

## Housing Selection Q&A – Fall 2024

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### **What will Housing Selection Night look like?**

Housing Selection Night will be on Thursday, April 18. By Wednesday at noon (if not before), you will receive a selection number and time slot.

- On the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup>, you will check-in in HSC Fireside and receive your individualized sticker. If you are selecting for a friend, please make sure to check in with their student ID number
- You should plan to bring your desired roommate for next year to help select your room (even if he/she is scheduled to select at a later time). They will grab their sticker too!
- You will be able to see the live floor plan on the large screen and/or TV screen of any areas that are available.
  - Females will have the choice of: all of Beatty and Guy floors. GPC floors will be saved until all other spaces have filled up. These are intended for first year females.
  - Males will have the choice of: all of Gray, with Perks available if Gray fills up.
- Once your number is called, you will check in with the caller (with desired roommate, if applicable). You will then be able to go to the appropriate table to select a room (i.e., Gray 400, Gray 500, etc). The RAs will guide you from there.
  - If your selected room is not your first choice, you will have an option to put your name and information on a wait list.
- Apartment selection – please be ready to identify who is rooming with who and in which room.
- Once you are done, this has completed the process and you are free to go.

- *If you are late, you may be pushed to the next time window to select a room.*

### **What if I cannot come to Housing Selection Night?**

Check with your desired roommate to see if he/she can make it. Only one of your roommate pair is required to be there to choose. Your roommate is welcome to select on your behalf. To verify that your roommate has your permission to select the room, please provide him/her with your student ID number if you won't be in attendance—this will be needed at the time of room selection! *You can have your roommate come at whatever time slot is earlier between the two of you.* If neither of you can make it, either ask a friend to select on both of your behalf or email [housing@northwestu.edu](mailto:housing@northwestu.edu) and we help identify another solution.

### **What if I don't participate in HSN?**

If you miss the deadline to complete the Returner Student Application *and* Fall 24 Housing Intent Form or choose not to come and select a room during Housing Selection Night, we will follow up with you at a later date to find you a room.

### **What should I talk about with potential roommates?**

Finding a good roommate is so important. This doesn't always have to be your best friend, or even a good friend. It is someone who you know you can live well with. Consider having conversations around: sleep schedule, sleep environment (white noise, silence, etc), study habits, cleanliness expectations, room environment (do you want it to be social hub or just you and your roommate), "chores", sharing items, communication expectations and more. We are creating a questionnaire for you to use that will come out shortly!

### **What if I don't have a roommate?**

Not a problem! A few options:

- Check out our RoomeeZ information on the Housing Selection website.
- Ask around to your friends or RA to see if they know of anyone.

Even if you don't come into Housing Selection Night with a roommate, you can still select a room. Please note, someone will be placed with you in your room. This may be a returning student or a new student.

### **I'm interested in rooming with a CELE student. What should I do?**

Wonderful! This is such an incredible opportunity to expose yourself to a different culture and help in providing a new home for these students. As a returning student, if you identify that you desire to live with an incoming (not current) CELE student, you will have priority selection on Housing Selection Night. You will identify this through the Fall Intent Form during your Mandatory Meeting. We will then place you with a CELE student mid-summer and you can begin communicating with them.

### **Private Rooms Philosophy and Process.**

While our community is a residentially focused and relational community, we understand the desire for some of our students to have their own room, for medical or personal reasons. Below are some details regarding our private room philosophy and process.

- There will be no private rooms in the apartments, unless for severe medical reasons.
- 25% of Gray Beatty Floors will be set aside and identified for private rooms. This means 12 female spaces and 7 male spaces.
  - All students who are interested in selecting a private room during Housing Selection Night should submit a Residence Life and Housing Appeal on MyHousing by April 1 to be considered. Priority will go to those who require these rooms for severe medical

accommodations and have something on file. Following this, priority will go to credits. Actual selection will be based on credits.

- Private rooms will have an additional charge of \$1500/semester.
- Private rooms are not guaranteed every year (both to individuals, or even as an offer at large).

### **What if I don't complete the Private Room Application on time?**

Failure to complete the Private Room Applications on time means that you forfeit the opportunity to select a private room during the Housing Selection process. You may still be eligible to have a private room, but you would not have priority selection. You will need to contact [housing@northwestu.edu](mailto:housing@northwestu.edu) if you miss the deadline and hope to pursue a private room. It is NOT guaranteed.

### **What happens if my roommate leaves mid-semester or at semester – will I be charged for a private room?**

Students who have a roommate leave or move rooms will not automatically be charged for a private room. It is understood that Residence Life and Housing staff will have the ability to place someone in that additional bed and will provide notice to current student living in that room.

