2021-22 Room Selection Newsletter for Eastman Undergraduate students

This Newsletter includes preliminary information for students about how to proceed with room selection for next year and important room selection dates. Final information and specific instructions will be distributed directly to students by their RA during the week before Spring Break.

2021-22 Room Selection Highlights

- Housing application, room selection, and meal plan info will be made available on April 2, 2021.
- Sophomores and Juniors are required to live on campus due to the 3-year residency requirement.
- Priority for room selection is based on Class Year (ex. juniors select rooms before sophomores).
- Each student is assigned a selection day and time (proxy forms are available for absent students).
- Student Accounts must be financially cleared in order to participate in room selection. Check with the Bursar for specific information about your financial account. Sophomore and junior students are guaranteed housing.
- Dual Degree students that receive their financial aid from Eastman must live on either the River Campus or the Eastman Campus; regardless of location, the 3-year residency requirement is in effect.
- Effective July 1, 2017, Eastman is smoke and tobacco free. There is no smoking including use of vaporizers or e-cigarettes, in the Student Living Center or any place on campus.

Student Living Center Facts

UR Dept. of Public Safety has an office in the Student Living Center. Their trusted presence is easily felt with an increase in the safety and security of our residence hall.

Eastman students use the Red and Orange Line shuttles to get back and forth to the River Campus (ex. taking a class, exercising at the Athletic Center, and visiting friends). While they do not run 24/7, the shuttles cover the academic course schedules with travel time built in to accommodate both campuses. Remember to bring UR ID.

**Basement Level:** Kitchen, Laundry Room, Updated Game Room (Spring 2019), Updated TV Lounge (Summer 2018), Reed Room (Spring 2020), Bike Storage Room, Storage (some fees apply) for residents, Study Lounge, and Physical Therapy Office

**First Floor:** Public Safety, SLC Front Desk, University Health Services, University Counseling Center, Mail and Package rooms, Orchestra Pit (Summer 2019), Media Lab, Ciminelli Formal Lounge (New Couches Summer 2018), Dining Services, Dean’s Dining Room, and Offices of Student Affairs, including Offices for Residential Life and Student Activities

**Upper Floors:** Every floor in the Tower and the Houses has a designated lounge space. These communal rooms were renovated in the summer of 2017 with fresh paint and have new furniture. Many lounges also have newer flat-screen televisions, microwaves, and tables for studying or enjoyment.

**New Furniture:** The Tower floors 2-14 received new furniture in the Summer of 2018 and 2019. We plan on replacing the furniture in A-House and B-House this summer. This means that 2A, 3A, 4A, 2B, 3B, and 4B will also have new furniture Summer 2021.

**Courtyard:** We purchased eight new picnic tables for the courtyard (Summer 2020). This area is dedicated to catching some sunshine and the occasional game. We also installed Outdoor space heaters to extend your time outdoors (Spring 2021).
**Average Single Room Characteristics in the Tower**  
*some variances with views of the City or Lake Ontario*

Rooms sizes are approximately 9’x11.5’ (103 sf) to 10’x13’ (130 sf).

Students on these floors typically share bathrooms with between 9-12 other students

Every room comes fully furnished with an Extra-Long Twin mattress (80”x36”), bedframe, desk, chair, (2) 2-drawer stackable dressers, and a wardrobe. Each room has wireless internet, a wired Ethernet port, and access to UR Cable.

**Average Single Room Characteristics in the Houses**  
*some variances with views of the City or the Courtyard*

Room sizes are approximately 9’x11’ (99 sf) or 9’x11’ (103 sf) or 10.5’x12’ (125 sf).

Students on these floors typically share bathrooms with between 12-15 other students

Note: Many 4th floor rooms in the houses have slanted ceilings and skylights. Many students enjoy these rooms for their charm and natural lighting.

Every room comes fully furnished with an Extra-Long Twin mattress (80”x36”), bedframe, desk, chair, 3-drawer dresser, and a wardrobe. Each room has wireless internet, a wired Ethernet port, and access to UR Cable.

**How does room selection work?**

Every eligible student will get detailed room selection information by the end of March. Hard copies will be distributed by your RA and are also available from the Office for Residential Life. Digital versions will be available on our website. Try to attend your floor meeting or an open forum where the room selection information will be discussed. For those students living off-campus and would like to move back on, housing information packets will be available at the Office for Residential Life (100 Gibbs Street) by request. The description below generally explains how the process will work for students who are participating in the regular room selection process.

There are three steps to the room selection process. The first step is to complete a housing/application submission. The second step is to select a room (please bring Student ID). And the final step is to select a meal plan.

