

HOUSING INFORMATION FOR FALL 2024

Please read these instructions closely on how to secure your housing for next semester.

All students who have NOT completed 4 semesters living on campus and are NOT yet 21 years old before the beginning of a semester are required to live on campus, which includes the Interest House Community or fraternity housing. Returning students who want to live on campus that will be juniors or seniors are also welcome to live on campus and will need to participate in the lottery process to select a room.

If you have an accommodation that affects your housing, please reach out to the Residence Life Office prior to Spring Break (March 9) so we can support you.

SPACES ARE AVAILABLE for returning students in the Interest House Community (IHC). The IHC is hosting house tours on Saturday, March 2 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Q&A sessions will be offered in Jewett Hall on February 27 at 9:00pm and in Anderson Hall on February 28 at 9:00pm. Please see the IHC application for what houses are available and how to apply. Applications are due by Friday March 8 at 11:59pm. Decisions will be released by April 5. Applicants are encouraged to have alternative housing plans in the event that the IHC does not have sufficient spaces for all qualified applicants.

Spaces are also available for returning students in: Douglas Hall, Stanton Hall, Prentiss Hall and College House. There are single rooms, double rooms and in College House a 4-person and a 6-person apartment, along with a few triple rooms. All of these options are selected through the lottery priority process in April.

We encourage you to participate in Upper Class Housing Week March 25 – 29 to view Residence Hall housing options.

SIGNING UP FOR THE HOUSING LOTTERY: To sign up you will need to complete the Fall 2024 Housing Plans Form (online) **AND** come to the Residence Life Office (Memorial 130) during the specified time below:

Sign-ups for Singles, Triples, 4-person and 6-person apartment: Thursday, April 11 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sign-ups for Doubles: Thursday, April 18 9:00am - 4:00pm

If you are not currently on campus to draw a lottery number please contact the Residence Life Office before the lottery draw date.

LOTTERY PRIORITY (WHO CHOOSES WHEN): Your lottery priority will be based on the combination of class standing (group number) and the random lottery number you draw (between 0 – 1000).

Your group number for any room is determined by the number of completed credits as of the end of the Fall 2023 semester:

0-26 credits (First Year) = 1

27-57 credits (Sophomore) = 2

58-89 credits (Junior) = 3

90 + credits (Senior) = 4

For single rooms, group 4 (seniors) will start, followed by 3 then 2 then 1. The ranking of roommate pairs will be added together to determine your priority group. For double rooms group 8 will start and ending with group 2. The lowest lottery number in each group will go first. Stanton eligibility is given to rising sophomores based on semesters lived on campus. Extra credits do not affect eligibility to live in Stanton.

Students without a roommate will not be able to select a room at the doubles selection meeting. Students who do not have a roommate in mind should still come to the Residence Life Office to draw a lottery number on April 18 and we will connect them with others also looking for a roommate.

You may sign up and accept a single and still choose a double room later without penalty.

BACK UP PLANS: Some room types are limited in availability. When thinking about housing for the Fall have a 2nd and 3rd choice as a backup plan so if you don't get your first choice you are prepared for other options. For example, if you sign up for the College House 6-Person apartment, your group might have a second choice plan of 2 triple rooms and a third choice plan of 3 doubles.

THE SELECTION MEETING: Students who received lottery numbers from the Residence Life Office will convene in the Jewett Main Lounge on their specified date to select a room. Students will select their room from the available rooms when their group/lottery number is called. The time for your priority group will be noted on your lottery memo that you

receive when you sign up for a lottery number. It is not necessary for both members of a roommate pair to come to double room selection, however, the choice is binding for both roommates. *If you are unable to come to selection, a representative may be designated by giving another person your lottery memo.* The choice that your representative makes is binding. If you are not present in Jewett Hall at your designated time for room selection, you may lose your priority for room choice.

PENALTY FEE: If you reserve an on campus housing space (including Interest Houses) and then decide to move off campus or to a fraternity after May 31 you will be charged a \$300 fee. Please communicate with the Residence Life Office as soon as possible if you are planning to not return in the fall after selecting a room. If your housing situation changes and you need to live on campus and did not select a room during the housing selection process, please contact the Residence Life Office as soon as possible.

GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING: We offer gender-inclusive housing in any mixed class or upper-class hall (including the Interest Houses). Gender-inclusive housing means students may live with anyone they choose regardless of gender. Please see the Residence Life website for details.

SUBSTANCE FREE HOUSING OPTION: There are spaces available for those who want to live in a substance free environment. If you are interested please pick up the Substance Free Housing Application in Mem 130. Applications are available starting **February 21** and are due by **March 8**. Substance free housing details will be worked out with the residents involved, but at a minimum it would mean no alcohol/drug use in the space.

The order of selection will be 6-Person apartment, 4-Person apartment, Triples, Singles, and Doubles.

6-PERSON, 4-PERSON and TRIPLE APARTMENTS IN COLLEGE HOUSE: The 6-person apartment is a 2-bedroom, 2-bath apartment which accommodates 6 students, and the 4-person apartment is a 2-bedroom, 2-bath room that accommodates 4 students. There are a few triple rooms available in College House as well. If you are interested in these spaces, **bring a typed list of the names and ID numbers** of those in your group to Memorial 130 on Thursday, **April 11**. Assignments for the 4-person and 6-person apartment will be determined and groups will be notified by Friday, April 12. Students interested in triple rooms will need to come to the SELECTION meeting Sunday April 14. Please make sure to also come with a backup plan as triples and singles will also draw lottery numbers on April 11.

SIGN-UP AND SELECTION SCHEDULE

Fall 2024 Housing Plans Form will be available online starting March 1 at www.whitman.edu/campus-life/residence-life. All students, **especially** those planning to live in a fraternity or off-campus, need to complete the form by April 18.

All students who have NOT completed 4 semesters living on campus and are NOT yet 21 years old before the beginning of a semester who are required to live on campus will be charged for on campus housing unless the Residence Life Office is otherwise notified, regardless of participation in the housing lottery process.

Wed, FEBRUARY 21: Interest House and Substance Free Housing Applications are available online and in the Residence Life Office (Memorial 130).

Fri, MARCH 8: Interest House and Substance Free Housing Applications due by 11:59pm.

Thurs, APRIL 11: **SIGN-UP for all single rooms, the College House 4-person, 6-person and triple apartments will take place in the Residence Life Office (Mem 130) from 9:00am to 4:00pm.** This is when you will draw your lottery number and receive your lottery memo. Lottery sign up on this day/time is required for you to participate in the selection meeting.

Sun, APRIL 14: **SELECTION - Selection of all SINGLE and TRIPLE rooms will be held starting at 7:00pm in the Jewett Main Lounge.** Please see your lottery memo for exact time.

Thurs, APRIL 18: **SIGN-UP for all double rooms will take place in the Residence Life Office (Mem 130) from 9:00am to 4:00pm.** This is when you will draw your lottery number and receive your lottery memo. Lottery sign up on this day/time is required for you to participate in the double room selection meeting.

Wed, APRIL 24: **DOUBLES SELECTION - Selection of all DOUBLE rooms will be held starting at 7:00pm in the Jewett Main Lounge.** Please see your lottery memo for exact time.

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