Selecting Your Housing for the 2019-2020 Academic Year
Complete Instructions & FAQs

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Explore your options!

From faculty-led Houses to independent cooperative housing, Cornell’s upperlevel communities represent a variety of living environments almost as diverse as our student body.

Get the most out of your college experience with room blocking (so you can live with up to five of your friends!), academic and personal support, faculty interaction, and countless social and intellectual opportunities.

Other benefits of living on campus include ... 

- Convenience to classes, Cornell Dining eateries, and all that campus has to offer
- An academic-term housing contract rather than a 12-month lease
- You (and you alone) sign your contract – don’t worry about roommate leases and liabilities
- Bursar-billed housing payments, with all utilities included
- Safety and security – our residential buildings are well-lit, secure with either key or card access, and have staff members living on-site (in all buildings except for the co-ops)

Remember, you are guaranteed on-campus housing during your sophomore year, as long as you meet all deadlines and requirements. Information about the application process can be found at housing.cornell.edu.

What information does this booklet cover?

- Information about housing guarantees
- Instructions for participating in General Room Selection process
• How to live with your friends (blocking, etc.)
• Options for mixed-gender housing
• How to apply for Continued Occupancy (C/O) in your current upperlevel community
• How to apply to live in a Program House & information for Language House applicants
• How to apply to live in a University-owned Co-op
• Complete answers to frequently asked questions

General Room Selection for 2019-2020 housing

Most current undergraduate students select their on-campus rooms – and roommate(s) or blockmates – for the following year through the General Room Selection process that takes place at the beginning of each spring semester. Students sign up online for Housing to receive their randomly generated General Room Selection timeslot. During their timeslot, they log in to the Housing Portal to select their room and sign their housing contract.

For more information:
• Visit housing.cornell.edu and go to Live on Campus/How to Apply
• Look for detailed information in your mailbox in November and January
• Contact the Housing & Dining Contracts Office (mailto:housing@cornell.edu)

West Campus House System – An actively engaged upperlevel community made up of five Houses, each with its own dining room. A distinguished Cornell professor serves as House Professor-Dean of each House, living on-site with his or her family. Resident graduate students provide additional support and mentorship. Three of the Houses include historic Gothic buildings, one of which is home to the Language House, where residents speak and become fluent in a foreign language. Most students live in single or double rooms; a limited number of suites – the majority of which accommodate five people – are also available. Historically, West Campus Houses have been made up of approximately 65% sophomores, 25% juniors, and 10% seniors, with about 15% of the total population being transfer students.

• Alice Cook House (~425 residents) – includes the Gothic buildings Boldt Tower, Boldt Hall/Language House, North Baker Hall, Baker Tower, as well as 625 University Avenue
• Carl Becker House (~375 residents)
• Hans Bethe House (~380 residents) – includes the Gothic building McFaddin Hall
• William Keeton House (~310 residents)
• Flora Rose House (~400 residents) – includes the Gothic buildings Founders Hall, Lyon Hall (women only), Mennen Hall, & South Baker Hall

Residence Halls – Diverse upperlevel communities, each with its own character and atmosphere. Residence halls can be found near West Campus and in Collegetown, and range in size from 21 to 375 residents. Residents enjoy social and educational programming, and plenty of opportunities for faculty interaction and community development. Historically, residence halls have been made up of approximately 70% sophomores, 20% juniors, and 10% seniors, with about 15% of the total population being transfer students.

• Cascadilla Hall (~375 residents)
• 112 Edgemoor (~21 residents)
• Schuyler House (~130 residents)
• Sheldon Court (~170 residents)

Program Houses – Themed residence halls devoted to a special interest or cultural exploration. Develop and immerse yourself in a passion – including music, environmentalism, or multiculturalism – within an engaging community of residents and out-of-house members. Each Program House is made up of approximately 65% upperlevel students, and 35% first-year students.

