



## 2024-25 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.

### 2024-25 Room Selection Highlights

- Housing application, room selection, and meal plan info will be made available on March 15, 2024.
- Rising Sophomores (2027) and Juniors (2026) are required to live in campus housing, as a part of the 3-year residency requirement. Fifth-year students and Graduate students are no longer eligible for housing in the SLC.
- Priority for room selection is based on Class Year (ex. rising juniors select rooms before rising sophomores).
- Each student is assigned a selection time (Selection should only take ~2 minutes).
- 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.
- 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.

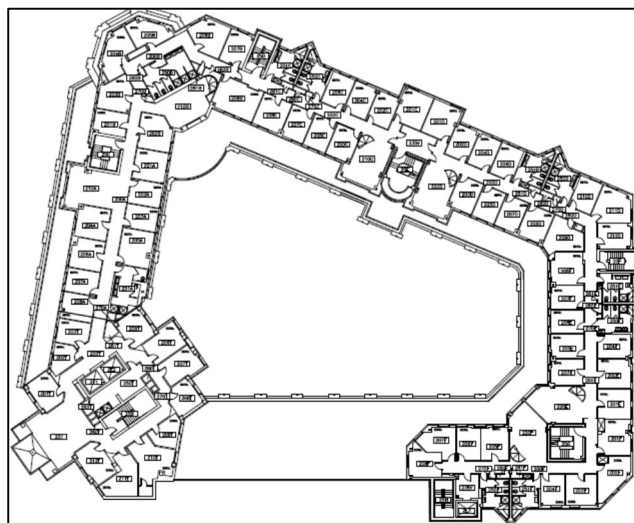
**Basement Level:** Kitchen (2019), Updated Laundry Room (2023), Updated Game Room (Spring 2019), TV Lounge (Summer 2018), Reed Room (Spring 2020), Bike Storage Room (2023), Storage (some fees apply) for residents, Updated Study Lounge (2023), and Physical Therapy Office.

**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 student living center has new furniture and mattresses in every room. Foliot was the vendor. Furniture can be adjusted to meet student needs.

**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)*

Room 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 4<sup>th</sup> floor rooms in the houses (A, B, C, and D houses) have slanted ceilings and skylights. Many 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rooms in E and F house also have slanted ceilings. 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.

### **NEW – Gender Inclusive Restrooms and Substance Free Housing (4<sup>th</sup> Floor A-House)**

In an effort to provide access to restrooms among all genders, creating and sustaining a campus environment that supports and values all members of our community, Eastman has committed the bathrooms on the Fourth floor of A-House to be gender inclusive. Furthermore, these restrooms focus on providing an inclusive environment, consistent with the Meliora Values of community and efforts around civility and respect. These restrooms should provide access and equality by creating an environment that is accessible and respectful of all individuals. Finally, we are providing these rooms as a part of the Substance Free housing experiences. This means that by selecting these rooms, you agree to not possess or consume alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs on this floor regardless of age. You also agree not to return to this floor in an intoxicated and/or disruptive space.

### **How does room selection work?**

Every eligible student will get detailed room selection information by the end of March. Electronic copies will be distributed by email and hard copies are also available from the Office for Residential Life by request. Digital versions will be available on our website. Try to attend your floor meeting 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, 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. Rising seniors and juniors will receive the earliest 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 substance free floor, you must select a room on a that 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 **March 15, 2024**. 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 is guaranteed 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 fairest and everyone is guaranteed housing.

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

The Student Living Center will continue to offer all-female (2B and 3B) and all-male (4B) floor spaces. If you are interested in living on these floors, please make this known when you submit your housing application. We only set aside the amount of these spaces as identified on your application.



**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. Please follow directions and the timeline emailed earlier this month.

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 2026 and 2027 are required to live on campus. Rising Seniors (Class of 2025) 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 (2027) 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 helps you through this experience through education and support to students who are looking for housing and residing off campus.

Living off campus gives rising 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 online. More information will be emailed to each student individually.

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



### Important Dates to Remember (2024)

March 1	Special Interest Housing Applications Available
March 9-16	Spring Break
March 13	New Proposals for Special Interest Housing Due
March 15	Housing Selection applications and Contract Language Guidelines distributed to rising Juniors and Sophomores – Submissions begin
March 15	Reminder – READ THIS – Read your email
April 10	All Housing and Dining Applications are Due by 11:59pm (incomplete applications will be assigned a room and a meal-plan)
April 12	Room Selection Times Posted and Emailed to all students
April 15	Rising Senior Selection Day (8:00am-6:00pm)
April 15	Rising Junior Selection Day (8:30am-6:00pm)
April 15	Rising Sophomore Selection Day (9:00am-6:00pm)
April 22-26	Jury Week
April 28	Last day to complete dining contract on-line – penalty if late. Due by 11:59pm
May 3	Last Day of Classes
May 19	Student Living Center closes at 12:00pm (see RA for details)
August 24	Student Living Center reopens at 9:00am (Upper-class move in)