The room selection process is based on class year seniority. Each student receives a specific time for selection. Graduate students, rising seniors, and juniors will receive the earliest days and times to select their room, followed by rising sophomores. Room selection times are random and assigned within each class year. Every student who submits a housing application will have a selection time assigned.

All students who participate will get a single occupancy room. Speak with your friends about their plans so that you will have the ability to select rooms near each other.

Depending on your preferences on the application, students will have access to all floors within the Student Living Center they selected. As a general rule, if you signed up for quiet floor, you must select a room on a quiet floor. Please note: you will be viewing the floor plans in their basic state. Just because a room appears on the floor plan doesn’t necessarily mean that it is a student room or that the room is available. Your best indication of room availability is when you actually go to select your room – the list that is displayed is an accurate account of available rooms.

**What's your strategy?**

Check out the floor plans in advance – available on April 15, 2021. Remember, just because you fall in love with a particular location or room, doesn’t mean it is available or that the space is always right. Use the floor plans to familiarize yourself with the Student Living Center, not to pick a particular space. “This side of the building faces Lake Ontario; this side of the building faces the courtyard; this side of the building gets the morning sun, etc.”
Figure out your strategy in advance. Where would you like to live? What if all the rooms are taken? Have you considered living on a different floor? Do you want to live in the houses or would you rather live near your friends? Consider multiple scenarios and be flexible – be prepared to try something new and different.

There are 219 single rooms available. Everyone who participates in the room selection process will have a single room within the Student Living Center.

Remember, this is a random room draw process and not everyone gets the best time and day to select their room. Be assured that ultimately, this system is the most fair and everyone is guaranteed housing.

Students who have a prior commitment during their assigned room selection time may identify a proxy when they submit their application. Proxies may include either other students or the Office for Residential Life staff. Proxies make a room selection on your behalf. Proxy forms are available in your housing application material and by request from the Office for Residential Life prior to room selection. More information about proxies will be given prior to room selection.

Special Interest Housing (all-female, quiet floors, and more)

The Student Living Center will continue to offer all-female and quiet floor spaces. If you are interested in living on either of these floors, please make this known when you submit your housing application. We only set aside the amount of quiet housing and all-female spaces as identified on your application. If you select quiet housing, you must select a room on a quiet housing floor.

Back by popular demand – Apply to create a Special Interest Housing community. Do you have a group of friends, a club or organization that wants to be dedicated to living a more active lifestyle, raise awareness of a social issue, represent a diverse student group, explore a living and learning community, commit to community service projects, or perhaps you have an alternate interest you feel will shape your Eastman experience?

If you answered yes to this question, consider creating a new special interest community. These are spaces where residents learn about leadership, progress initiatives, and develop community building skills. They are united by a common interest and they allow a small group of individuals to be more proactive in their living arrangements. There are no additional room charges for a special interest housing space. Some groups and organizations may want to work with the Eastman Students’ Association for additional floor funding.

In order to be considered a special interest housing floor and have a dedicated space in the tower or corridors of a house, we are looking for at least a group of 6 students. Contact rbones@esm.rochester.edu to begin your application. The deadline for any new group is April 16, 2021 (see below). Join now and help shape this community.

Please note: If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Housing group, you must still submit individual applications, but the room selection process will be different. Contact the Office for Residential Life before the room selection process begins for more information.

Who can participate in Room Selection?
Students in the Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025 are required to live on campus. Seniors (Class of 2022) are eligible but not required. Off-Campus and Commuter students are eligible – if interested, please contact Residential Life.

Wait List
Every year, 5-10 students in the First-Year class (2024) find that they are unable to select a single room during this process. These students are placed on a wait list and are guaranteed housing. Every Summer, ResLife receives word from Academic Affairs about classmates withdrawing, transferring, or taking a leave of absence. We have always been able to house all students on the wait list. We guarantee and prioritize housing for our rising sophomores! Don’t sweat it!
Off Campus Living Options for Seniors

Seniors are eligible to live off campus. The Office of Student Affairs provides assistance, education, and support to students who are looking for housing and residing off campus.

Living off campus gives seniors flexibility and a greater sense of independence. There are several off campus housing choices in and around the Rochester area. Many students look forward to being a part of a neighborhood where they can immerse themselves in all of Rochester’s cultural and social opportunities.

Seniors moving off campus are not required to complete a housing application, but are required to sign-up for a dining plan. The dining plan form will be available at the Office for Residential Life.

Stop by the Office of Student Affairs (100 Gibbs Street) or check out our website for more resources.

