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Returning Student Room Selection



YOUR GUIDE TO ROOM SELECTION

PREPARING FOR ROOM SELECTION



CALENDAR

March 2024

March 1 - April 5

Rising third and fourth year student opt-in period

March 18 - April 5

House Selection roommate group formation period

April 2024

April 22 - May 2

House Selection

May 2024

May 9-17

General Selection roommate group formation/re-formation period

May 13-17

General Selection

August 2024

August 1-11

Summer Assignment Changes

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Read this guide

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Put room selection dates
in your calendar

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Decide whether you'd like to live with other specific students or not.

If you want to live with other specific students, talk with them about their plans for room selection, including each of your room preferences. Have several plans going into room selection in case your preferences aren't available. Don't wait until room selection starts to develop a plan on the fly!

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Determine your Group Leader.

Remember you must be in a group to participate in room selection. If you aren't functioning as the Group Leader, be sure to work with them to ensure all steps are completed before group formation closes

In response to student feedback, here are highlights of new elements to room selection, meal plan options and winter break housing

Continuous Housing

During the winter break period, residence halls are closed and students are expected to travel home or make alternative housing arrangements. Students who intend to continue living on-campus for Winter Quarter and have significant need for housing during this period are required to apply and receive approval to stay, as well as select a space in one of the following residence halls during room selection:

International House

Renee Granville-Grossman Residential Commons
Woodlawn Residential Commons

Only these halls will remain open during winter break. We expect to have very limited, if any, on-campus housing options for students who seek winter break housing and do not select a bed space in one of the above residence halls. Only students with the greatest need will be given priority.

Students approved for winter break housing will be assessed **\$1,100** to their University account to cover this additional period of housing, regardless of the number of nights spent on-campus during the break. Financial aid dedicated to winter break housing will not be available. Impacted students will need to coordinate payment with the Bursar Office. No dining services will be available during the break period.

NEW THIS YEAR

Room Selection Updates

- The majority of the room selection process will occur in Spring Quarter vs. Winter Quarter
- House Selection time slots will start no earlier than 2 PM for each House on their respective date
- The process for determining how House Selection time slots are determined has been revamped. Click [here](#) to learn more

New Meal Plan Options

Third and fourth year students living on-campus will have the option of selecting from 2 new meal plans - the **Quad Meal Plan** or the **Maroon Meal Plan**. These new plans are only available to third and fourth year students and are available regardless of room type selected. More information about each of these plans will be posted [here](#) soon.

WHAT IS ROOM SELECTION?

An annual process where current students select their on-campus housing assignment for the next academic year. This process occurs entirely in the [myHousing.portal](#).



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Actively enrolled undergraduate students in the College may participate in room selection. Students on a leave of absence or suspension are not eligible to participate in room selection. Students who wish to or are required to live on-campus should reach out to us after they have been approved to resume studies to coordinate on-campus housing.

UChicago has a residency requirement – all traditional first-year students (have never attended college previously) are required to live on campus during the first six quarters of enrollment. Students transferring from other colleges or universities are required to live on campus for their first three quarters of enrollment. Summer quarters do not count towards the fulfillment of this residency requirement, however quarters spent in study abroad programs do count towards the fulfillment of this requirement.

Students who are not subject to the residency requirement must opt-in through the [myHousing.portal](#) to participate in room selection. **The opt-in deadline is 11:59 PM on Friday, April 5.** No opt-in requests will be accepted after this deadline. Students who miss the opt-in period will not be able to participate in any portion of room selection but may select from available housing options during the summer assignment changes period in early August.

Students subject to the residency requirement who do not participate in room selection will be assigned to any available bed, in any House or residence hall, by Housing & Residence Life at the conclusion of room selection

ROOM SELECTION EVENTS

There are 2 primary events that make up room selection:

House Selection

For students who wish to select a housing assignment in their current House for the next academic year

General Selection

For students who wish to select a housing assignment in a different House and/or residence hall for the next academic year

QUICK TIP

Click the link below to go directly to that topic:

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ROOM SELECTION TERMINOLOGY

Time Slot

The specific date and time a student can select their housing assignment

Group

Every student must be in a group to select a housing assignment. In the context of room selection, a group can include 1-4 students

Group Leader

The student in each group who initially creates the group, selects/assigns the housing assignment(s) for themselves and their Group Member(s)

Group Member

All other students in the same room selection group who aren't the Group Leader

Return Rate

The percent value of returning students vs. total capacity in each House. Houses with a return rate greater than 50% at the conclusion of House Selection will have remaining vacancies held for incoming new students



Students are strongly encouraged to review this guide in its entirety – even if they have participated in room selection previously as policies may change. Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to institute changes to these policies and procedures as deemed necessary and will communicate to impacted students in a timely manner.

