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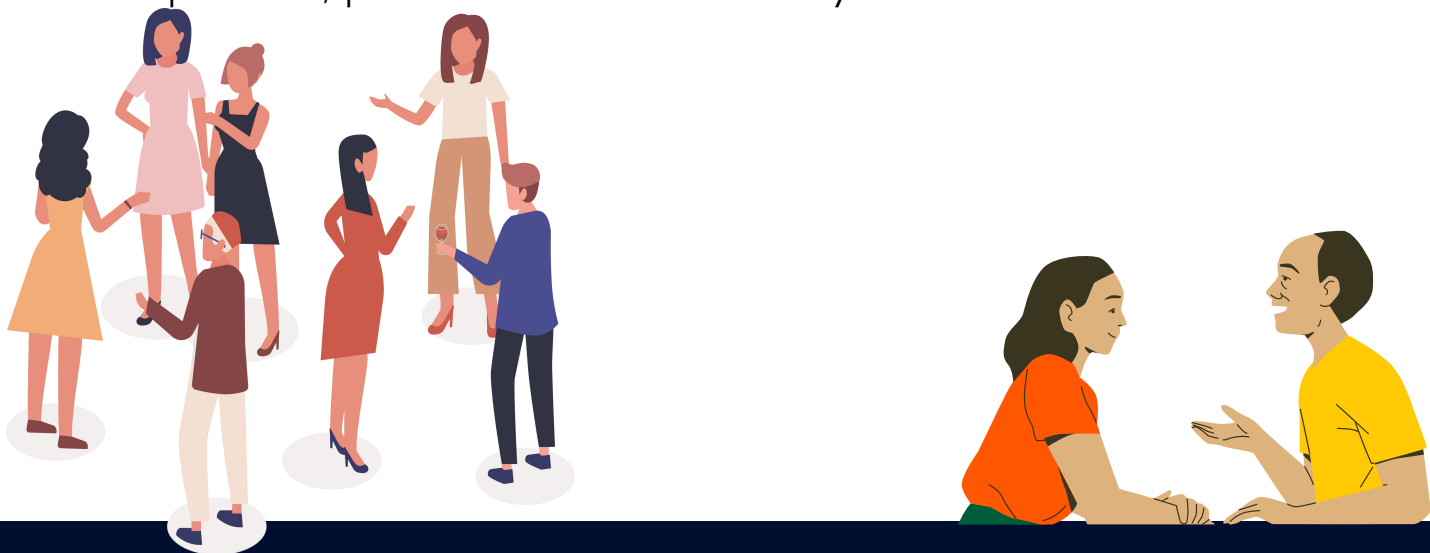
RESIDENTIAL LIFE MODULE

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Hello. Have you heard of the Residential Learning Model? If not, you are one of the many parents who are not aware of the Residential Learning Model, also known as the RLM. The RLM is Residential Life's educational plan for our Resident Assistant (RA) and Residence Hall Director (HD) staff. In short, it guides us in helping residents learn outside of the classroom and connects them with other campus resources. Perhaps the most important component that the RAs and Residence Hall directors are responsible for under the RLM is building a rapport with residents. Staff contact residents in person, by email, and sometimes via phone to connect with them and provide information on community building and learning opportunities facilitated by the staff.

One of the biggest strategies to engage residents are individual conversations. All residents will be contacted by their resident assistant for a personal conversation called HuskyChats. These typically happen two times a semester and are used as check-ins for the RA to get to know residents and make sure residents know their resources. In other words, it is the main way staff build community in the residence hall, good ol' fashion conversation! We thrive on it. Besides HuskyChats, staff have many other strategies to meet our priorities. However, we start with connection for the beginning. For example, The RAs and RHDs first activity is a Community Conversation with residents that occurs upon students moving into the residence halls.

In a nutshell, the Residence Learning Model guides us in building a welcoming, living, and learning community for your students by providing the roadmap for the interactions. For questions, please email terrence.abney@uconn.edu.



Room Selection 2024

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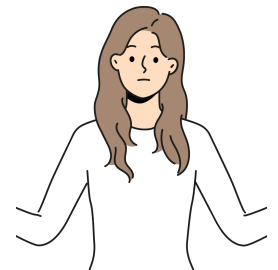
The time of year is quickly approaching when current residents who will be living on campus next year will have the opportunity to choose their future roommates and housing assignment. Referred to by our department as "Housing Selection", this is one of the largest processes managed by our office with up to 9,000 students participating over the course of several weeks. The process each year begins in January with the opening of the housing application and concludes in late April. The housing application on time deadline was February 9th and students will begin in the next week to receive notification if they are guaranteed housing or will be placed on the waiting-list for next year.