• Akwe:kon (~35 residents)
• Ecology House (~95 residents)
• Equity & Engagement Living-Learning Community (~35 residents)
• Holland International Living Center (HILC) (~170 residents)
• Just About Music (JAM) (~166 residents)
• Latino Living Center (LLC) (~55 residents)
• Loving House (~30 residents)
• Multicultural Living Learning Unit (McLLU) (~50 residents)
• Risley Residential College for the Creative & Performing Arts (~195 residents)
• Ujamaa Residential College (~140 residents)

Cooperative Houses – Unique collaborative communities governed by their student residents. While the co-ops are University-owned, members determine each community’s rules and participate in daily operations, including cleaning and maintenance. Cooperative housing offers
students a more independent living experience, and is among the least expensive housing options on campus.

- 660 Stewart (~26 residents)
- Prospect of Whitby (~20 residents)
- Triphammer Cooperative (~20 residents)
- Von Cramm Cooperative (~34 residents)
- Wait Avenue Cooperative (women only) (~15 residents)
- Wait Terrace (~13 residents)
- Wari Cooperative (women only) (~10 residents)
- Watermargin (~26 residents)

Dining on Campus

No matter where you end up living next year, there will be plenty of opportunities to dine on campus with your friends!

- Living in the West Campus House System includes a commitment to purchasing the House Meal Plan
- Residents of the upperlevel residence halls who want to eat meals on campus (including in the West Campus Dining Rooms) may choose from four Traditional Meal Plans, the Flex 10/500 Debit Plan, or the Off-Campus Value Debit Plan; the City Bucks meal plan enables tax-exempt food purchases at participating off-campus establishments
- Most students living in a Program House choose one of the Traditional Meal Plans to eat the majority of their meals on campus
- Many of the cooperative residences have their own house meal plan, but some co-op residents sign up for a Traditional Meal Plan, the Flex 10/500 Debit Meal Plan, or City Bucks to eat some of their meals on campus or at participating off-campus eateries

Visit dining.cornell.edu for more information about your meal plan options!
Selecting your on-campus housing for 2019-2020

You must be a full-time, registered student to participate in any of the Room Selection processes. Housing Contracts are legally binding. As a general rule, contract releases will not be granted. Please carefully read the terms and conditions of the housing contract.

Find it online! Visit housing.cornell.edu, click on “Live on Campus,” and then on “How to Apply.”

Housing Guarantees

Rising sophomores:
If you are a rising sophomore (current first-year student), you are GUARANTEED on-campus housing next year in an Upperlevel Residence Hall, West Campus House, or Program House as long as you sign up for Housing and participate in General Room Selection. In the unlikely event that there are no more beds available during your timeslot, you can be placed on the Guaranteed Wait List.

While you are guaranteed on-campus housing, please keep in mind that we cannot guarantee that your top-choice community, room type, or blocking configuration will still be available during your Room Selection timeslot. For example, only an estimated 50% of rising sophomores who participate in General Room Selection will be able to secure a room in the West Campus House System for 2019-2020 – and only those with the earliest timeslots will be able to reserve a suite – so please explore all of your housing options!

Upperlevel students:
Rising juniors and seniors are not guaranteed on-campus housing. To increase your chances of living on campus next year, we recommend signing up for General Room Selection. If no beds are available during your timeslot, you can be placed on the housing Wait List.

* Students who have been accepted to live in a Program House, the Language House, a University Co-op, or their current community through C/O will not need to participate in General Room Selection.
Room Reservation Statistics:

To help plan for General Room Selection*, we suggest referring to this year’s projected statistics.

