Room Selection Overview for 2015-2016 Housing

If you have questions after reading this, contact your RD or the Residence Life Office.

**What do you do to get housing for next year?**

**Step 1:**
Pay your $100 advance housing payment by March 25th at Student Accounts, 4th floor Whipple, by phone or online if you want to pick a place to live on campus next year. *Only students who have paid a housing down payment can participate in room selection.*

**EOP** students must notify Student Accounts that they would like the housing down payment waiver placed on their account.

**Step 2:**
Before online room selection, you must have completed the housing Preference survey and accepted the Housing License. In March and April, log onto your Web for Students to complete these two items.

**Step 3:**
Online room selection for people who pay the down payment by March 25th is in two parts.

- April 7- 9th: Only complete 4 person groups may participate to select only the Commons.
- April 14-17th : All others can participate and select any available hall (including the Commons), regardless of group size

**Step 4:**
Register for Fall 2015 classes and complete FAFSA (applies only if you did one this year) by May 1st. Students who have not done both will be removed from chosen room and assigned by Residence Life after incoming freshman are assigned.

**Don’t Forget! Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus unless they meet certain exemptions.** However, once a student has checked into the residence halls or apartments, the student is responsible for all financial charges and can no longer be released from the housing license. *(i.e. it doesn’t matter what exemption you may meet, once you begin living in the halls, you cannot be released from the license.)* **THIS APPLIES TO ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING LOCAL AND ATHLETE EARLY ARRIVALS**
Frequently Asked Questions

◇ What are the campus housing options?

Check out the Residence Life web page to see all the housing options there are on campus. Commons is linked to that page.

◇ Before I was a student on campus, I filled out a preference form online and was done. Is it the same this year?

Although incoming students are assigned by Residence Life, all current students who want to live on campus next year must participate in the online room selection process.

◇ How does the actual picking of the room work online?

Students who have paid the $100 down payment by the deadline are assigned a start time. The room selection start time is based on points added for according to GPA and number of credits completed. Points are deducted from that total based on judicial standing. Students with higher point totals have earlier start times than students with lower point totals. For example, a junior with a 3.5 GPA and no judicial history will have an earlier start time than a sophomore or freshman or possibly even a junior with a 2.2 GPA and a judicial history.

Did we forget to mention? Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus.

◇ Do all rooms cost the same?

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

Please be aware that room rates vary according to room type (ex. double vs. single) and hall. Although room rates for 2015-2016 have not yet been determined, you can see current room prices on the Residence Life to help you gauge the difference. Room rates will increase for the 2015-2016 year.

Check with your parents, financial aid or whoever pays the bills to determine what price room you can afford and pick your room accordingly.

◇ What are my chances of getting the room I want?

It is 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 online room selection and what hall or room they are interested in, students should take into account their start time and the number of those types of spaces available.
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 1st. 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 Oneida, Cayuga and Fountain View.

What if I am EOP? Do I still need to pay the housing down payment?

EOP students need to notify Student Accounts by the deadline that they would like the housing down payment waiver placed on their account in order to participate.

Are there any restrictions on room choices?

A percentage of rooms in each hall will be reserved for incoming freshman, medical requests and transfers, and will not be part of the selection process. All of South and West will be reserved for incoming freshmen and half of Onondaga will be reserved for incoming freshmen.

Can I change my room after Selection?

Students who have selected a room may sign up on a Room Change Waitlist in the Office of Residence Life. Changes will be made by availability and according to the start time of the requesting student.

By the way! Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus and...

Once a student has checked in, they are bound by the Housing License and responsible for all financial charges. This applies to all students including athlete early arrivals.

Can I keep my current room?

All students must participate in the online room selection. If that room is available when their start time begins, students can certainly choose that room. The gender of floors and/or rooms will change.

Can I select a room after April 17th?

A second online room selection will occur for any student who paid the housing down payment between March 25th and April 22nd. Any student paying the housing down payment after April 22nd will be assigned in June by staff. Students paying the housing down payment late or selecting late have fewer choices and risk being placed into temporary overflow housing in August.
What if I don’t have a roommate?

For students that don’t have a roommate when picking a room, anyone picking after can choose to fill that space. If no one fills the room, the Office of Residence Life will assign a roommate to that room. *During the summer, Residence Life staff will consolidate people in doubles without roommates together into double rooms. This will result in a change in some students’ assignments.*

What if I am not available when my time slot begins?

Students should not miss class to participate in online room selection. Your time slot indicates when you are allowed to begin. The room selection program will shut down at the end of that selection. For example, if your start time is April 15 at 10am, you can go online and choose a room starting April 15 at 10 am until April 17 at 4:30pm. For the most choices available, choose your room as soon as you are able. If you have completed the Housing Preference form and affirmed the Housing License ahead of time, the actual process of selecting a room only takes a few minutes.

What if I am going on internship, transferring or graduating for Spring 2016?

Students who officially withdraw, graduate or are on internship according to their academic school, are released from their housing license. Students notify Residence Life by filling out the Request to be Released form available in the main office of Residence Life. Housing charges are removed once it has been confirmed with that academic office.

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 or if consolidation is necessary. It is also possible that 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. Roommates are expected to update each other about room change requests, etc.

What is the cancellation of policy?

If a junior, senior or student who meets the requirement exemptions is thinking about living off campus, they can participate in room selection but need to cancel before they arrive on campus. Students who transfer or withdraw can also request their refund back by the deadline. June 30 is the last day to request refund of housing down payment. Requests must be made in writing or via email to reslife@morrisville.edu.

Oh hey! Did we tell you that freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus?

*Just in case you missed it, as soon as you check into your residence hall, your contract begins for the full academic year 2015-2016 and you, the student, are responsible for all payments.*