In late February students are then sent an email with their selection status (senior, junior, sophomore or freshman). This is based on their credits already earned and doesn't include the classes they are in now.

Students are then placed in their selection processes depending if they are part of a specific populations (some examples include Learning Communities, Special Interest Housing, some Medical Accommodations) or added into general selection. Each selection has their own selection process that includes the rooms designated for that process. Although we do work with some students individually on their housing assignment, it is likely that your student will have some level of participation in this process.

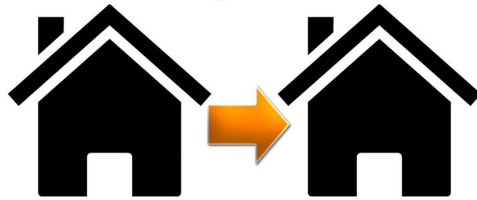
Students will then be able to select their roommates from the other students in their process. Students will only be able to pair with students who are in the same process as they are. Students who are in learning communities, for example, will not be able to pair with students who are not in the same learning community. Students who already have a roommate planned for next year should confirm that their roommate choice is in the same room selection as they are.

Students receive a lot of information about the room selection process and should carefully read it all to be sure they do not miss a deadline or realize too late that they are not mutually matched with their roommate(s). Our website contains extensive information about this process here: https://reslife.uconn.edu/living-on-campus/selecting_housing/current-residents/. Additionally, students are welcome to come into our office, write to livingoncampus@uconn.edu or call us at 860-486-2926 if they have any questions about what to do. We are also happy to answer your questions as well.



Spring Room Changes!

Room Change Requests



Process Dates: January 18 – March 7

Room Changes Offered During this Process:

1. Online Room Change – Students in their process can view all available spaces and choose their own space in their MyHousing portal. Students in the process have the benefit of being able to select multiple times while the process is active.
2. Specific Room, Learning Community, Honors, Special Interest Housing – Student who have a specific room request or wish to move into a special interest area (such as a Learning Community or Honors housing) will have their requests processed by a staff member and will receive information about their request via email.
3. Trading Spaces – The difference between Trading Spaces and the other room change options is that both spaces in a Trading Spaces move are currently occupied by students (while the online or specific room change options involve choosing a current vacant space).

Process Timeline

There are several opportunities to pick a new room during the semester for students who submit the room change application. Each Round runs Monday-Saturday. Please review the Room Change page on our website to ensure you submit your application on time and know each round's date range.

- **Mondays:** Submit the Room Change Application in MyHousing by midnight.
- **Tuesdays:** Pick times for online process are sent to students. Students requesting specific rooms, Learning Communities, Honors, or Special Interest Housing will receive individual email offers on Tuesday. Students in this group will transition on the same timeline as the online room change group.
- **Wednesdays & Thursdays:** Eligible students can log into MyHousing and view all available spaces,
- **Fridays:** Key Pick Up: Fridays between 12:00pm and 4:00pm in the main Residential Life Office, Lower Level of Whitney Hall, East Campus
- **Weekend:** Students move to their new rooms. Students then return their former room keys to the Key Drop Box, on the back side of Whitney Hall, by midnight on Sunday

Timelines:

<u>Apply By</u>	<u>Selection Dates</u>	<u>Key Pick up 12pm to 4p</u>	<u>Move Dates</u>	<u>Key Drop Off by:</u>
January 29	Jan. 31 – Feb 1	February 2	Feb. 2-4	February 4
February 5	February 7-8	February 9	Feb. 9-11	February 11
February 12	February 14-15	February 16	February 16-18	February 18
February 19	February 21-22	February 23	February 23-25	February 25
February 26	February 28-29	March 1	March 1-3	March 3
March 4	March 6-7	March 8	March 8-10	March 10

Meningitis Vaccination Compliance

The State of Connecticut requires that any student living in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningitis. All on-campus residents missing meningitis vaccination information were notified in September and given instructions on how to obtain compliance. Spring 2024 residents who are non-compliant with this requirement, who submit a 2024-25 housing application by the deadline (February 9, 2024), will be placed on the waiting list and not guaranteed housing. Students can view the vaccination information that Student Health and Wellness has on file at <http://myhealth.uconn.edu> > MyProfile > Immunization History.

All vaccination questions should be directed to Student Health and Wellness. Residential Life is unable to accept medical information.

