

2018-19 Room Selection newspaper for All Students



There are many exciting housing options open to returning students for the 2018-19 academic year. This newspaper includes preliminary information for students about options, 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/CA during the week following Spring Break (week of March 19th).**

2018-19 ON-LINE HOUSING SELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Entire housing application, room selection and meal plan selection on-line
- Ability to select different room types in the same process
- Process runs Monday—Thursday, 8am to 6pm
- Priority for selection is based on class year
- Each student is assigned a selection day and time
- Ability to identify roommates, suitemates & apartment-mates
- Roommates and suitemates must mutually select each other
- Real time list of room and suite availability
- All can be done from the comfort of your room, Starbuck's, chem lab, etc. via a web-based link
- Sophomores are required to live on campus

What's it like living in...

The Quad

Lovejoy, Burton and Crosby

Average Single = ~8' x 14'
Average Double = ~15.5' x 14'
(some variance between buildings)

While Gilbert, Hoeing and Tiernan are off limits for upperclass students unless you are an RA, D'Lion or First-year Fellow, **Lovejoy (entire building), Burton and Crosby** are options for continuing students.



Students are most familiar with this set up: long corridors, communal style bathrooms, mostly double rooms and a few singles. The Quad is obviously the closest to classes, a real plus for some students. There are no elevators.



The doubles in Lovejoy are pretty big, singles are small. The doubles in Burton and Crosby are a bit smaller than other quad doubles but have the added bonus of an in-room sink (sorry – toilets down the hall).

Third floor rooms in both Burton and Crosby have slanted ceilings – charming but if you are very tall, it could be tough.

There are limited kitchen facilities in all buildings. Students must be on a Group 2 meal plan.

Jackson Court

Anderson, Wilder and O'Brien Hall

Anderson/Wilder Suite Single = 7' x 12'
Anderson/Wilder Suite Double = ~10' x 12'
Anderson/Wilder Center Double = 12' x 12'

In case you haven't been to this end of campus, check it out. Located beyond Danforth Dining Center, close to Hillside. Home to many Special Interest Housing groups, **Anderson and Wilder have mostly suite style setupd.** Suites typically contain 4 singles and 1 double. The singles are adequate size (long and narrow) – not huge- but they are a space to call your own. The double is smaller but workable – with a little creativity, most students make this work. And besides, you have your own suite common room (fairly large). The bathrooms (Anderson renovated last summer and Wilder scheduled this summer) are shared by all six residents and is cleaned once a week by the ESW. Several suites have been modified to accommodate students with disabilities.



There are also Center Doubles. Two doubles that are joined by a shared bathroom (cleaned weekly) and have separate entrances out to the floor lobby. These rooms don't have a lounge so you'll need to make friends with others on the floor. These doubles aren't huge – again some creativity is needed to make it comfortable.

There is a shared kitchen for every floor in Anderson and Wilder. Group 3 meal plan.



O'Brien Typical Single = ~9' x 13'
O'Brien Typical Double = ~11' x 21'

O'Brien Hall is a LEED Gold certified building for those of you who are interested in sustainability.

This building is 5 stories tall with the first floor devoted to a large building lounge, service desk, area office, building kitchen, bicycle storage room plus three public spaces open for group use—a large conference room, a music performance space and a dance rehearsal room!

Floors 2-5 house students and have a mixture of singles, doubles and center doubles (shared bath) for groups of four students. Doubles are large and singles are a little bigger than average. There are two traditional large bathrooms per floor plus two individual all gender bathrooms on each floor. Each floor has a large community lounge and a well equipped study room. There is an elevator.

Each room is carpeted and double rooms have sinks. By the way, this building is air conditioned! We've diverged from our standard student room furniture and have selected a cherry finish and new style furniture. Room rent is a bit more for O'Brien.

There are limited kitchen facilities for O'Brien. Students must be on a Group 2 meal plan.

