

For the general housing selection (i.e., standard single, double, and triple rooms in traditional residence halls) we will be utilizing an online housing system. The system may be accessed via the web at housing.hws.edu, and you may login using your network (email) login credentials.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why aren't first years included on the housing timeline?

All class years are "rising" status, meaning if you will be a sophomore in the fall of 2009, you participate in the sophomore general selection.

Do I need to have a roommate?

There are a limited number of singles on campus, so it is a good idea to have a backup plan if your first choice is not available. To sign up for a room during housing selection, the space must be completely filled. If one of the students living in a room or suite does not return in the fall, the space will be assigned to a returning or transfer student during the summer months.

Can I change my room if I don't like my roommate?

No moves are permitted until after the second week of classes. All moves must be approved by a Residential Education professional staff member prior to moving.

I need help finding a roommate, what should I do?

After you complete the online housing application, a link will appear that says [Roommate Search](#). By clicking on that link, you may search for students by class year, time he/she typically goes to bed, etc. You may even send messages to the student within the online housing system – just be sure to include your name on the message you send, and then check back to see if you've gotten a response.

I'm going to be a sophomore, what are the odds that I will get a single?

Each year's selection is unique. It depends entirely on where the classes above you want to live. It's a good idea to have a backup plan as there are a limited number of singles available, and many students interested in single rooms.

I want to live in a quad in Hale or Durfee. How do those work?

The majority of quads in Hale and Durfee are reserved for incoming first-year students and all quads in Bartlett are reserved for FY students. A limited number of quads will be available as part of the Suite selection on April 9th. Be sure to complete the Emerson/Suite/Quad application if you're interested – it is available in paper form only!

How will I know when it is time for me to select a room?

Before you are able to select a room, you will need to first fill out the General Housing Application online. Once you do so, you'll see the date and time you are scheduled to log back in to select your room (see page 7).

How long will it take to choose a room?

The actual process of selecting a room takes around 5 minutes. Be sure to go in having a few options, in case your first choice isn't available. You have 10 minutes in total to select your room. After 10 minutes, you will still be able to select a room, but additional students will be able to log in and select rooms, meaning you might miss out on the room you want.

What if I don't want to live in a traditional residence hall?

Specialty housing (Odell's, 380 S. Main, Emerson, Quads in Caird/deCordova/Hale/Durfee) is available by paper application only. Please visit the Residential Education website for more information about applying to these areas.

(http://www.hws.edu/studentlife/resed_lotto.aspx)

I want to live in a double with my friend who has a better number. What do I do?

To live with another student, you'll both need to complete an application and confirm the other person as a roommate. See pages 5 and 6 of the selection instructions for more information. While you can "confirm" a roommate of the opposite gender, you cannot actually select a room with a student of the opposite gender. Whoever has the better (lower) number is responsible for actually selecting the room.

Where do I go to choose my room?

General housing is being conducted online via housing.hws.edu. Specialty housing is conducted via paper applications and the selections will be held in the Vandervort Room – visit the website for additional info: http://www.hws.edu/studentlife/resed_lotto.aspx.