The last open West Campus suite (one with all beds available) will be reserved during the eighth timeslot on the first day of General Room Selection (this year’s equivalent = 7:20pm timeslot on March 11)

The last single in all West Campus Houses will be reserved during the sixteenth timeslot on the second day (this year’s equivalent = 10:00pm timeslot on March 11)

The last single in Upper Collegetown Residence Halls will be reserved during the eighteenth timeslot on the second day (this year’s equivalent = 10:40pm timeslot on March 11)

The last single in all West Campus Houses, Upperlevel Residence Halls, and Program Houses will be reserved during the twenty-second timeslot on the third day (this year’s equivalent = 6:00pm timeslot on March 13)

The last open West Campus double room (one with all beds available) will be reserved during the twenty-third timeslot on the second day (this year’s equivalent = 6:20pm timeslot on March 12)

The last open double room in an Upper Collegetown residence hall (a room with all beds available in Cascadilla and Sheldon Court) will be reserved during the twenty-fifth timeslot on the second day (this year’s equivalent = 9:20pm timeslot on March 12)

The last bed in all West Campus Houses will be reserved during the twenty-fifth timeslot on the second day (this year’s equivalent = 9:20pm timeslot on March 12)

The last bed in all Upper Collegetown Residence Halls will be reserved during the thirty-seventh timeslot on the third day (this year’s equivalent = 10:00pm timeslot on March 12)
INSTRUCTIONS for Room Selection

Does this step apply to me? These steps apply to those who hope to select a room in a West Campus House, an Upperlevel Residence Hall, or a Program House during General Room Selection, March 11-13.

STEP 1:
Sign up for Housing in the housing portal to get your General Room Selection timeslot any time between January 25 and February 28.

Does this step apply to me? All current undergraduate students who want to have the option of living on campus next year should sign up for the Lottery.

STEP 2:
Prepare for General Room Selection by following the steps below.

(1) Learn about your housing options. Visit Housing Options for Upperlevel Undergraduate Students. Attend any of the planned housing tours and informational events.

(2) Decide if you want to live with friends. Up to six students may choose rooms together in a block. Note: You may only join one block at a time.

(3) If living with friends:
  - Establish a block leader who will create the block in the housing portal. The student who is planning on being the block leader will 'create a new block' in the portal application. This will require them to set up a username and password when they create a new block. Please use a username/password that is unique and easy to remember. The block leader will give the username and password to other members of the potential block to join through the portal.
  - Join your block with the username and password from your block leader.

(4) Receive your timeslot. Timeslots will be emailed after 2:00pm on March 4. Timeslots are randomly generated, and there is no advantage or disadvantage to blocking. Everyone in the block will receive the same timeslot. Make a plan for your group to gather at one computer, if possible, during your block Room Selection timeslot so your group can choose your room(s) together.

(5) Familiarize yourself with the General Room Selection system. Attend a Room Selection Demo, view the Room Selection Tutorial PDF, and – immediately before your timeslot.
(6) **Review bed availability reports and floor plans.** We encourage you to develop multiple housing plans.

**STEP 3:** During General Room Selection (*March 11-13*)

1. **Log in to the housing portal at the beginning of your General Room Selection timeslot.** Block leaders: you should log in for your group at the beginning of your timeslot.

2. **Navigate to the General Room Selection page** by clicking on the Undergraduate tab on the Home page and then clicking “Continue” next to the “2019-2020 Academic Year” application on the Select Contract Period page. (If you see the Timeslot page but not the General Room Selection page, refresh after your timeslot begins.)

3. **Select a room on the Select Building page.** Buildings with current availability are shown.

4. **Click “Add to Cart” on the Room List page to select a room for yourself.** If you are a block leader, add rooms for blockmates before clicking “Save & Continue” at the bottom of the page.
   - All currently available rooms in the selected building are shown. Search results are paginated if more than 10 rooms are available in the selected building.
   - You may refine the search results using the room type or hallway/suite filters.
   - You may only assign men to male-designated rooms, women to female-designated rooms, and neutral to neutral-designated rooms. Dynamic rooms/suites have their gender change to male, female, or neutral based on the gender of their first person who reserves a bed in the room/suite.
   - If you are a block leader, you do not need to assign everyone in your block a bed. However, you will not be able to do so later. Anyone not assigned may self-select a bed.