Hill Court

Chambers, Fairchild, Gale, Kendrick, Munro and Slater



Suite Single = 8' x 9.5'
Suite Double = 8' x 19'

Mostly 6 person suites with all singles (except the second floor suites that have 4 singles and a double) and a handful of 4 person suites (only 3-4).

All fourth floor rooms have built in lofts that actually make it seem like you have a two story room. Mattresses are placed directly on the loft deck. The singles are adequate size – more square shaped. Some of the furniture in each room is built-in. Each suite has a common room to itself – small but it works. Did we mention that there are shared balconies? There are no elevators in Hill Court buildings

The bathroom is shared by all six (or 4 in the case of a 4 person suite) residents and is cleaned once a week by the ESW.

There are 6—1 person apartments located on the first floor—2 in Chambers, 2 in Gale and 2 in Munro. They include a bedroom, living room and bathroom. There are kitchen facilities too. Students can be on a group 4 meal plan here. These apartments cost a little more.

Phase (Hill Court) is next to Mt. Hope Cemetery – if you are sensitive about this, pick a suite that doesn't face in that direction!

If you live in Chambers or Gale, there are small kitchenette units (stove top and refrigerator) in the common room. Students in these buildings could be on a Group 3 meal plan if they like. The other 4 buildings require Group 2 meal plans – there are no kitchens.

Southside

deKiewiet and Valentine Towers, Maisonettes

Large rooms = ~ 10' x 14'
Small room = ~9' x 10'

Southside has become very popular with students, because of the number of opportunities this area offers.



ONLY Juniors and seniors can consider the Maisonettes (2 person apartments), which are the small houses at the base of the two towers. They include two bedrooms (one is large and the other is on the small side). There is a furnished living room and full kitchen. The bathroom is shared.

deKiewiet and Valentine have 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. The apartments don't have a common room but there is a full kitchen and a bathroom shared by apartment mates. Both bedrooms in the 2 room apartments are good size. In the 3 room apartments, there are two large bedrooms and a small bedroom (its square shaped and can be awkward to configure furniture). But it is a single room! And the price of housing in deKiewiet and Valentine is ~\$200 less per semester (the lowest campus housing rate).

Residents are on their own for cleaning – these are apartment set ups. Buy some cleaning supplies!

The Southside Market is located in the basement of deKiewiet Tower. They carry a variety of goods – foods, cleaning supplies, coffee etc.

The walk is the same distance from Southside to Hutch as a walk from Phase (Hill Court) or Jackson Court. Besides, there is bus service (Blue line) or you can hop on the Park Lot shuttle (Silver Line) to get to campus easier than if you had to walk from other areas.

You can have a Group 4 meal plan – great opportunity to save some \$\$\$.



Riverview Apartments

Buildings A, B, C, D, E & G

(Juniors and Seniors only)
Room size = ~8' x 10'

Riverview is designed with juniors and seniors in mind. The best thing about Riverview, among many things, is that each student has their own room and bathroom! Most apartments are 2 person or 4 person - there are two three person apartments that may be available.

Whether you have a 4 person apartment or a 2 person apartment, the common space (living room) is good size and the kitchens have stoves, microwaves, refrigerators and ... dishwashers! By the way, there is air conditioning in each apartment for the few days you'll need it in the fall and spring.

Downside, you do need to clean your own apartment – this means the bathrooms too!

Other things to know about Riverview – the walls could be thicker (noise and dents). ResNet service is the same as on campus. UR Public Safety has an office in Riverview (Building F) and their presence is felt in the complex (in a good way!).

Many students use the Gold Line Shuttle to and from campus. While it doesn't run 24/7, it covers a good portion of the daytime and evening hours until 1 or 2 in the morning. There is weekend afternoon bus service to campus.

We try to be good neighbors with the community residents who live in the neighborhood near Riverview – this neighborhood is called the Plymouth-Exchange Neighborhood and it borYou can have a group 4 meal plan—save some money \$\$\$.

