



Housing Selection for Fall 2022

Kimberly Proulx, Director of Housing Services

The time of year is quickly approaching when current residents who will be living on campus next year will have the opportunity to choose their future roommates and housing assignment. Referred to by our department as “Housing Selection”, this is one of the largest processes managed by our office with up to 8,000 students participating over the course of several weeks. This includes students in Learning Communities, student athletes, Honors students, and students in various other interest based communities. Although we do work with some students individually on their housing assignment, it is likely that your student has some level of participation in this process.

We have a variety of resources for students to review in advance of this process, including video tutorials, infographics, and floorplans and in person opportunities to meet with staff to discuss their plans. Please encourage your student to follow us on social media platforms and do so yourself if you are interested in seeing our reminders and fun facts!

It may be helpful for you to discuss your student’s plans and expectations with them for the upcoming year. Important factors to consider are cost, location of campus, how many roommates they plan to have, etc. Students get very excited for this process but we find it can also be stressful for them. Our staff are available via email, phone, and social media and in person to answer any questions your student might have and to try to guide them through the process.

We know that most students ideally prefer single rooms, private living spaces and private bathrooms; however, the majority of our spaces on campus are double rooms (two students living together in a bedroom and sharing a bathroom with other students on the floor) in what is referred to as “traditional style residence halls”.

Students may have the opportunity as a junior or senior to live in a suite style or apartment style space, but even these areas are not large enough to house all the junior and senior students that live on campus each year. We hope that you have conversations with your student about their expectations; talk to

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them about their dream space, but also having a “back up” plan of what they might choose if they don’t find their most ideal space with their selection time. We post what spaces students typically select each year with an average number of earned credits, and also keep up in real time and post when areas have filled up during selection and what areas are still available.

If discussions with your student turn to the option of living off campus, please be sure to review with them the housing cancellation deadlines and polices. We send email reminders to students to help them plan accordingly if they will be living off campus so that they can notify us and avoid fees. This year, students can cancel fall housing until March 31 with no fee. Beginning April 1, the fee will be \$500 for any student that cancels their fall housing. This deadline helps us to identify students who do not plan to live here and are making alternative housing arrangements off campus or at home.

We are here to help make this process for your student be as user friendly and low stress as possible, so please encourage your student to contact us with any questions. Don’t hesitate to reach out yourself if you are looking for information!



UConn Promise We are One UConn.

We embrace and support the diversity of our community. I commit to do my part to protect the health, safety and well-being of myself and those around me. I will always seek to learn and develop myself while respecting the needs of others.

I will practice compassion, understanding, and respect. I acknowledge the harm of hateful and racist behaviors that discriminate against others. I stand aligned with our communities who have experienced greater vulnerabilities. I acknowledge that UConn is existing on Native land stewarded throughout the generations by the Mohegan, Mashantucket Pequot, Eastern Pequot, Schaghticoke, Golden Hill, Paugussett, Nipmuc, and Lenape Peoples.

For more information about the UConn Promise, please visit:

<https://covid.uconn.edu/uconn-promise/>



Residential Life's Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Mark McDonald, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Jen O'Neill, Housing Assignments Specialist

Diversity and inclusion are at the forefront of our work in Residential Life. To ensure staff have ongoing discussions and trainings to stay abreast of current trends and issues impacting our students and their families, ResLife has a very active Diversity and Inclusion professional staff committee.

The Diversity and Inclusion (D & I) committee meets weekly to plan monthly in-services for professional staff on topics such as supporting and understanding the needs of international students, Native American/Indigenous students, and Jewish students. In most in-services, professional staff members from other campus offices or outside presenters join ResLife to share knowledge about the student populations they work closely with.

Twice each month the D & I committee also creates mandatory Department-wide small-group conversations on topics of diversity and inclusion. These conversations, called Table Talks, occur in all levels of the Department, from executive leadership down to the resident assistants. Previous topics have included weight discrimination, anti-Asian violence, the asexuality spectrum, student veterans, and cultural appropriation. The D & I committee also sends out an annual survey to all professional ResLife staff to evaluate the office climate and staff's self-assessed skills and comfort with diversity and inclusion topics. This helps the department offer beneficial trainings and to measure the impact of initiatives. New this semester, the D & I committee has also created affinity groups for professional staff members to find community and support amongst other professionals who share an identity.

Diversity and inclusion work is never complete, and the D & I committee is dedicated to helping staff continue to learn and develop skills to better support our diverse student body.

Important Dates

March 1st

Summer Housing Application available in MyHousing

March 25th

Roommate pairing opens in MyHousing for students participating in Housing Selection.

Early May

Summer Room Change Application available in MyHousing.

March 4th

Deadline for Campus Change students to apply for 2022-2023 housing and have their campus change approval on file.

April 4th - 8th

Current UConn students choose rooms online for Honors, CSD Single Rooms, and Learning Communities for the 2022-2023 year.

May 9th

Halls, Suites, and Northwood Apts., close for all students at noon for Spring 2022.

March 12th-20th

Spring Recess (no classes, halls remain open)

April 11th - 29th

Current UConn students choose rooms online in the General Selection Process for the 2022-2023 year.

May 15st

Hilltop & Charter Oak Apartments close for Spring 2022.

March 23rd

Housing selection times available in MyHousing for students choosing housing for 2022-2023.

Summer Housing On-Campus

Jen O'Neill, Housing Assignment Specialist

Students will be eligible to apply for summer housing as long as they are up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- UConn students who are enrolled in one or more summer courses at UConn (online or in-person) for the duration of their course(s)
- UConn students who have a summer job or internship on campus
- UConn students who are unable to return home
- UConn student athletes required to live on campus by Athletics

This year, Summer Housing will begin the week of May 9, with current spring on-campus residents moving to their summer assignment directly from their spring assignment tentatively towards the end of the week and students who don't currently live on campus moving onto campus beginning Sunday, May 8. Summer housing will be available on a weekly basis through August 19. On Friday, August 19, students living on-campus for fall will transition to their fall housing assignment and those living off-campus will need to check out of summer housing.

Summer residents should plan to live in double-occupancy spaces in Werth Tower. A meal plan is also required for any residents living in Werth. Both housing and dining are billed on a weekly flat rate (Sunday-Saturday). Information about costs can be found on our website:

<https://reslife.uconn.edu/summer-housing/>. Our Temporary Health and Safety Procedures will remain in place.

The application for summer housing will become available by request in early March. Students looking to apply for summer housing can email livingoncampus@uconn.edu as early as March 1. Staff will then contact applicants to verify their eligibility for summer housing and give them access to the application in their MyHousing.

If details change after the publication of this newsletter, we will post updated information on our summer housing website. We are also happy to answer any additional questions you or your students have at livingoncampus@uconn.edu.

We are here for you and your students if you have any questions!



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