5. **Rooms will be held for 4 minutes while you complete this and the next step.** On the Assign Beds page, assign a bed to yourself. If you are a block leader, assign beds to your blockmates before clicking “Assign Beds” at the bottom of the page.
   - If you are a block leader, once you click “Assign Beds,” you will not be able to change your blockmates’ assignments.
(6) Review the assignment(s) on the Confirmation page and click “Save & Continue.”
   • If you are a block leader and you wish to cancel and reselect, note you will only be able to cancel your assignment and not that of any blockmates you assigned.

(7) Sign your housing contract. If you are a block leader, blockmates you assigned will be emailed automatically and have 2 hours to login and sign their housing contract.

(8) On the Application Status page, review the information. Your application status will be complete if you have an assignment and signed your housing contract. Click “Log Out.”

Each room listed will include information about whether the room is designated as a male, female, neutral or dynamic room, and the number of open beds left in that room. During the process, floor plans are viewable online. And you can review Bed Availability Reports updated every 2 minutes during General Room Selection. Dynamic rooms/suites have their gender changed to male or female based on the gender of the first person who reserves a bed in the room/suite. Neutral rooms/suites are mixed-gender rooms.

Need help during General Room Selection? During all timeslot periods (listed on page 5):
   • Call the Room Selection Help Desk at (607) 255-5368.
   • Visit the Room Selection Help Desk on the 2nd floor of Robert Purcell Community Center to ask questions or to view floor plans.
   • View the online tutorial of the selection process (housing.cornell.edu).
Frequently Asked Questions About General Room Selection

What is General Room Selection? Are there different room selection processes?
General Room Selection (March 11-13) is the online process through which most current undergraduate students will select their rooms – and their roommates/blockmates (if applicable) – in a West Campus House or an upperlevel residence hall for the next academic year, and then electronically sign their housing contracts. You may only participate in General Room Selection if you have received a Room Selection timeslot by applying for housing.

Individual community-specific room selection processes also exist for those who have been accepted to live in a Program House, in the Language House, in a University Co-op, or in their current community through C/O. These processes take place before General Room Selection (and also require signing up for Housing).

Who should – and who may – sign up for Housing?
Anyone who wants the option of living in on-campus housing next year in the West Campus House System or upperlevel residence hall. You must be a full-time, registered student. Those who are not full-time registered students may apply for housing at housing.cornell.edu beginning in early April 2019.

What happens if my class code is listed incorrectly?
If you are classified incorrectly in the housing portal, please contact the housing office immediately at housing@cornell.edu or (607) 255-5368. If you do not let us know that your class code is incorrect, you will have to keep the first timeslot you receive. Note that if we reclassify you as a current sophomore, you will lose your guarantee for on-campus housing.

How do I check my registration status?
To check your registration status, log in to studentessentials.cornell.edu. Resolve any holds with the appropriate offices. Please allow up to three business days for a change in registration status to be reflected in the housing portal.

Is assigning of timeslots fair?
Yes. All timeslots are randomly generated within class codes by a computerized system. Everyone and every block have the same chance of getting an early timeslot within their class code as they do a later timeslot. The earlier your timeslot, the better your chances of securing your top-choice housing.
When will my Room Selection timeslot be?
You will receive your exact timeslot after 2:00pm on Monday, March 4, 2018 for one of the following periods:

- Rising sophomores: Monday, March 11, 5:00pm-11:00pm
  & Tuesday, March 12, 5:00pm-11:00pm
- Rising juniors: Wednesday, March 13, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Rising seniors: Wednesday, March 13, 6:00pm-7:00pm

No timeslots will be issued for Tuesday, March 12 during prelims.

University-owned Cooperative Houses ("Co-ops") are considered on-campus housing.
Fraternities and sororities are considered off-campus housing.