While Riverview is one of the most expensive housing options, combined with a Group 4 meal plan, it becomes a good deal. Financial Aid adjusts things to cover the cost of Riverview so you don't need to worry about that. ders on the 19th Ward but is actually a separate neighborhood.

Brooks Crossing

Brooks Crossing is an apartment style building open to **juniors and seniors only**. There are one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom and four bedroom apartments. In the same style as Riverview, each bedroom has its own bathroom.



Each apartment has a living room and kitchen complete with refrigerator, stove with oven, microwave and dishwasher. The apartments are air conditioned.

Students live on floors 2—11. There are wonderful views of the City and the river. ResNet is available in Brooks Crossing. In the future, there may be a privately owned restaurant on the first floor—this is still to be determined.

The basement has a large programming space and kitchen in addition to a bike storage room. Laundry facilities are located in the basement. The UR Rowing team has a training facility in the basement as well.

Brooks Crossing is similarly priced to Riverview with the exception of the 1 bedroom apartments which will be priced a bit higher.

Parking for Brooks Crossing is located about a block away—there is no parking near the building.

Students living in Brooks Crossing may select a Group 4 meal plan.

Insider Information...

- Meal plans are connected with residence halls. Be sure you know what the meal plan requirement is for the place you want to live. Sometimes you can save good money by thinking about this combination. deKiewiet and Valentine in Southside are less expensive housing options and you can opt for a Group 4 meal plan – combined... pretty significant savings! Interestingly, while Riverview and Brooks Crossing are the most expensive residences to live in, by opting for a Group 4 meal plan, the price of housing and meals is a pretty good deal.
- Be sure that who ever pays your University bill pays it on-time – check now! Don't assume everything is OK and find out at the last minute there is a hold – you have to be financially clear to be eligible for the room selection.
- Check out the Open Houses if you have never been to a particular residence hall area. You get to see first-hand what a suite or apartment looks like inside. Judge for yourself if this would be a good housing situation for you and your friends. Open Houses are scheduled for Sunday, April 8.
- Phase's real name is Hill Court—buildings are Chambers, Fairchild, Gale, Kendrick, Munro and Slater.
- Southside - buildings include deKiewiet (pronounced “d key wit”), Valentine and the Maisonettes.
- Jackson Court includes Anderson, Wilder and O'Brien Halls.
- Rising sophomores (current first year students) typically don't get stand alone singles on the Quad or in O'Brien—go for a suite or an apartment.
- You must have the right number of people to participate for suites and apartments— 6 students for the 6 person suite, 3 students for the Southside three room apartment, 4 students for the Riverview 4 person apartment.
- **Remember, this is a lottery and not everyone gets the best time and day to select their room. Be assured that ultimately, everyone will have housing.**
- If you aren't a rising junior or senior, you are not eligible for Riverview, Brooks Crossing or the Maisonettes. All in good time!
- If you don't know about your study abroad program yet or you aren't sure you will be able to go, better to be on the safe side and participate in room selection. If you end up going, your housing contract is cancelled.
- **Don't forget—rising sophomores are required to live on campus.**
- Check out the floor plans in advance—available on the Reslife website. But a caution here: just because you fall in love with a particular location or room, doesn't mean it is available or that the gender of the room or hallway is right. Use the floor plans to familiarize yourself with a building, not to pick a particular space. “This side of the building faces the cemetery; this side of the building faces the fraternity quad; this side of the building gets the morning sun, etc.”
- **(NEW) Double rooms can be coed on coed by random room floors and in suites. See Gender Inclusive Housing Policy for details.**
- If you want to live together in a double, suite or apartment, each student will need to mutually request each other in order for the program to put you together. More specific details in the **room selection materials available in March.**
- If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, CA, Freshmen Fellow or D'lion, you must submit an on-line application but the room selection process will be different. You will receive special instructions.

