

# RESIDENCE LIFE HOUSING SELECTION

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Who is eligible to live in campus housing?

All full-time students who are single without dependents and who are younger than 25 years of age. Unless students have more than 112 credit hours, turn 23 during a given semester, or live with parents or immediate family member, they are expected to live on campus. Full restitution of applicable room and board fees will be expected if students are found to be bypassing the residency requirements.

### How does the lottery system work?

A couple weeks prior to room/suite/apartment selection date, there is a lottery drawing in the student union. Each student planning to live on campus the following Fall semester draws a number that will determine the order of the housing selection. The lottery numbers are sorted first based on how many years you have been out of high school, then by the lowest number drawn. Lottery numbers are recorded by name; the numbers are non-transferable.

EXAMPLE: A student who graduated from high school in 2006 and drew the number 150 would still pick ahead of a student who graduated in 2008 and held the number 7.

### What if I couldn't draw a number the day of the lottery drawing?

You can stop in the Student Life office in the Administration building, (AD14), Monday-Friday between 8am-5pm to draw a number until the day of room selection. Or you can give handwritten permission or signed email permission to a friend to draw a number for you.

### If my roommate drew a higher lottery number than I, can he/she sign me up when our room is selected?

Yes, in any case, whether it is Student Apartment sign-up, Coffman Suites, or Kratz/Miller/Yoder, the roommate with the best number can sign-up all of his/her roommates when the room is selected.

### What do I need in order to select a room to sign-up for a room on housing sign-up night?

(1) You must first be registered full-time for classes in the subsequent fall semester. (2) Standards Agreement: While KMY and Kulp residents will demonstrate their support for the Standards at room selection, Suites and Apartment groups will need to prepare a 3-paragraph response indicating their support for the Standards. Specific requirements are outlined by housing program from the Residence Life home page. (3) You must bring the receipt for your housing deposit made prior to room signup. **Note: You must submit your room deposit by 12:30pm on the day of room signup night in order to select a room when your number is called.**

### **How do I make a housing deposit, and how much is the deposit?**

You can visit the accounting office 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or submit the deposit online at the accounting office website located on the Goshen College homepage. A link to online deposits is also available on the left hand side of the Residence Life home page. Housing deposits for apartments and Coffman Suites are \$200 and while rooms in KMY are \$50.

### **What if I am out-of-town or on SST during the housing selection?**

You can email or hand-write a note to a friend to make your room selection for you provided they have proof that you have paid your housing deposit, and have your signed standards statement.

### **My friends and I want to sign-up for an apartment that is suited for four people, however one of us is going to be gone for SST in the fall, can three of us live in a four person apartment for one semester?**

In cases where SST or other Goshen College off-campus academic programs are involved, your apartment must maintain at least 2/3 capacities for both fall and spring semester. You will not be allowed to sign-up for an apartment without meeting the minimum apartment capacity when all students in your group are on campus for both semesters. If someone from your group graduates following the fall semester, you may be asked to acquire another roommate to take their place or pick up the additional cost of the apartment.

### **We only have 3-people but are still looking for a fourth roommate to fill an apartment. Can we sign-up for an apartment now and have time to find a fourth roommate or be open to a transfer?**

If you do not know a specific person at the time of sign-up you will be permitted to *reserve* a 4-person apartment only if one is available after all other groups meeting capacity have chosen their apartments. This **hold/reserve** will only be good for a determined number of days/weeks (usually 4-weeks) before it becomes available again to students who can meet capacity. If you can't meet capacity by the provided deadline you will need to select an alternative housing assignment. You may also opt to pay a premium rate for the additional space of \$500 (per resident) a semester. This would guarantee you the apartment with no expectations to add additional residents provided the apartment remains at 2/3 capacities.

### **Do we need to have 6-people to choose a 4-6 person capacity apartment?**

No, all apartments listed as 4-6 capacity are optimally designed for four students. Those sharing a room in the 4-6 person apartments will see a reduction in this cost; however, it is not an expectation to have students sharing rooms.

### **I am a second year with enough credit hours to be considered a junior, can I sign-up for the Student Apartments or the Coffman suites?**

You must be at least two years removed since your high school graduation date at the start of the Fall semester of the upcoming school year in order to qualify for Junior /Senior housing options. Current traditional first year students regardless of credit hours must choose a space in Kratz, Miller or Yoder Residence Hall.

### **Does it cost more to live in the Student Apartments?**

The pricing outline for 10-11 for individual apartment complex units is \$2,675/semester. This cost includes living in the student apartments with your own bedroom. Those sharing a room in the 4-6 person apartments will see a reduction in this cost. For a complete breakdown of housing prices visit the accounting web site at <http://www.goshen.edu/accounting/>

### **Am I required to have a meal plan if I am living in the Student Apartments?**

All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan; plans for apartment students include Carte Blanc (unlimited) at \$1975/semester, 14 meals per week at \$1,860/semester, 80 meals per semester at \$1040/semester, 45 meals per semester at \$600/semester.

### **Quad/Triple Scenarios: Three of us want to select a quad in Kratz/Miller or 2 persons in a Yoder triple. We are open to living with a transfer student who might be coming to GC in the Fall. Can we sign up?**

If you know a student who is transferring and has been accepted to GC, yes; you can select a room. You will need to include their name and ID number at Sign-up. If you do not know a specific person but are open to having a transfer live with you, you will be permitted to select a quad in Kratz/Miller or a triple in Yoder only if one is available after all other groups have chosen their rooms. You would then be subject to paying an additional \$250 per semester for the extra space.

### **I am living in Kratz/Miller/Yoder next year and would prefer not to have a traditional meal plan, but instead a block plan similar to students living in apartments or small group houses, can I do this?**

No, all students living in KMY must choose either the unlimited plan or the 14 meals a week plan.

### **What are the differences in costs between Coffman suites and the Student Apartments?**

The Coffman suites are priced the same as the Small Group Houses on campus. The cost for Small Group Housing next year is \$2400 per semester, while the Student Apartments are \$2675 if you have your own bedroom.

### **If I have special needs and require my own room next year what do I have to do?**

You must present a doctor's recommendation prior to or at the time of room selection to guarantee your own room. There are several single rooms reserved and held for students with special circumstances.

### **I would prefer my own room next year in Kratz/Miller/Yoder. Can I do this, and how much more does it cost?**

Everyone needs to be open to living with a roommate. Students who prefer a room alone may note this preference; private rooms are granted as space allows. However, a double room alone is an additional \$500 per semester.

### **Which living spaces on campus are ADA handicap accessible?**

Kratz/Miller/Yoder as well as the student apartments all feature elevators and ADA accessibility.