Important Dates to Remember (2021)

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<td>distributed to rising Juniors and Sophomores</td>
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<td>April 16</td>
<td>New Proposals for Special Interest Housing Due</td>
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<td>All Housing and Dining Applications are Due by 12:00pm</td>
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<td>(incomplete applications will be assigned a room and a meal-plan)</td>
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<td>April 21</td>
<td>Room Selection Times Posted and Emailed to all students</td>
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<td>May 17</td>
<td>The Student Living Center closes at 12:00pm (see RA for details)</td>
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<td>August 22</td>
<td>The Student Living Center reopens at 9:00am (Upper-class move in)</td>
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<td>December 13</td>
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Note: We invite you to start calling the building the “Student Living Center.” It is no longer a “DORM.” It is much more than a place to sleep. We want our residence hall to reflect the fact that we believe in community.” The Student Living Center is a residence hall, a student union, a place to connect with friends, and living space with opportunities all around you. We hope you see that a residence hall affects the lives and personal development of the students who live here.
Office for Residential Life – Rising Sophomores and Rising Juniors

2021-22 On-Line Housing Application, Room Selection, and Meal Plan Selection

Instructions

Basic Connectivity Information

- Housing Contract/application submission occurs on https://housing.ur.rochester.edu/myrescenterweb
- If you are trying to log in from off campus or remote status, you will need to secure a VPN. Follow the instructions in this link: https://tech.rochester.edu/remote-access-vpn-tutorials/
- The application process does not work on smart phones – however, tablets and laptops are okay!
- Login ID = Student ID Number (ex. 123456789)
- Password = Student ID Number (ex. 123456789)
- If you are having difficulty accessing the links above, please call 585-274-1106 or email reslife@esm.rochester.edu ahead of time

Example:

Submitting the Online Housing Application

This is your home page for the room selection process: https://housing.ur.rochester.edu/myrescenterweb

*Use your Student ID Number for both login and password

**Students must select a room even if they plan to appeal to live off campus. Residential Life will not consider an appeal without a room selection. You will be placed in housing and be charged room rent if you ignore this process.

1. Click “Undergraduate Eastman Housing Application 2021”
2. Read and Click “Agree” – Important: Once you submit your application, you are guaranteed on-campus housing
3. Provide Personal Information – Required
4. Provide Preference Information – Required (even if you plan to live in a single room)
5. Select “Regular”
6. Housing Application Signature – Click “Agree” (Your online housing application is now complete)
7. April **th – Dates and Times will be posted on individual student’s page on myrescenterweb (see above)

Example:
Contract Conditions

Please read the terms and conditions of the housing contract.

By clicking agree, you have read the contract conditions and will abide by the conditions of the housing contract and other rules and regulations of the University of Rochester.

Go to Residential Life and Housing website for terms and conditions

[ ] Do not agree
[ ] Agree

Preferences

REQUIRED INFORMATION
This must be completed by every student regardless of whether you intend to have a roommate or not.

Current status questions

-Continuing Full-time River Campus undergraduate: Yes
-Continuing from study abroad: Yes
-Continuing from internship: Yes
-Continuing from residential status: Yes

Personal information

- Are you a substance-free? Yes
- Are you a veteran? No
- Select your preference: Prefer to live with a same-sex
- What is your age? 19
- What is your personal height? 6'2"
- What is your room study habits? Preference
- Do you like petting the baby? Always
- What is your approach to cleanliness? Neat

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Personal Information

Last Name: test15
First Name: test15
Middle Name:

Student ID: 999999999
Gender: Female
Birthdate: 7/26/2000

New York TEST STREET
City: PITTSFORD
State: NY
Country: USA
Zip 14534

* Email address: jahwu.rochester.edu

Home Telephone: 16072323799
Cell Phone:

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Contract options: Regular contract

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Room Selection Process

1. Log into your myrescenter home page (Use your Student ID Number for both login and password)
2. Click on Eastman Student Living Center
3. Follow the instructions on page to use the pull-down menus to select your room. Do not use the < or > arrows in your browser to navigate page because it will affect your selection. You will be assigned a room. Students will see a confirmation of their housing assignment once a choice has been made. Each student will also receive an email with their room assignment.
4. Go back to My Home (myrescenter home page) to select a Meal Plan

Meal Plan Selection

Must be selected by May 1\textsuperscript{st}

1. Click “Dining Services Agreement/Contract”
2. Click your meal plan option and agree to your choice
3. Add URos, if applicable *Optional
4. Dining Contract Signature, click agree
5. Important: if you do not make a meal plan selection before May 1\textsuperscript{st}, you will be assessed a late fee and need to go directly to the ID Office (River Campus – Susan B. Anthony 1\textsuperscript{st} Floor) and apply in person. Students must select a meal plan even if they plan to appeal. Dining Services will not consider an appeal without a meal plan selected.