BASIC Connectivity Information

Housing Contract/application submission occurs on <https://webhousing.UR.rochester.edu/webpatron> (site will open on March 23)

If you are trying to log in from **off-campus or study abroad**, you will need to secure a **VPN**. Follow the instruction in this link <https://tech.rochester.edu/remote-access-vpn-tutorials/>

Recommended browsers: Explorer, Firefox (DO **NOT** USE SAFARI OR CHROME)

The application process does not work on smart phones—tablets OK

BIG Picture Items

Who can participate in Room Selection?

Students in the class of 2021 and 2022 have signed a 2 year contract and are required to live on campus (residence halls, greek housing, or special interest housing). Juniors (2020) and Seniors (2019) are eligible but not required.

Due to increased housing demand and the large current first year class, **Take 5, e5 (formerly KEY), and students needing additional semesters beyond the standard 8 semesters** are **not eligible** for housing this year. These students may place their names on a waiting list for housing should spaces become available over the summer.



Gender Inclusive Housing Policy

Gender-inclusive housing seeks to provide an environment that is welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited to the traditional gender binary (male and female). We recognize that same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate for all students. Residential Life currently provides opportunities for students to live in singles in apartments and suites in mixed groups. We are expanding this housing opportunity to include any standard double room on a co-ed floor as well as double rooms in suites. This housing option allows students to select roommates regardless of their sex, gender, or gender expression and to broadly choose from the relevant housing options. Unless specific mutual requests are made by the roommates, Residential Life will continue to assign students based on the standard gender binary (male/female). A transgender student who seeks housing accommodations should contact Residential Life and Housing Services directly. The director of housing operations will work with students individually to review housing options and come up with a supportive housing plan, and will facilitate these housing opportunities through the lottery process. Contact housing@reslife.rochester.edu to begin this conversation.

Financial Clearance Required



A student's University account must be **financially clear** in order to participate in any kind of on campus housing for next year. Students with financial holds on their accounts will receive an email notice the week of March 19th. Check with the Bursar for specific information about your account.



Medical Accommodations

Students who may need housing accommodations due to a disability must submit a request through Disabilities Services and Support no later than Friday, April 6th.

<https://www.rochester.edu/disability/guidelines-for-accommodation-requests-housing-dining.html>

Meal Plans

All students living on campus and off campus must be on a meal plan. For students living on campus, the meal plan is tied to the residence hall or area that you live and relates to the availability of kitchens. The more kitchen facilities, the smaller the required meal plan. The fewer kitchen facilities, the larger the required plan options. Consider this when selecting your room for next year.



Off campus students are also required to be on meal plans. Off campus students may select any of the residential plans or a commuter meal plan. The website for selecting a meal plan as a commuter student is www.rochester.campusdish.com. Off campus students will be able to download the dining application there. Then save it as a pdf and email to mealplans@services.rochester.edu or drop it off at the ID Office in SBAH.

Meal plan information will be included in the Room Draw packet distributed to all eligible students after Spring Break.

Contract Releases



Residential Life is not releasing rising sophomores from their two year contract commitment. The only grounds for release are medical and severe financial hardships. For medical accommodations, go to <https://www.rochester.edu/disability/guidelines-for-accommodation-requests-housing-dining.html> to submit an accommodation request. Disability Services will review and submit a recommendation to the Executive Director, Residential Life.

For severe financial hardship, the Director of Financial Aid must review your case and submit a supporting document recommending release to the Executive Director of Residential Life.

Looking for a roommate, suitemate or apartment mate?

Join the UR Housing Lottery 2018 Facebook group to find others looking for roommates, suitemates and apartment mates.

How does Room Selection work?



Every eligible student will get detailed information when you get back from spring break. It will be distributed by your RA, CA or GHA. Try to attend your floor/building meetings where lottery information will be discussed. For those students living off campus, housing information packets will be available at the Residential Life Office (020 Gates, SBA). The description below generally describes how the process will work for students who will be participating in the regular room selection process.

