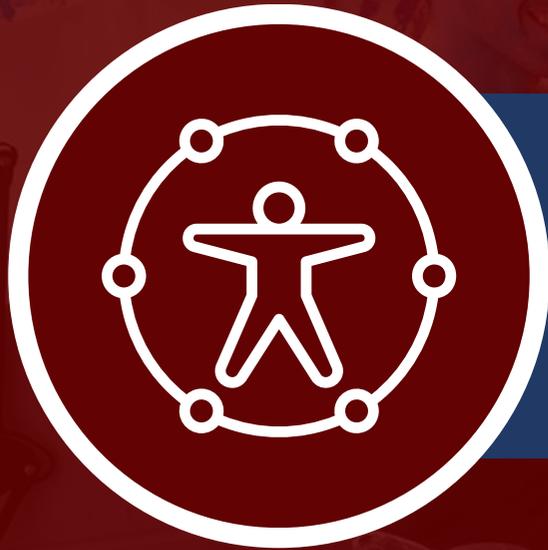
**There is NO GUARANTEE that you will be able to select a room in the hall you most prefer, nor is there a guarantee that there will be one suite or apartment on campus to accommodate your group size.**

**Please create back-up plans with your roommate groups BEFORE Housing Assignment Selection Week.**

*Traditionally, our most popular halls are Laurel Hall, Nutmeg Hall, High Rise and Low Rise. We do not have enough beds in these four areas alone to accommodate the anticipated number of students in the entire Housing Selection Process. With this, it is important that participants go into the process with managed expectations and understanding that other residence halls on campus are great places to live.*



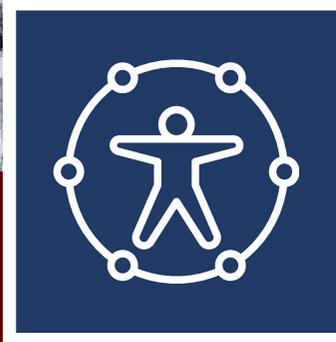
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# HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

# Housing Accommodation Placement & Selection

*Students with a housing accommodation must either register or renew for the upcoming academic year with the Office of AccessAbility Services. It's encourage students start this process by March 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure enough time to process and be approved by March 31st.*



## HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS: WHAT CAN BE OFFERED

Residence Halls may provide the following accommodations for approved students:

- Access to air conditioning
- Access to kitchen
- ADA accessible spaces
- Animal free rooms
- Emotional support animals
- First-floor assignment or elevator access
- Single bedrooms in 3-6 person apartments
- Semi-private bathrooms
- Other special requests within reason and capacity

Accommodations are provided only after approval from the Office of AccessAbility Services and if a suitable space is available. Spaces are not guaranteed.

**ANIMAL ALLERGIES:** If you require an animal free room, register with the Office of AccessAbility Services.

## PLACEMENT VS SELECTION

Students approved with an OAS Housing Accommodation may qualify to be placed in an assignment. Not all accommodations qualify and some may still need to go through Housing Selection. Students will be notified if they qualify for placement or selection on March 31st.



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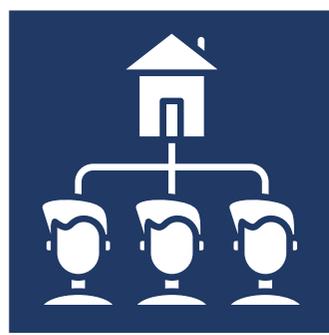


# FULL APARTMENT SELECTION DAY



# Full Apartment Housing Selection

*New for the 2026-2027 Housing Selection Process: Students in fully formed roommate groups of 5-6 students will have the opportunity to choose an apartment that will fit everyone in the group, as long as apartments are available.*



## **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

Students eligible for Housing Selection, who finalize a roommate group of 5-6 students will be able to choose from a select number of apartments across campus on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **WHEN DOES OUR ROOMMATE GROUP NEED TO BE FINALIZED?**

Roommate groups of 5-6 must be finalized by April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm to be entered into this process. Late roommate group formations will NOT be accepted.

## **WHEN IS FULL APARTMENT SELECTION DAY?**

The Monday of Room Selection Week.

## **HOW DOES FULL APARTMENT SELECTION DAY WORK?**

**Apartment Selection:** Specific apartments across campus will be designated for full-apartment selection. Availability depends on roommate groups finalized by April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.

**Group Size Restrictions:** Students can only choose apartments that match their roommate group size (e.g., a group of 5 can only select a 5-bed apartment).

**Priority Points:** The order groups choose in is based on the group's averaged Priority Points.

**Group Limitations:** If there are more groups than available apartments, those with lower Priority Points can still participate in General Housing Selection Days but may need to split up their group. If you are in a roommate group of 1, 2, 3, or 4 members, you will NOT be eligible for Full Apartment Selection Day.



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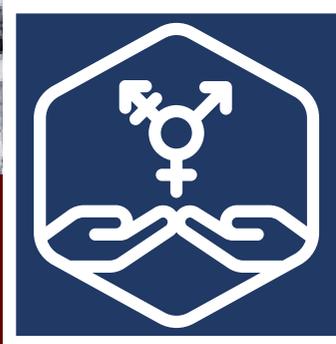


# **GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING SELECTION DAY**



# Gender Inclusive Housing Selection

*Gender Inclusive housing is designed and offered to students who would prefer to live with students of differing gender identities or sexes, regardless of assigned-at-birth sex.*



## **WHERE IS GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

In every residence hall! There are a limited number of apartments in each residence hall designated for Gender Inclusive Housing. This gives students in Gender Inclusive Housing equal access to each residence hall.