Which housing options are available during General Room Selection?
During General Room Selection, you may select a room (if spaces are still available during your timeslot) in one of the West Campus Houses or in one of the Upperlevel Residence Halls. Some Program Houses may also have spaces available during General Room Selection, although most spaces will already be reserved through the Program House application process, which precedes General Room Selection.

How many students receive each Room Selection timeslot?
It depends on how many people sign up for General Room Selection. Last year, at the time of General Room Selection, there were approximately 60 on-campus rising sophomores per timeslot on the days they selected rooms, and 10-15 upperlevel and off-campus students per timeslot on the days they selected rooms.

Can I trade Room Selection timeslots with another student? Or let another student use my timeslot if I’m not going to use it?
No. A timeslot can only be used by the student to whom it was issued. Unused timeslots simply go unused.

Can I live with someone of a different gender?
Yes, you can share a room or suite with someone of a different biological sex, gender, or gender identity. When you sign up for General Room Selection, you may opt in to mixed-gender housing after viewing a video and agreeing to the rules. Note that everyone wishing to share a room or
suite with someone of a different gender must opt in when signing up for General Room Selection. Students participating in Program House selection are also able to select mixed-gender housing.

What happens if I decide that I no longer want mixed-gender housing?
If you opt in to mixed-gender housing and change your mind after February 28, you must contact the Housing Contracts Office to have your status changed.

What happens if our block selects mixed gender housing, but during General Room Selection we do not fill the suite/double/triple/quad and there is a vacant space?
That vacant space can/will be taken by another student who has also selected mixed-gender in the system. This student could be of any gender.

Are rooms/suites pre-designated for male and female students?
During General Room Selection, rooms/suites are pre-designated as male (“M”), female (“F”), dynamic (“D”), or mixed gender (N). A dynamic room/suite has its gender designation changed to male or female based on the gender of the first person who reserves a bed in the room/suite. Rooms/suites are available to any student, regardless of biological sex, gender, or gender identity, through the mixed-gender options described in the previous question.

Which room configurations are available for blocking?
Each building is a blocking section. You may block any combination of beds/rooms in a single section, but cannot block beds/rooms located in separate sections. Blocking sections will be viewable before General Room Selection through the Bed Availability Report and during General Room Selection through the “Search by Location and Section” function when you select your room(s).

How do I live with my friends?
“Blocking” allows you to live with one to five of your friends, for a total group of up to six students. When you sign up for General Room Selection, the Block page will allow you to create or join a block. Each block has one designated block leader that is responsible for assigning everyone in the block to any space within the same building. If your block consists of three or more students, at least one person in your block must be assigned to a double, triple, or quad (i.e., two students blocking together may select two singles, but three or more students blocking together may not select all singles).
**Who can be in my block?**
All students must have a housing application to be eligible to join a block. Rising sophomores can only block with other rising sophomores. Rising juniors and rising seniors can only block with other rising juniors and rising seniors. To join a block, all potential roommates and blockmates must have signed up for Housing by February 28.

**How can we change a block leader if necessary?**
The block leader can reassign block leader responsibilities to another student in the group through the housing portal at any time before General Room Selection begins.

**Am I able to change blocks once I have joined?**
A student may remove themselves from a block via the housing portal through February 28. After this time, students are no longer able to remove themselves from a block to join another block. After timeslots are released, your block timeslot is your timeslot even if you do not wish to continue with that block of friends. You may only be in one block at a time.

**When blocking with friends, can we choose all single rooms?**
If your group consists of three or more students, at least one room in your block must accommodate more than one person (i.e., two students blocking together may select two singles, but three or more students blocking together may not select all singles). Please keep in mind that singles are popular and go quickly during Room Selection, so there may not be any available during your timeslot.

**When blocking with friends, do we have to “fill” each of the rooms, or the suite, that we select?**
No. You may leave vacant beds in any room or suite, which will become available for other students to select. We encourage you to fill if you are able, especially if you are blocking mixed-gender.