HOUSE SELECTION - MONDAY, APRIL 22 - THURSDAY, MAY 2

House Selection is grouped by residence hall and will occur on the same date for all Houses within a specific hall.

Burton Judson
Monday, April 22

Campus North East
Tuesday, April 23

Campus North West
Wednesday, April 24

Max Palevsky
Thursday, April 25

International House & Snell Hitchcock
Monday, April 29

Renee Granville-Grossman
Tuesday, April 30

Woodlawn East
Wednesday, May 1

Woodlawn West
Thursday, May 2



Students may only participate in one House Selection

Students can participate in one or both events



GENERAL SELECTION - MONDAY, MAY 13 - FRIDAY, MAY 17

Available spaces are determined by return rate - not all Houses and/or residence halls will be available



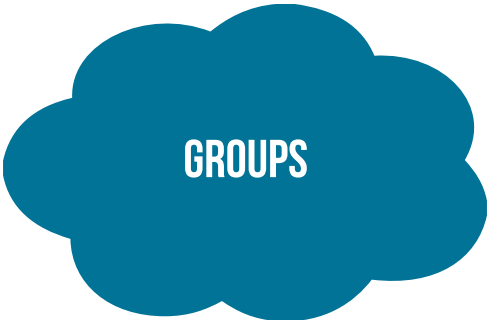
Group Leaders

For House Selection, Group Leaders must live in the House they wish to participate in. In cases where multiple students in the same group live in the same House, the Group Leader ideally should be the student with the highest expected academic level for Autumn 2024 and a stable Internet connection.

For General Selection, any eligible student can be a Group Leader - ideally it should be the student in each group with the earliest time slot for General Selection.

Group Leaders are responsible for the following tasks for their entire group:

- Creating the group (name and password) in myHousing portal before group formation period closes
- Providing each Group Member with the group name and password before group formation period closes
- Ensuring all expected Group Members have sent requests to join the group before group formation period closes
- Approving or denying requests to join the group before group formation period closes
- Selecting and assigning themselves and every Group Member to a bed space once their time slot becomes active for the House and/or General Selection events



GROUPS

Every student must be in a group to select a housing assignment. Groups can include 1-4 students in total and include students from the same House or different Houses and/or residence halls.



Group Members

Each Group Member is responsible for the following tasks:

- Obtaining group name and password from the Group Leader
- Sending a request to join group through myHousing portal before group formation period closes
- Ensuring Group Leader has accepted the request to join the group before group formation period closes

Students may only be part of one group at any given time. To change groups, students must remove themselves from the first group, then complete steps to join a different group (or create their own).

House Selection groups must be completely formed prior to **11:59 PM on Friday, April 5**. No modifications will be permitted again until Thursday, May 9 in advance of General Selection.

TIMESLOTS

House Selection Time Slots

Group Leaders are assigned a numerical value based on their expected academic level for Autumn 2024. This data is provided by the Registrar's Office prior to the creation of time slots:

- Rising 4th Year Group Leaders: **4**
- Rising 3rd Year Group Leaders: **3**
- Rising 2nd Year Group Leaders: **2**

Within each group, every Group Member is also assigned a numerical value based on whether they live in the same House as their Group Leader or a different House:

- Group Member from same House as Group Leader: **0**
- Group Member from different House than Group Leader: **1**

The numerical values of the Group Leader and all Group Members are added together for a group total. Group Leaders with the same total in each House are then given a randomly generated House Selection Time Slot.



Only Group Leaders will receive a House Selection Time Slot

All eligible students will receive a General Selection Time Slot

Time slots are ordered in each House as follows:

Rising 4th Year Group Leader Groups

- Group Total = 4
- Group Total = 5
- Group Total = 6
- Group Total = 7



Rising 3rd Year Group Leader Groups

- Group Total = 3
- Group Total = 4
- Group Total = 5
- Group Total = 6



Rising 2nd Year Group Leader Groups

- Group Total = 2
- Group Total = 3
- Group Total = 4
- Group Total = 5

ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENT?

