Housing Selection 2016
What is Housing Selection?

• **Housing selection** the process by which students currently living on campus choose their housing assignment for the next academic year.

• **Current on-campus students** (6 or fewer semesters) are eligible.
Specialized Housing Options

Flexible Housing Application
- January 19-22 – extended to January 26th at 5pm due to inclement weather

Living Learning Communities Application
- Due January 22 – extended to January 26th at 5pm due to inclement weather

- At this time, no changes can be made to either application
- Students who are not accepted into an LLC will receive notice in plenty of time to go through the process as a regular applicant
Five Steps to Select

All participating students must:

1. Submit their own application and complete agreement, create pin number
2. Form their group or decide to select as an individual
3. Research available spaces
4. Select housing
5. Pay their deposit
Step 1: Do your Application and Agreement

- All students do their own application and agreement
- The Housing Application will be available from 10:00am Monday, February 1 to 4:00pm on Friday, February 5.
  - All applications must be done during this time period
The Application

• The application will ask for:
  • Legal name
  • Estimated group number
  • Meal plan info
• Grouping will happen next! It will not be during the application process.
The Agreement

• Students complete their housing agreement at the time of their application

• Students are agreeing to live on campus for the full 2016-2017 academic year
  • Cancellations must be requested in writing according to the instructions on the website
  • Any cancellations may incur a cancellation fee

• Student who anticipate being part of a group will be prompted to create an individual pin number for room selection
What comes next?

- Housing Services will check the information from applications for eligibility.
- Housing Services will ensure that there are enough spaces to select. Students with the highest average seniority will apply on the priority waitlist.
- Grouping will happen February 10-14. You will receive information about your grouping process.
Step 2: Groups and Individuals

- Groups can be 6, 4, 3, or 2 people
  - Some groups will fill suites, but others may be in suites with other people
  - Each group will designate one member to be the leader
- Individuals will select on their own
  - There are no spaces on campus that are standalone apartments
  - Individuals will follow the same steps as a Group Leader
  - Individual applicants are not guaranteed singles
- Roommate Finder Socials/Information Sessions
Things to talk about among the group

• What can each group member afford?
• Singles and doubles
  • Who will be roommates if a suite has doubles? Who will get singles?
• Lifestyle habits
  • Messiness
  • Social or study space
  • Sharing belongings, food
  • Sleep hours/quiet hours
  • Guests
  • Room temperature
• Does one group member need to be on campus over winter break?
• Who will be Group Leader?
Step 3: Research Available Suites

- Setting expectations
  - Selection is done in seniority order
  - Certain types of spaces are not common

- Tools for researching
  - Floor Plans: Show the layout of each building and where the suites are located on each floor
  - Chart of Suite and Room Type Locations: This chart shows which buildings have each suite-type at a glance and gives you an approximation of how many suites there are of each type
  - Room Locator: The Room Locator is a real-time list of available suites and rooms. It will distinguish by assigned gender, number of available beds, and location of the suite
  - List of wheelchair accessible/hearing impaired rooms: These are available for anyone to select
  - List of Winter Break buildings

- Rates for next year
Step 4: Select Housing

- This step is only for the Group Leader. All other steps must be completed by all students.
- During the designated selection window, the Group Leader will log into the selection software.
- The Group Leader will select the desired suite, enter the group members’ pin numbers, and complete the room selection.
- This is time-limited, so students should look at the room locator and prioritize the group’s top 5 spaces before logging in to select.
Step 5: Pay The Deposit

- The Housing Deposit is $300 and is non-refundable
  - Start preparing for this now.
- The deposit will be due shortly after housing is selected
  - If the deposit is not paid, the housing assignment may be canceled
- Deposits can only be made online via credit card or e-check
  - Credit or Debit card is strongly encouraged
- Students with financial concerns about paying the deposit should review the deposit waiver information on the website
Important Dates

- January 19 - Flex Housing Application Process Begins (extended to the 26th at 5pm)
- January 22 – LLC Application Due (extended to the 26th at 5pm)
- February 1-5 – Housing Selection Application
- February 10-14 – Grouping Occurs
- February 22 – Information sent to groups of 4
- February 23-25 – Groups of 4 select
- February 26-27 – Groups of 4 deposit
- March 2 – Information sent to groups of 6,3,2
- March 3-4 – Groups of 6,3,2 select
- March 5-6 – Groups of 6,3,2 deposit
- March 7-13 – Spring Break
- March 16 – Information sent to Individuals
- March 17-18 – Individual Selection
- March 19-20 – Individual Deposit
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Resources

• Housing.gmu.edu/selection

• Your Housing Services Coordinators and Administrative Assistants
  • You can find these people at your Neighborhood Desk

• @MasonHousing on Facebook and Twitter for prompt responses

• Housing@gmu.edu with your name and gnumber