**What if I’m not planning to live with a friend, or block with a group?**
You can choose a single (if any are still available during your timeslot), or choose a free bed in a partially occupied room, or choose a bed in an empty room, understanding that other students can select any remaining beds in your room.
Can I select a free bed in a room or suite in which other beds have already been reserved?
Yes. You may select any free bed that’s available to your gender during your timeslot. If blocking with friends, you may assign - or be assigned to - any free bed in the same blocking section as your friends’ beds.

How much time do I have to choose a room?
You may sign in to the housing portal as soon as your timeslot begins, or any time afterwards until General Room Selection ends (Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00pm). You have until the end of General Room Selection to choose your room. But once you choose your room, you must reserve your room within four minutes of choosing it, and sign your contract within five minutes to confirm and reserve your room choice. Please keep in mind that every 20 minutes, a new group of students will have access to the housing portal to select their rooms, so it is to your advantage to choose your room and sign your contract as early as you can.

When do I sign my housing contract?
As soon as you select your room online, you must accept the Terms and Conditions and electronically sign your housing contract. If you do not sign your housing contract within five minutes, the room will NOT be held for you, nor will rooms for any roommates/blockmates who you may have assigned. If you are assigned by another student, you will receive a confirmation email as soon as your block leader assigns you to a room/bed. Within two hours of this email being sent, you must log in to the housing portal at housing.cornell.edu to electronically sign your own housing contract. If you do not, your room will NOT be held for you. Please note that all signed housing contracts are legally binding.

Can I view the Terms and Conditions of my housing contract before I sign my contract?
We encourage you to read the Terms and Conditions before Room Selection by visiting housing.cornell.edu and clicking on “Live on Campus” and then on “Contracts, Rates, & Amenities.” When you choose your room, you will be asked to accept the Terms and Conditions (also viewable in the housing portal during General Room Selection) before signing your contract. Your signature on the contract indicates knowledge and acceptance of the stipulations listed in this instructional booklet and in the Terms and Conditions for Single-Student Housing, Academic Year 2019-20.

Can I view the floor plans of buildings I’m interested in before Room Selection?
You may view printed floor plans by stopping by the housing office at 206 Robert Purcell Community Center, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm. Floor plans will also be viewable before
and during General Room Selection through the Bed Availability Report. During Room Selection, you may view printed floor plans at the Room Selection help desk in Robert Purcell Community Center, open during all timeslot hours. For the security of our residents, we do not post floor plans online for the general public to view.

**What happens if you run out of rooms during General Room Selection?**

Any rising sophomore who signs up for General Room Selection, but finds no more on-campus beds available during their timeslot (an extremely unlikely possibility) can be placed on the Guaranteed Wait List, and is guaranteed an offer of on-campus housing for 2019-2020. Other rising sophomores, plus rising juniors and seniors, can be placed on the Regular Wait List, and we may be able to make you a housing offer (although we cannot guarantee it) as spaces become available through the spring months due to students changing their plans. While we do our best to accommodate your preferences when making housing offers, please be aware that options will be limited and you may not get your top choice.

**What if I don’t like any of the rooms left during my timeslot?**

You may decline to choose a room during General Room Selection, and may instead sign up for the Regular Wait List to see what rooms become available through the spring semester and summer months (see below). Rising sophomores: If rooms are still available during your timeslot and you do not select a room, you will be placed on the Regular Wait List instead of the Guaranteed Wait List, and will forfeit your right to guaranteed housing. *NOTE: Historically, housing offers are only made to 10-15% of students on the Regular Wait List.*

**What happens during General Room Selection?**

At the beginning of your timeslot, go to [housing.cornell.edu](http://housing.cornell.edu) to sign in to the housing portal and pick your room, and your roommates/blockmates if you plan to live with friends. *NOTE: Please do NOT attempt to log in before your timeslot begins, or log in from more than one computer, as multiple attempts may result in system failure.* Once you select a room (or rooms, if you’re blocking with friends), you will be asked to electronically accept the housing Terms and Conditions and sign your housing contract. Please note that all signed housing contracts are legally binding.