Transfer students in their first year at UChicago will have their expected academic level for Autumn 2024 verified by the Academic Advising Office before time slots are created to ensure it is inclusive of credits being applied from their previous institution

General Selection Time Slots

All eligible students are grouped based on their expected academic level for Autumn 2024. This data is provided by the Registrar's Office prior to the issuance of time slots:

- Rising 4th Year Students
- Rising 3rd Year Students
- Rising 2nd Year Students

Within these groups, students are then given a randomly generated General Selection Time Slot. Time slots are ordered as follows:

Rising 4th Year Students

Rising 3rd Year Students

Rising 2nd Year Students



All time slots are in Chicago time (CST). If you will be participating from a different time zone, keep this in mind and set any necessary notifications to avoid missing your time slot

POLICIES

HOUSING CONTRACT



Every student participating in room selection must electronically sign a housing contract in the myHousing portal. This step is required before a student can create or join a group

Review this document carefully before signing

GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING OPTIONS



Groups can be students of the same or different biological sex. Any multiple occupancy room that is not part of a single sex floor or wing can be selected and occupied by students wishing to live in a gender inclusive space

Group Leaders who create a gender inclusive space for their group must fill all available beds in the chosen room at the initial time of selection

Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to re-assign groups who do not fill all beds

CHANGING ASSIGNMENTS



The earliest a student may change an assignment after House Selection is during General Selection

Students may select or be assigned a space in the House Selection event and change it during General Selection

Students seeking to change assignments after General Selection may do so during the summer assignment changes period in early August. More details about this option can be found [here](#)

REMAINING VACANCIES



Any remaining vacancies within multi-occupancy rooms at the conclusion of House Selection will be offered in General Selection if the return rate of the House has not been exceeded

Vacancies not filled at the conclusion of General Selection will likely be assigned over the summer months

APARTMENTS



Group Leaders who select apartments must fill all available beds within the apartment at the initial time of selection

Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to re-assign groups who do not fill all beds

ASSIGNMENT CONFIRMATION



Each student will receive an email confirmation of their housing assignment shortly after all required steps are completed by their Group Leader

STUDENTS WITH HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS



Eligible students who have an approved housing accommodation from Student Disability Services must participate in room selection if they are required or wish to live on-campus. Housing & Residence Life does not automatically assign students with housing accommodations to a bed space

Students with housing accommodations may only select from the bed spaces available during room selection. If a student cannot select or be assigned to a space that meets their approved accommodation, they should select or be assigned to any available space and then email Housing & Residence Life who will work to re-assign the student to a non-reservable space that meets their approved accommodation

Depending on the accommodation and non-reservable spaces available, a student may be offered re-assignment to a space in a different House or residence hall

NON-RESERVABLE SPACES



There will be spaces in each residence hall that are not available to be selected or assigned during room selection. In most cases, these spaces have been held out by Housing & Residence Life to be assigned to a student who requires a specific type of space to meet an approved housing accommodation from Student Disability Services. These students could be a current student or an incoming new student

Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to change which spaces are deemed non-reservable from one year to the next

Students interested in being assigned to a non-reservable space may review available spaces during the summer assignment change period in early August



ROOM AND BOARD RATES

Rates are determined and approved by the Board of Trustees. Once approved, they will be posted to the Housing & Residence Life website. For planning purposes, students should expect a 4-5% increase from one academic year to the next for both room and board charges. Current rates can be found [here](#).



MEAL PLANS

Every on-campus resident is required to subscribe to a meal plan. Students will automatically be assigned to the default meal plan for the room type they select or have been assigned:

- Single and double rooms and suites: *Unlimited Meal Plan*
- Apartments: *Apartment Meal Plan*

Meal plans are overseen by UChicago Dining. More information on plans, including change options and deadlines can be found [here](#).



SUMMER ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Students who selected an assignment during the House and/or General Selection event(s) and wish to change that assignment will have an opportunity to do so between August 1-11. Spaces available during this period will be pre-determined by Housing & Residence Life. Information on available spaces and the procedures for changing assignments will be communicated via email closer to the change period.

Rising third and fourth year students who do not opt-in to participate in room selection, as well as students approved to resume studies, will also have an opportunity to select on-campus housing during this same period.

Students will be assigned a time slot based on their expected academic level for Autumn 2024. These time slots will be released closer to the change period.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I required to live on-campus?

All traditional first-year students (have never attended college previously) are required to live on campus during the first six quarters of enrollment. Students transferring from other colleges or universities are required to live on campus for their first three quarters of enrollment.

Not sure if you've fulfilled the residency requirement? [Ask us](#) - we're happy to double check for you!

I'm unsure if I want to live on-campus next year. What should I do?

If there is a chance you might want to live on-campus, you must opt-in to participate in room selection. The opt-in deadline is **11:59 PM on Friday, April 5**. Opting in does not obligate you to living on-campus. If you decide to live off-campus after opting in, don't select a space in the House or General Selection events.

I'm currently on a leave of absence or suspension. Can I participate in room selection?