Student Health and Wellness: www.shs.uconn.edu

Email: SHS-MedRecords@uconn.edu

Medical Records
(860) 486-8039
(860) 486-2985

View Vaccination Info that is onFile with Student Health and Wellness

1. <http://myhealth.uconn.edu>
2. My Profile
3. Immunization History



SPRING BREAK HOUSING

March 10-17

All UConn Residence Halls remain open at no additional charge.

SPRING BREAK

A housing cancellation primer:

CANCELLATION is the process by which students separate from housing. The cancellation application is found in the student's MyHousing portal. <https://reslife.uconn.edu/living-on-campus/changing-cancelling-housing/cancelling-housing/>

The 2024-2025 housing contract lays out the following cancellation deadlines and cancellation fees:

- Continuing students who submit a housing application can cancel on-campus housing by March 31, 2024, with no applicable cancellation fee.
- Continuing students who cancel on-campus housing beginning April 1, 2024, will be charged a \$500 fee if maintaining enrollment at the University.
- The cancellation fee will increase to 100% of the fall room rate July 16, 2024.
- Continuing students who are participating in an off-campus program sponsored by the University can cancel on-campus housing by July 15 with no applicable cancellation fee. The cancellation fee will increase to 100% of the fall room rate July 16, 2024.

Continuing students can cancel their on-campus housing with no cancellation fee if they are: transferring to another college; taking a leave of absence; withdrawing from UConn; reporting for military service; changing to a UConn regional campus; or participating in study abroad, internship or co-op sponsored by UConn. Students may be responsible for prorated fees for residing in the residence halls for any amount of time, as these fees are separate from the cancellation fee.

Residents who stay enrolled yet move out of an on-campus housing without approval from Residential Life are liable for room and dining fees remaining on the fee bill.

The Housing Contract Release Process is the process by which students may be released from the housing contract. The Contract Release Process form is found on our website. <https://reslife.uconn.edu/living-on-campus/changing-cancelling-housing/housing-contract-release-process/>. A release from the housing contract will result in the elimination of the cancellation fees, however, housing charges may still be incurred if a student has lived on campus for part of the term.

If a student is approved for a Housing Contract Release, they still must cancel their housing in their MyHousing portal.

A release will be granted only when it has been determined that circumstances are substantially different from the time the contract went into effect. Such releases will be considered for the following reasons:

- Academic withdrawal or dismissal from the University, verified through the PeopleSoft System. Refunds are based on the University Refund Schedule.
 - December Graduates;
 - Affiliation with University of Connecticut programs that are outside a reasonable commuting distance from campus (e.g., Education Abroad, internships, Co-op, student teaching);
 - Extreme, unanticipated financial hardship not present or known at the onset of the Contract; and
 - Serious medical or health problems that cannot be accommodated successfully in any available on-campus living option.
- Husky Village contract releases must also be approved by the organization as this may result in a financial burden to the fraternity/sorority. A release approved from an organization and agreed upon by Residential Life will usually result in The Resident being reassigned elsewhere on-campus.

Supporting documentation must be submitted with the "Contract Release Form" on the website. A release will only be granted if it is determined that the situation cannot be relieved by relocating the student to other on-campus housing.

More information about cancellations and contract release can be found in our housing contract which is located here: <https://reslife.uconn.edu/living-on-campus/policies/> Cancellation information is found in Section 8.6 and contract release information is found in section 8.7 of the 2024-2025 On-Campus Housing Contract.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2024

February 1

- 2024-2025 New Student Part Application Available in My Housing for Newly Admitted Students (Students receive access 3-5 business days after the enrollment fee is processed)

February 7-8

- Spring Room Change Week 2

February 9

- **Housing Application deadline for current Students

February 14-15

- Spring Room Change Week 3

February 21-22

- Spring Room Change Week 4

February 28-29

- Spring Room Change Week 5

March 1

- Summer Housing Application Available in My Housing for Summer 2024
- Campus Change Students Housing Application Deadline for F24-Sp25 Housing

March 6-7

- Spring Room Change Week 6

March 9-15

- Spring Recess – Halls remain open

March 20

- Housing Selection times visible in My Housing

March 22

- Roommate Pairing is open for 2024-2025 Storrs Housing Selection Process

March 31

- Fall 2024 Cancellation Deadline - No Cancellation Fee

April 1

- Students who cancel housing for Fall 2024 are now responsible for 500.00 cancellation fee

April 1-2

- Upper Division Honors Housing Selection in My Housing

April 3

- CSD Single Room Accommodation Housing Selection for Returning Residents

April 4-5

- 2024-2025 Learning Community Selection

April 8-26

- General Selection

May 6

- Halls Close at Noon

May 13

- Hilltop and Charter Oak Apartments close at noon