**How should I prepare ahead of General Room Selection?**

Follow the steps listed earlier in the booklet. Review the General Room Selection tutorial PDF (to be posted at [housing.cornell.edu](http://housing.cornell.edu) before Room Selection). Before your timeslot, we also suggest that you refer to the Bed Availability Report – also to be posted ahead of General Room
Selection at housing.cornell.edu – to view which beds are still available, and to view floor plans, before you log in to the housing portal to search for available rooms.

What happens if I’m not available during my General Room Selection timeslot?
You may sign in to the housing portal to choose your room any time after your timeslot, as long as it’s before Room Selection ends (Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00pm). Or you may have a friend serve as your proxy to choose your room for you during your timeslot, after which you will have 24 hours to log in to the housing portal to electronically sign your housing contract.

What is a proxy, and how do I submit a proxy request?
A proxy is a person who can act in your place during Room Selection if you are unavailable during your timeslot due to academic reasons. To submit a proxy request, you must meet with the Undergraduate Housing Coordinator prior to 12:00pm noon on Friday, March 8. If approved, you will be given special instructions for your proxy to use during your timeslot. Note that proxies may pull in other students as roommates in their room, but may not block multiple rooms.
Other Frequently Asked Questions About Housing

How can I find out more about my housing options?
Start by visiting housing.cornell.edu and clicking on “Live on Campus” in the menu bar at the
top of the page, and then on “Where to Live” in the drop-down menu. Navigate to the
individual community webpages for full descriptions and photographs.

Where can I find housing rates for 2019-2020?
Rates for 2019-2020 can be found in the “Contracts, Rates, & Amenities” section on
housing.cornell.edu.

If I sign up for Housing, do I have to participate in General Room Selection?
No. Signing up for General Room Selection gives you the option to participate, but does not
commit you to participating or to signing a housing contract. If you are unsure of your plans for
next year, you should sign up for General Room Selection to give yourself as many options as
possible. If you do not wish to use your timeslot, simply do nothing during your timeslot. If you
receive a timeslot and contracted through another room selection process (Program House,
Language House, University Co-op, or Continued Occupancy), you cannot use your timeslot.

What happens if I forget to sign up for General Room Selection?
If you do not sign up for Housing by the 11:59pm Wednesday, February 28 deadline, you may
appeal by email to housing@cornell.edu before General Room Selection ends at 7pm on
Wednesday, March 13. If granted, you will receive the last timeslot for your class code, and you
will not be able to create or join a block. If you have not signed up by 7pm on Wednesday,
March 13, you may sign up for the Regular Wait List (see below).

How does the housing Wait List work?
Sign up for the housing Wait List between 10:00am March 18 and 12:00pm noon on March 26
by visiting housing.cornell.edu. Please read below to find out whether you qualify for the
Guaranteed or the Regular Wait List.

Guaranteed Wait List: Any rising sophomore who signs up for the Housing Lottery but finds no
more on-campus beds available during their timeslot (an extremely unlikely possibility) will be
placed on the Guaranteed Wait List, and is guaranteed an offer of on-campus housing for 2019-2020. Order on the list is determined by your Room Selection timeslot. Note that you must
accept the first housing offer you receive from the Housing & Dining Contracts Office or forfeit your right to guaranteed housing.

*Regular Wait List:* Rising juniors and rising seniors, in addition to rising sophomores who did not select an available space during their Room Selection timeslot, will be placed on the Regular Wait List. Order on the list is determined by Room Selection timeslot, followed by students without timeslots (those who did not sign up for the Housing Lottery) in order of Wait List sign-up.