Please note: If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, CA, Freshmen Fellow or D'ion, you will still need to submit an on-line application but the room selection process will be different. You will receive special instructions.

There are three steps to the process: The first step is to complete an on-line application, the second step is to select a room on-line, and the final step is to select a meal plan on-line.

The room selection process is based on class year seniority. Each student receives a specific day and time for selection. Rising seniors will receive the earliest days and times to select their room, followed by rising juniors and then by rising sophomores. Within class year, days and times are randomly assigned. Every student who submits a housing application will have a selection day and time assigned.

Integral to the process is the ability to designate roommates, suitemates and apartment mates during the application submission. Each student will designate the other students with whom they are interested in living. There must be a mutual roommate request in place for each student – once they have selected you as a roommate, you will see a note that the mutual request is confirmed. If you are planning to select a single, you will not designate roommates.

Students will have access to all housing types at the time they select their room – depending on remaining availability and roommate designations. The general rule of thumb is that you must have the right number of students to fill the room type that you want to select – you must have six students to fill a six person suite, four students to fill a four person apartment or suite, three students to fill a deKiewiet 3-bedroom apartment, etc. There is only one exception to the “must fill” rule. A single student may select a double room and the remaining space in the room will be filled by another lottery participant or during the summer.

Once the room selection process is underway, students who have decided they want to live together need to determine who among them has the best selection day and time. The student with the earliest day and time will be able to look at remaining available spaces and pull all confirmed students into the housing space selected. For example, Student A has a selection time of Wednesday, at 4:02pm. Students B, C, D, E and F are all confirmed roommates. At 4:02, Student A logs in and checks the 6 person suite availability in Anderson Tower. Student A selects Anderson 410 and then assigns each roommate to a specific room in the suite. Each of the 6 students will then receive confirmation of the building and room and will be prompted to go on-line to select a meal plan appropriate to the building. Since a room has already been selected on their behalf, students B, C, D, E and F will not need to select during their own lottery time.

What's your strategy???



- Figure out your strategy in advance. What happens if you can't get that suite in Hill Court or Jackson Court– how will you and your friends regroup? Have you considered Southside? If you have to break up a 6 person grouping, will it be into pairs for a double room or Southside 2 person apartments or maybe groups of 3 for the Southside 3 person apartments drawing? Think it through in advance.

- Based on last year's drawing results, about 65% of Anderson and Wilder Towers residents are sophomores. About 65% of Phase (Hill Court) residents are sophomores and 58% of Southside residents are sophomores.

- This year, 64% of the students living in Riverview were seniors and 36% were juniors.
- Currently, 83% of the students in Brooks Crossing are seniors and 17% are juniors.
- There are approximately 196 stand alone single rooms. Most will go to seniors and juniors. If you are a sophomore and you want to have a single room, it's a better bet to try for a suite or an apartment.
- In last year's drawing (which doesn't necessarily predict this year's outcome), there were first year groups that got into Hill Court and there were quite a few first year groups that selected in Anderson and Wilder.

Special Interest Housing Fairs

Want to learn your options?



SBA Lobby
Feb 22
4–7pm

SIH House Crawl & Party
Feb 24



Hirst Lounge
Feb 23
12 pm –3 pm

● Anime Interest Floor

● Douglass Leadership House

● MUSIC INTEREST FLOOR

● Inter-Class Living Community

● Drama House ● GreenSpace

● Computer Interest Floor

What kinds of housing are there?