## **WHO CAN LIVE IN GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

Gender Inclusive Housing is open to any student who wishes to live with someone of a different gender identity or sex. It is not limited to members of the LGBTQIA+ community, as Housing does not ask for, track, or maintain information about students' sexual orientation. Any student may request and fill vacancies in a Gender Inclusive Housing assignment.

## **HOW DO I REQUEST GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

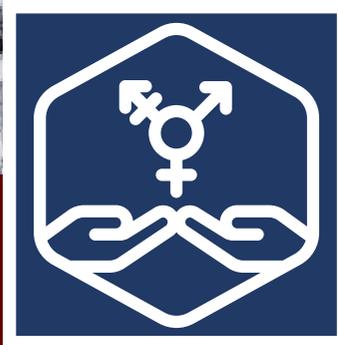
Select the Gender Inclusive Housing option on your Housing Application. You may update your application through March 31. If you are eligible for Housing Selection by that date, you will be included in the Gender Inclusive Housing Selection Process.

## **WHO CAN I MATCH WITH AS ROOMMATES?**

Students eligible for Housing Selection AND who requested Gender Inclusive Housing will be able to match with one another as roommates.

# Gender Inclusive Housing Selection

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## **IS THERE A GUARANTEE I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH MY REQUESTED ROOMMATES IN THE SAME ROOM?**

Before room selection week, Housing looks at how many students requested Gender Inclusive Housing and we allocate enough beds across campus to accommodate each individual request.

Just like the General Housing Selection Process:

- Housing cannot guarantee that students in the Gender Inclusive Housing Selection Process and have made a roommate group will be able to select one apartment where all can live together.
- Roommate groups in the Gender Inclusive Process are encouraged to strategize how they may need to split up or consider different halls available BEFORE their pick time.

This is because there may be roommate groups who choose housing before you that partially fill apartments, leaving 1-2 beds open in apartments across campus.

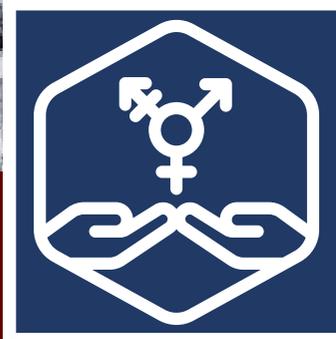
If your roommate group partially fills a Gender Inclusive apartment, the vacant beds will be filled by other students.

**Example:** If you are a group of 3 students, and you choose an apartment with 4 beds, the 4<sup>th</sup> bed will be filled and can be filled by a student of any gender and/or sex. That roommate group will not be able to “veto” the 4<sup>th</sup> roommate out of the apartment.



# Gender Inclusive Housing Selection

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## WHEN IS GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING SELECTION DAY?

The Gender Inclusive Housing Selection Process happens on the Tuesday of room selection week.

## CAN I USE THE GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING PROCESS TO IMPROVE MY CHANCES OF GETTING A ROOM IN A POPULAR RESIDENCE HALL?

Simply put: No.

Selecting housing “early” through the Gender Inclusive Housing process does not increase your chances of getting into popular halls like Laurel or Nutmeg.

Only designated Gender Inclusive apartments are available during this process. You cannot select non–Gender Inclusive apartments.

- **Example:** If 20% of all students choosing housing are in the Gender Inclusive Selection Process, 20% of apartments across campus will be available during the Gender Inclusive Selection Process.
- **Another Example:** if all Gender Inclusive apartments in Laurel fill before your pick time, you’ll need to choose a Gender Inclusive option in another hall.

Selections are made in order of Priority Points earned.



# Gender Inclusive Housing Selection

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## **WHAT IF WE DON'T CHOOSE A ROOM ON GENDER INCLUSIVE DAY?**

Students in the Gender Inclusive Housing Selection Process will also be added to the General Housing Selection Process.

You will have a pick time for the Gender Inclusive Housing Selection Process, and a different pick time for the General Housing Selection Process, both based on your Priority Points.

If you choose a room on Gender Inclusive Room Selection Day, you will be automatically removed from the General Housing Selection Process. You cannot be re-added to the General Housing Selection Process if you choose a Gender Inclusive Housing Assignment.

If you do not choose a housing assignment on Gender Inclusive Selection Day, you will be able to choose one during your pick time in the General Housing Selection Process. You may be required to break up your roommate group if you have students of different assigned-at-birth-sex in your group. Students in roommate groups of differing assigned-at-birth-sex will not be able to choose a room during the General Housing Selection Process.



# DON'T FORGET

**ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE:  
MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm**

- »»» Complete your Housing Application in the MyHousing Portal.
- »»» Submit your non-refundable \$250 Housing Deposit in eWeb.
- »»» Have all holds lifted from your student account.

# STAY INFORMED

Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to remain informed and updated on the Housing Selection Process.



## **EMAIL:**

Updates, reminders and instructions will always be sent via Eastern email.

## **PROGRAMS & APPEARANCES:**

Housing will host programs (in-person and virtual) to educate students on the process.

## **WEBSITE:**

Visit our website for step-by-step resources.



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