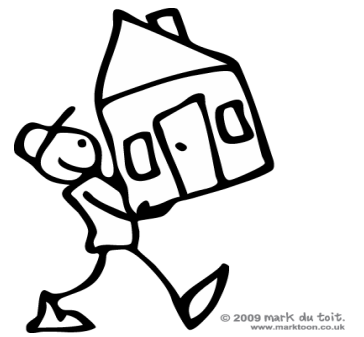


Tips for Room Selection - 2021-22



IMPORTANT NOTE: For the purposes of the room draw/lottery, Residential Life is assuming that students will return to campus in fall 2021 under pre-COVID 19 conditions and standard occupancy in the residence halls. This will mean that double rooms and doubles in suites will each house two (2) students. In the event of that COVID 19 conditions continue into the summer and fall, Residential Life would implement strategies to reduce occupancy and density in the residence halls. Reducing occupancy via contract releases would be possible under this scenario.

There are many exciting housing options open to returning students for the 2021-22 academic year. This tip sheet includes preliminary information for students about housing options, how to proceed with room selection for next year and important room selection dates.

2021-22 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—Friday, 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 via a web-based link: desktop, laptop or iPad only, **but not your phone.**

What's it like living in.....

The Quad

Lovejoy, Burton, Crosby, and SAM House

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, Burton, Crosby, and the SAM House** 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 student rooms are not carpeted. 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 (1 per floor) in all buildings. Students must be on a Group 2 meal plan.

SAM will not be operating as house fraternity this coming year. SAM will be coed with the first and second floors designated male and the 3rd floor designated female. There are double and single rooms. Rooms are carpeted. Students living in SAM may select a Group 3 meal plan as there will be kitchen facilities available.

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 the Hillside. Home to many Special Interest Housing groups, **Anderson and Wilder have mostly suite style setup.** Suites typically contain 4 singles and 1 double. Most rooms are not carpeted. 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, students make this work. And besides, you have your own suite common room (fairly large). The bathrooms are all renovated and are shared by all six residents. They are 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.

Shared kitchens 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 is a shared first floor kitchen for the entire building. 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. Most rooms and suites are carpeted (after this summer, only Fairchild will remain as uncarpeted)

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 six 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. These apartments cost a little more. Each of these apartments has a small kitchen—students in these apartments may select a group 4 meal plan.

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!

All buildings in Hill Court 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 due to 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 (refrigerator, stove/oven). 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 (refrigerator, stove/oven) 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! Rooms are not carpeted.

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 \$\$\$ but remember you will have to cook too.



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. All rooms are carpeted.

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).

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 (PLEX) and borders on the 19th Ward but is actually a separate neighborhood. You can have a group 4 meal plan—save some money \$\$\$ but remember you will still need to cook.

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.



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. All rooms are carpeted.

Students live on floors 2—11. There are wonderful views of the City and the river. ResNet is available in Brooks Crossing. 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. This is a group 4 meal plan building.

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. Check the room/dining calculator at
- Remember that a Group 4 meal plan is cheaper, but the plan assumes students will be buying groceries and cooking. Your financial aid takes into account you will need to buy groceries.
- Check out the virtual open houses if you have never been to a particular residence hall area. Called “**Housing Selection: Different Areas, Q & A**” you get to see first-hand view of what a suite or apartment looks like inside. Judge for yourself if this would be a good housing situation for you and your friends. This is scheduled for **April 1, 3pm—5pm**.
- 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!
- The University has not yet determined whether fall study abroad programs will be approved. If your plan is to live off campus if you don’t go abroad, don’t sign up to participate in the lottery. If your back up plan is to live on campus in the fall, it is 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.”
- 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 on-line **room selection materials**
- If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, Apartment RA, First-year Fellow or D’Iion, you must submit an on-line application but the room selection process will be different. You will receive special instructions.

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	**Special note:
Space in Wilder Double (next to RA)	Valentine 2 Person Apt		Riverview C	Slater 436—no loft
deKiewiet single with RA	Maisonettes		Riverview G	(Slater 430 suite)
Valentine single	Riverview A		Brooks Crossing	
Valentine single with RA	Riverview B			
Maisonette Single with RA	Riverview D		***5 people options	
Brooks Crossing	Riverview E		Wilder 5 suite (2)	
Hill Court (6 former RA apts)	Riverview G		Anderson 5 suite (2)	
Spaces in suites with RA	Brooks Crossing			

Special Interest & Standing House Options

Looking for a different housing experience?
Consider one of these groups:

- Anime Interest Floor
- Douglass Leadership House
- MUSIC INTEREST FLOOR
- Drama House ●GreenSpace
- Computer Interest Floor
- Lilac Living

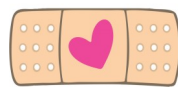


BIG Picture Items

Who is eligible to participate in Room Selection for 2021-22

Students in the class of 2024 and 2025 are required to live on campus (residence halls, greek housing, or special interest housing). Juniors (2023) and Seniors (2022) are eligible but not required. Off campus students must contact Residential Life to be eligible.