### **Apartment Selection. How does it work?**

Our apartments are set aside for students who are at least 20 years old as of the first day of the fall semester (August 26, 2024). You can choose to go through the apartment selection process in a group of four or six. Students who wish to apply for the student apartments must do these three things:

- Each person of the group must complete the Fall 24 Housing Intent Form AND the Returner Student Application by Friday, April 12th at noon. This will be administered during your Mandatory Meeting, but also available prior to this through MyHousing.
- Find a group and each individual needs to fill out the Student Apartment Application through MyHousing. Use RoomeeZ if needed- but Housing does put groups together. All applications must be submitted by Friday, April 12th at noon.
- Finally, each member of the group must be registered for fall 2024 classes by April 12th. Add filler classes if you're waitlisted for any courses. This does mean you need to have your account balance paid off in time to qualify to apply.

Priority is given based on a point system that factors age, academic class and semesters at Northwest University. Current housing in the student apartments does not give you priority. We have six 6-person apartments and twelve 4-person apartments for females (Buildings B & D) and seven 4-person apartments for males (Building A). This does not include RA apartments which will be 2 females and 1 male. No private rooms will be granted in student apartments unless medically required. Groups will be emailed by Tuesday, April 16 to inform them if they have made it into the apartment selection or not for Housing Selection Night on Thursday, April 18.

### **How about if I don't get into a 6-person apartment?**

With such limited 6-person apartment spaces, you have two options that you can select on your Apartment Application. (1) First, that you would like to reduce to a four-person group and identify the two individuals who will not stay in your group (all must agree) and then you can try for a four-person apartment. This still is not guaranteed, but we would put you into the mix. OR (2) You can simply slip out of the apartment process and select a residence hall room on Housing Selection Night – you will identify this on your application.

**Can I apply to the student apartments with less than the full number of people required for the space – ie: 3 people or 5 people?**

This is possible, however, there are a few things to consider: (1) Points are contributed by each person for a collective score, so having less people will automatically be a lower score and may impact your ability to get into the apartment selection. (2) Residence Life and Housing may place someone into that vacant space.

**Am I required to have a meal plan?**

Yes. All individuals living on campus in the residence halls or student apartments are required to have a meal plan. Each residence hall student will have a full meal plan with \$100 flex. Each student apartment resident will have a 75-block meal plan with \$125 flex. Apartment residents may opt into a full meal plan if desired. Flex dollars and meals do not roll over between semesters.

**What if I have dietary allergies/restrictions and cannot eat in the Caf?**

We have many students who require a specific or special diet. We work closely with our Sodexo General Manager, Russell Burton, to accommodate meal needs. If you have specific medical restrictions, please email Chrystal Helmke, Director of Academic Success and Advising, at [chyrstal.helmke@northwestu.edu](mailto:chyrstal.helmke@northwestu.edu).

**Triples. What if I want to be in a triple?**

Triples are only available in Gray, which means these are for men only. There are four triple rooms available within Gray. If males are interested in pursuing this with a full group of three people, individuals will have the opportunity to indicate that on their Fall 24 Housing Intent Form. If more than four groups hope to pursue these spaces, priority and selection will be based on the culminating credit load of all three applicants. If triples are not full prior to Housing Selection Night, they will be available on the event evening for anyone to select.

**What if the only space to select is a triple room?**

Students who choose to select a triple room based on availability can do so, but with the understanding that Residence Life and Housing may place other individuals in that space to fill the room. This may happen anywhere from night of Housing Selection to the middle of the Fall or Spring semester.

**ESAs. I have an ESA or want an ESA. What options do I have for housing?**

All students are required to have a roommate unless they are paying for a private room and go through that process. As a returning student, you will be required to find a roommate. This can be a friend that you know or you can search RoomeeZ for a potential match. Residence Life and Housing Staff are not responsible to find a roommate for you. In order to accommodate all individuals with allergies, students with ESAs will be required to select rooms on Beatty 100 or 200 for females or Gray 400 or 500 for males. You will either select by your priority number or work with housing to confirm placement. Individuals with approved ESAs must email [housing@northwestu.edu](mailto:housing@northwestu.edu) to confirm they will be bringing again next fall. Individuals who do not have an approved ESA but are interested, must go through the process by emailing [ada@northwestu.edu](mailto:ada@northwestu.edu).

**What if I am graduating this fall but staying for an NU grad program?**

Great question. Due to limited space in the FIRS, we are pleased to be able to extend a housing offer to single graduate students who are interested in continuing their education at NU in one of our grad programs. If you are in the MIT program, we will work with you to provide housing within the Student Apartments (if you have lived on campus the year prior to your MIT year). Though priority will be given to our MIT students, we will have limited space for other single grad students who are recent

undergraduates you spent most of their years on campus. Placements will be made by the housing office. Cost will be determined year by year. If you are interested in this, please email [housing@northwestu.edu](mailto:housing@northwestu.edu). Thank you!