1 person options	2 people options	3 people options	4 people options	6 people options
Burton Single	Burton Double	deKiewiet 3 person Apt	Anderson Center Double	Anderson 6 suite
Space in Burton Double	Crosby Double	Valentine 3 person Apt	Wilder Center Double	Wilder 6 suite
Crosby Single	Lovejoy Double	Riverview A (only 1)	O'Brien Center Double	Chambers 6 suite
Space in Crosby Double	Anderson double next to RA	Riverview B (only 1)	Chambers 4 suite (only 1)	Fairchild 6 suite
Lovejoy single	Wilder Double next to RA	Brooks Crossing	Kendrick 4 suite (only 1)	Gale 6 suite
Space in Lovejoy Double	O'Brien Double		Munro 4 suite (only 1)	Kendrick 6 suite
O'Brien Single	Anderson Apt for 2		Slater 4 suite (only 1)	Munro 6 suite
Space in O'Brien Double	Wilder Apt for 2		Riverview A	Slater 6 suite
Space in Anderson Double (next to RA)	deKiewiet 2 person Apt		Riverview B	
Space in Wilder Double (next to RA)	Valentine 2 Person Apt		Riverview C	
deKiewiet single with RA	Maisonettes		Riverview G	
Valentine single	Riverview A		Brooks Crossing	
Valentine single with RA	Riverview B			
Maisonette Single with RA	Riverview D			
Brooks Crossing	Riverview E			
Hill Court (6 former CA apts)	Riverview G			
Spaces in suites with RA	Brooks Crossing			



off campus living

**Juniors and Seniors
are eligible to live off-campus!**

The Office for Off Campus Living Programs (which is part of Residential Life) provides assistance, education, and support to students who are looking for housing or residing off campus.

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

*****Do not submit a housing contract if you plan to live off campus.***
Do submit a dining contract!**

All off campus students are required to be on a meal plan. There are special commuter plans available - go to www.rochester.campusdish.com. Off campus students will be able to download the dining application there. Then save it as a pdf and email to mealplans@services.rochester.edu or drop it off at the ID Office in SBAH.



Housing Fairs & Workshops

Special Interest Housing Fairs

February 22—SBA Lobby
4—7 pm

February 23—Hirst Lounge
12pm—3 pm

Representatives from all non-greek Special Interest Housing and Academic Living Center groups will be there to answer questions and hand out applications

Special Interest House

Crawl and Party

February 24

Lottery Workshop

April 4
4—5 pm Friel Lounge (SBA)

The Executive Director for Residential Life & Housing Services, **Laurel Contomanolis**, will discuss the room selection process and answer your questions.

SPECIAL LIMITED CONTRACT VS REGULAR CONTRACT

**Riverview and Brooks Crossing
(Juniors and Seniors ONLY)**

What's the difference between the two contracts available to juniors and seniors?

Select **Special Limited Contract** if you **only** want to live in Riverview or Brooks Crossing and don't want to live anywhere on River Campus—you want to live OFF CAMPUS if you aren't able to select in Brooks Crossing or Riverview. Residential Life will release you from your contract obligation.

Select **Regular Contract** if you want to live in Brooks Crossing and Riverview but if you can't select there, you still want to be able to select something on River Campus. Contract remains in effect.

Important Dates to Remember

- February 22 **Special Interest Housing Fair**
SBA lobby 4—7pm
- February 23 **Special Interest Housing Fair**
Hirst Lounge
Wilson Commons 12pm—3pm
- March 20—21 Contract information distributed to students
Financial Hold notices emailed to students
- March 23 **On-line contract submission begins** ★
- April 3 Special Interest Housing & Greek member lists due to Reslife
- April 4 **Lottery Workshop**
Friel Lounge, 4—5m
- April 6 Deadline for all SIH, ALC and Greek students to submit on-line contracts
- April 8 **OPEN HOUSES 2 - 4pm**
Southside
Maisonettes
Jackson Court
Hill Court (Phase)
- April 11 **Contract deadline on-line process closes 5 pm** ★
- April 13 Selection dates and times available on webhousing site (you must login to see your day and time)
- April 16-19 On-line Room Selection (8am—6pm daily)
- April 23 First Day to submit Room Change requests
- May 4 **Last day to complete Dining Contract on-line**

Hill Court
Meet @ Gale House Lobby

Jackson Court
Meet @ Service Desk in O'Brien

Southside & Maisonettes
Meet @ Valentine Service Desk
Lobby