Only actively enrolled undergraduate students in the College may participate in room selection. Students on a leave of absence or suspension are not eligible to participate in room selection.

If you wish to or are required to live on-campus, reach out to us after you have been approved to resume studies and we will coordinate on-campus housing with you.

When will I know my time slot(s)?

Time slots will be available in the [myHousing.portal](#) on Friday, April 12.

All eligible students will receive a General Selection Time Slot, while only Group Leaders will receive a House Selection Time Slot.

Time slots for the summer assignment change period will be released closer to August.

I don't have other specific students that I want to live with. Do I still need to be in a group?

Yes. Every student must be in a group to select a housing assignment.

Students who don't have other specific students they wish to live must still form a group, however in this case they will function as their own Group Leader and should not provide the group name or password to other students.

My friend(s) and I live in different Houses and want to live together next year. What should we do?

You should discuss and settle on the House Selection you wish to participate in. Students may only participate in 1 House Selection event. Remember that if you plan to participate in House Selection, your Group Leader must live in the House you wish to select bed spaces in.

MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My Group Leader assigned me and my Group Members to bed spaces in their House, but now plans to live off-campus. What happens next?

If you don't currently live in the same House as your Group Leader, you can expect to be re-assigned by Housing & Residence Life to a space in your current House for next academic year. If this happens, you will be notified via email.

If you currently live in the same House as your Group Leader, your housing assignment will remain unchanged, however the vacancy created by your Group Leader deciding to live off-campus will likely be filled by Housing & Residence Life with another student.

I have a housing accommodation from Student Disability Services and worry that I won't be able to select or be assigned a space to meet my accommodation. What should I do?

Students with housing accommodations may only select from the bed spaces available during room selection. If you cannot select or be assigned to a space that meets your approved accommodation, you should select or be assigned to any available space and then [email us](#). We will work to re-assign you to a non-reservable space that meets your approved accommodation.

I plan to study abroad Autumn Quarter. Do I need to participate in room selection?

Students who are confident they will be studying abroad during Autumn Quarter do not need to participate in room selection, however students who may be unsure if they will study abroad should proceed with participating in the process.

Students who select or are assigned on-campus housing and later are confirmed to be studying abroad Autumn Quarter or the entire academic year will have their housing assignment automatically cancelled. Housing assignments are not held for students while they are abroad.

Does more than one group receive the same time slot?

During House Selection, a maximum of 2 groups in each House will have the same time slot. During General Selection, multiple students with the same expected academic level for Autumn 2024 will have the same time slot.

In House Selection, groups with the same time slot have a 7 minute window before the next set of groups gain access to room selection. Once this window has been reached, the previous groups do not lose access to room selection, however Group Leaders are strongly encouraged to complete all steps within this 7 minute window to avoid their selected assignment(s) potentially being selected by another Group Leader.

I want to live in a different House next year. What are my options?

You have a few options available to you, but should first ask yourself, "If my preferred House or residence hall isn't available, would I be okay with returning to my current House?" If the answer is yes, you should participate in your House Selection, as you can always change your assignment later during General Selection. If you don't participate in your House Selection event and later decide you want to return to your House, it may not be possible if the return rate for your House has been exceeded.

To live in a different House, you can either join a group where the Group Leader is eligible to participate in that House Selection, participate in General Selection or select a new space during the summer months. Keep in mind that not all Houses will be available in General Selection or to select from during the summer so you should keep your options open.

Will I be able to see available spaces before or during room selection?

Yes. A bed availability tool will be available in the [myHousing.portal](#) starting on Friday, April 12 to display all available spaces for House Selection. This tool will remain available through House Selection and update in real time to show remaining available spaces.

The same tool will be updated on Wednesday, May 8 to display available spaces for General Selection.

For security reasons, we do not provide floor plans.

I'm not required to live on-campus. I selected a space, but now plan to live off-campus. Can I cancel my assignment?

Requests to cancel must be sent via [email](#). The cancellation date and fee schedule below will be used to determine whether a cancellation fee will be applied:

- Cancellation request submitted on or before May 31: No fee
- Cancellation requests submitted between June 1-30: \$250
- Cancellation requests submitted between July 1-31: \$500
- Cancellation requests submitted between August 1-31: \$750

No cancellations are permitted after August 31. Cancellation fees will be assessed to a student's University account and payable through the Bursar's Office. Requests for cancellation fee waivers will not be considered. Cancellation fees are not assessed to students who take a leave of absence, study abroad or withdraw from UChicago.

I have a different question. Who can I contact?

You can connect with us in a few different ways:



Email
housing@uchicago.edu



Live Chat
[myHousing.portal](#)



Call
773.702.7366



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