



2024 - 2025 HOUSING APPLICATION & ROOM SELECTION PROCESS

For 2023 - 2024 First Year Students

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AGENDA

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TIMELINE

- ~~March 11 & 13~~ – Housing tours available 6 - 8pm
- **By March 31** – enter the housing portal to finalize your re-application
 - Review & Sign the Student Residence Agreement
 - Review and Preference any Second-Year Living Learning Community (SYLLC) options in Frey Hall. This is **NOT** required, but an option if you are interested.
 - Set roommate group PIN so you may be pulled into a housing selection by any friends with whom you may want to live. **You are NOT required to have a roommate in order to select housing.**
 - Identify any housing accommodation needs



TIMELINE

- **By April 12** – Students in SYLLCs are assigned to Frey Suites
- **April 16** – Residence Life runs lottery process and sends students housing selection time for April 17
- **April 17** – Students self-select housing in available spaces across campus
- **April 22 – May 5** – room switch request open
(*room switch offers may occur through August*)

HOUSING OPTIONS

- 2085 Grand Avenue Apartments (single and double rooms)
- 2151 Grand Avenue Apartments (double rooms)
- 2163 Grand Avenue Apartments (double rooms)
- 2171/75 Grand Avenue Apartments (double rooms)
- Grace Suites (single and double rooms)
- Flynn Apartments (single rooms) *
- Flynn Suites (double rooms)
- Frey Suites (double rooms with a few singles)
- Morrison Apartments (single and double rooms)
- Murray Suites (triple rooms)



SECOND YEAR LLCs

The Basics

- Located in Frey Hall
- 7 different SYLLC options
- Common courses and additional activities offered
- Must have at least 10 students confirmed



Aquinas Honors Scholars



Business Learning Through Service



Catholic Studies: Polis



Common Good Scholars

The Process

- Decide **IF** you have any roommate or suitemate requests
- Complete the SYLLC Confirmation Form
- Receive your SYLLC Housing Assignment by April 14th



Psychology



Nursing



Sustainability



HOUSING LOTTERY & SELF-SELECTION

1

First Year students are entered in a lottery for selection times

- Randomly assigned time
- No factors increase odds
- 15 minute intervals

2

At your selection time you enter the system and can see all available rooms for the number of roommates you have identified

3

You self-select the EXACT space you want to live in for 2024-2025 (and assign roommates to other open spaces in your apartment, suite, or room)

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Once you select and/or are pulled into a space, your process is done and will receive a confirmation e-mail

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Selection process closes ends at 11:59 p.m. on April 17

6

Students not selecting on April 17, but that are required to live on campus will be randomly assigned a space

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Filling spaces in apartments and suites

- You can either fill all spaces in an apartment or suite, or just select some of the spaces, open spaces will result in random roommates

Roommates

- You will be able to pull in any other current first-year student, up to 3 other students
- We recommend groups of 2 (yourself + 1 other student)
- Roommate PIN, student ID#, and meal plan selection is needed to pull in someone
- PINs can be set/reset in the housing portal anytime but needs to be set by each person



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Backup Plans

- With your roommate(s), discuss other housing options and styles that you are ok with if your desired space is not available
- How do you divide your group if needed? The larger your group, the harder it may be to find a housing option together
- What is your primary factor? Style of living or roommates?

Meal Plans

- You must have a meal plan regardless of where you live
- Must be at least the Block 60 meal plan

Room Switch List

- Will open around April 22 for 2 weeks
- This is a way to indicate other preferred housing that you were not able to select



STUDY ABROAD

Fall 2024 – Prior to selection on April 17, Residence Life will receive an approved study abroad list and those students will receive additional information. They will not select housing on April 17.

Spring 2025 – In fall semester, Residence Life receives the approved study abroad list for spring 2025 and will contact those students for next steps.

If a student backs out of study abroad, they are still required to live on campus as a part of the residency requirement.

Residence Life
cannot remove
students from
housing who are
under the
requirement.

Students need to
complete the
withdraw/
transfer process
with Academic
Counseling

**NOT RETURNING
TO ST. THOMAS?**



RESOURCES

Residence Life Website

- <https://www.stthomas.edu/residence-life/housing-returning-students/index.html>

Social Media

- www.facebook.com/USTResLife
- www.instagram.com/USTReslife

Emails

- Most important, sent frequently during process, gives your selection times
- reslife@stthomas.edu

FAQs

I am alone or only a group of “x” people. Where can I select housing?

Anywhere. We do not limit options based on group size but you will only see available options for your selected group size at your selection time. Not filling an apartment/suite means other random students will likely select into open spaces or you may be the random addition to the group.

Why do you use a lottery process?

A lottery process allows for the most equitable selection process for students and does not give priority for opportunities available only to some students.

How to I select a single room?

Single rooms will be very limited and will probably go quickly. Being prepared with a list of options ahead of time may be helpful. In general A1/A2/B1/B2 is a shared space vs. A/B/C/D

*I/We **REALLY** want an apartment...*

We offer apartment style living in Flynn, Morrison, 2151 Grand, 2085 Grand, and 2171/75 Grand. Unfortunately, not all second-year students are able to select apartments on-campus but we have many great spaces at different price points.

I really do not understand how this all works, can you help me?

Please come see us in the Residence Life Office (Koch Commons 120) or email us at reslife@stthomas.edu. We want to work with you to help you, which can include assisting you on the night of selection.

I have a friend that is an Upper Division student that I want to live with?

If they have an open bedspace in their apartment and you get an early self-selection time, you may be able to select into their apartment but they are not able to hold/reserve the space for you.

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