**What happens if I sign a housing contract for a room, and then decide I don’t want the room? Or my plans change, and I won’t be on campus next semester/year?**

All housing contracts are legally binding. As a general rule, contract releases will not be granted, so you will have to keep the room you chose. However, exceptions are made for students who will be studying abroad, studying in absentia, or taking a leave from the University. The Housing & Dining Contracts Office must approve all contract releases. All leaves are verified by the Colleges and/or University Registrar.

If you are studying abroad, studying in absentia, or taking a required leave from the University next year, and you inform the Housing & Dining Contracts Office of your plans by July 1, 2019, you will be released from your housing contract free-of-charge. If you inform us after July 1, you will be released from your contract with a $250 cancellation fee. If you are taking a voluntary or non-required leave from the University next year, and you inform the Housing & Dining Contracts Office of your plans by August 15, 2019, you will be released from your housing contract with an $800 cancellation fee.

**Are meal plans required for residents of any communities?**

Meal plans are not required except for those residents living in the West Campus House System (Alice Cook House, including Language House and 625 University Avenue; Hans Bethe House; Carl Becker House; William Keeton House; and Flora Rose House) which includes a commitment to purchasing the House Meal Plan. Sign up for the House Meal Plan at [dining.cornell.edu](http://dining.cornell.edu). Those who will be living in the House System who have not signed up for the House Meal Plan by July 1, 2019 will automatically be enrolled.

**I have a disability or medical issue for which I need special accommodations. How do I apply?**

If approved for disability/medical housing by Student Disability Services, you will be offered a room to accommodate your needs. If you choose not to accept the assignment you are offered, you can decline the offer to participate with friends in General Room Selection. However, you will not be
offered another room if you are not able to contract during selection. SDS will not honor roommate requests as an upperlevel student.

I’m interested in living in the West Campus House System. What are my chances of securing a room – or a suite – in one of the Houses?

There are 1,851 beds in the House System: 1,244 in the five newer buildings, and 607 in the nine associated Gothic buildings, and 625 University Avenue. Approximately 1,010 of these beds will be available during Room Selection; the rest will be allocated to accommodate transfer students, upperlevel students taking part in the Houses’ Continued Occupancy processes, and students assigned housing through Student Disability Services.

Historically, rising sophomores have had approximately a 50% chance of securing a room in the House System during General Room Selection. Rising juniors and rising seniors who currently live in the House System have the chance to maintain their occupancy through their House’s Continued Occupancy (C/O) process. Other rising juniors and seniors have only a very small chance of living in the House System in 2019-2020.

What are the differences among the West Campus Houses? How many suites are available?

Programmatically, the Houses are all similar in that they are faculty-led with high student engagement. Physically, each House has its own dining room, programming spaces, and accommodations for about 350 student residents (Keeton House is smaller with about 300 students). Becker House and Keeton House are each made up of a single main building. Cook House, Bethe House, and Rose House are each made up of a main building plus affiliated Gothic buildings and 625 University Avenue.

There are 152 suites spread among the new buildings on West Campus: Cook House has 16 suites; Becker House has 45 suites; Bethe House has 38 suites; Keeton House has 37 suites; and Rose House has 16 suites. The vast majority are 5-person suites with 3 singles, 1 double, a bathroom, and a sitting area, although there are also a handful of suites accommodating 4, 6, 7, and 10 students. Not all of these suites will be available during General Room Selection; many will be reserved through the Houses’ Continued Occupancy processes.

I’m a rising junior or rising senior. What are my chances of securing on-campus housing for 2019-2020?

If you participate in the General Room Selection process, it is likely that most – and possibly all – on-campus housing options will already be filled by the time you go to select a room. If no beds are available during your General Room Selection timeslot, you can be placed on the
housing wait list, and we may be able to make you a housing offer, although we cannot guarantee it.

I’m interested in living in a Program House. How do I apply?
Some Program Houses may still have rooms available after Program House Room Selection; these rooms will be made available through General Room Selection. To learn more about the Program Houses, visit housing.cornell.edu/programhouses or send email to programhouses@cornell.edu for ways to get involved.