For academic year 2021-22 only, students needing or desiring a 5th year in on-campus housing may be considered contingent on the number of students who apply for housing. Interested students should contact _____ to submit their name and desire to be part of on-campus housing for the 2021-22 academic year. Class year applications for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are due April 14th. On April 15th, Residential Life will notify interested 5th year students if there is available space in the lottery. 5th year students will then be entered into the roomdraw. 5th year students are not eligible for stand alone singles but will be eligible to be included as part of group housing—suites and apartments.



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 9th.

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

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 provides opportunities for students to live in singles in apartments and suites in mixed groups as well as 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). If you are considering a coed room option, please contact the Director of Housing Operations at housing@reslife.rochester.edu.

A transgender student who seeks housing accommodations should notify 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.



Contract Releases

Residential Life is not releasing rising sophomores from their two year contract commitment at this time. 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.

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 <https://dining.rochester.edu/meal-plans/>. Off campus students will be able to download the dining application there. Edit the document and save your changes. Then save it as a pdf and email to mealplans@services.rochester.edu or drop it off at the ID Office in SBAH

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 cancel your housing contract obligation if you have not selected. Contract is binding if you have selected a Riverview or Brooks Crossing space.***

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.***

How does Room Selection work?

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, ARA, First Year Fellow or D'lion, 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. Meal plans must be selected individually.

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 60% of Anderson and Wilder Towers residents are sophomores. About 51% of Phase (Hill Court) residents are sophomores and 58% of Southside residents are sophomores.
- This year, 72% of the students living in Riverview were seniors and 28% were juniors.
- Currently, 85% of the students in Brooks Crossing are seniors and 15% are juniors.
- There are approximately 200 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.

off campus living

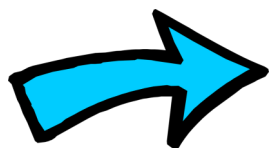
Juniors and Seniors are eligible to live off-campus!



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. Contact us at offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu.

Living off campus gives students flexibility and a greater sense of freedom. There are many 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.

Visit <https://www.rochester.edu/reslife/non/index.html> for more information on off-campus living and the off campus listing service “Places4Students”



**DO NOT SUBMIT A HOUSING CONTRACT IF
YOU PLAN TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS.**

Commuter Dining Contract

All off campus students are required to be on a meal plan. There are special commuter plans available - go to <https://dining.rochester.edu/meal-plans/>. Off campus students will be able to download the dining application there. Edit the document and save your changes. Then save it as a pdf and email to mealplans@services.rochester.edu or drop it off at the ID Office in SBAH.

BASIC Connectivity Information

Housing Contract/application submission occurs on <https://housing.ur.rochester.edu/myrescenterweb> (site will open on March 26)

If you are trying to log in from **off-campus**, 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

Housing Selection: Different Housing Areas and Q&A

Thursday, April 1, 3-5pm

Zoom Link:

<https://rochester.zoom.us/j/92230077445>

- . Videos of each housing area*
- . Opportunities to ask questions about the different housing options*
- . Find out how the lottery works*

Dates to Remember

March 18-19	Contract information distributed to students via email
March 26	<i>On-line contract submission begins</i>
April 1	Housing Selection: Different Areas & Q&A Lottery Workshop 3pm—5pm Zoom link: https://rochester.zoom.us/j/92230077445
April 7	Special Interest Housing & Greek member lists due to Reslife
April 9	Deadline for all SIH, ALC and Greek students to submit on-line contracts
April 14	<i>Contract deadline on-line process closes 11:59 pm</i> ★
April 16	Selection dates and times available on webhousing site (you must login to see your day and time)
April 19-23	<i>On-line Room Selection (8am—6pm daily)</i> ★
April 26	First Day to submit Room Change requests
April 30	Last day to complete Dining Contract on-line

Looking for a roommate, suitemate or apartment mate?

Join the [UR Housing Lottery 2021 Facebook group](#) to find others looking for roommates, suitemates and apartment mates