

HOUSING INFORMATION FOR FALL 2023

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.

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

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

We encourage you to participate in Upper Class Housing Week March 27 – 31 to view Residence Hall housing options.

Spaces are also available for returning students in the Interest House Community (IHC). The IHC is hosting house tours on Saturday, March 4. Q&A sessions will be offered in Anderson Hall on February 28 at 8pm and in Lyman House on March 1 at 8pm. Please see the IHC application for what houses are available and how to apply. Applications are due by Friday March 10 at 11:59 PM.

If you have an accommodation that affects your housing, please reach out to the Residence Life Office or the Academic Resource Center prior to Spring Break so we can support you.

SIGNING UP FOR THE HOUSING LOTTERY: To sign up you will need to complete the Fall 2023 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 13 9:00AM-4:00PM

Sign-ups for Doubles: Thursday, April 20 9:00AM-4:00PM

LOTTERY PRIORITY (WHO CHOOSES WHEN): Your lottery priority will be based on the combined 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 Fall 2022 semester:

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| 0-26 credits (First Year) = 1 | 27-57 credits (Sophomore) = 2 |
| 58-89 credits (Junior) = 3 | 90 + credits (Senior) = 4 |

The ranking of roommates will be added together to determine your priority (i.e. senior + senior = 8, sophomore + sophomore = 4, etc.). For single rooms group 4 (seniors) will start, followed by 3 then 2 then 1. For double rooms group 8 will start followed by 7 etc. with group 2 going last. Stanton priority is given to 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 20 and we will connect them with others also looking for a roommate.

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 pool will be noted on your lottery memo. 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 priority number 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 a residence hall space (including Interest Houses) and then decide to move off campus or to a fraternity 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 this 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 22** and are due by **March 10**. Substance free 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, then 4-Person apartment, then Triples, then Singles, and then Doubles.

6-PERSON AND 4-PERSON 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. 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 13**. These assignments will be determined and groups will be notified by Friday, April 14. Please make sure to also come with a backup plan as triples and singles will also draw lottery numbers on April 13.

TRIPLES: If you are interested in a triple room **bring a typewritten list of the names and ID numbers** of those in your group to Memorial 130 on Thursday, **April 13 to draw your lottery number**. SINGLE/TRIPLE SELECTION will be held on **Sunday, April 16 at 8:00 pm in Jewett Main Lounge**.

SINGLES/DOUBLES: If you are interested in a single room please come to Memorial 130 on **Thursday, April 13 9:00am-4:00pm** to receive a lottery number. If you are interested in a double room, please come to Memorial 130 on **Thursday, April 20 9:00am-4:00pm** to receive a lottery number. You must bring the lottery memo to your designated **SELECTION** meeting. **You may sign up and accept a single and still choose a double room later without penalty.**

SIGN-UP AND SELECTION SCHEDULE

Fall 2023 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 20. 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 we are otherwise notified, regardless of participation in the housing lottery process.

Wed, FEBRUARY 22: Interest House and Substance Free Housing Applications are available online and in the Residence Life Office (Memorial 130).

Fri, MARCH 10: Interest House and Substance Free Housing Applications due from students for selection process.

Thurs, APRIL 13: **SIGN-UP for all single and triple rooms, the College House quad and 6-person apartment will take place in the Residence Life Office (Mem 130) from 9 am to 4 pm.** This is when you will draw your lottery number. Lottery sign up on this day/time is required for you to participate in the selection meeting.

Sun, APRIL 16: **SELECTION - Selection of all SINGLE and TRIPLE rooms will be held at 8:00 pm in the Jewett Main Lounge.** Please bring your lottery memo and arrive about 5 minutes early.

Thurs, APRIL 20: **SIGN-UP for all double rooms will take place in the Residence Life Office (Mem 130) from 9 am to 4 pm.** This is when you will draw your lottery number. Lottery sign up on this day/time is required for you to participate in the double room selection meeting.

Wed, APRIL 26: **DOUBLES SELECTION - Selection of all DOUBLE rooms will be held at 8:00 pm in the Jewett Main Lounge.** Please bring your lottery memo and arrive about 5 minutes early.

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