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GOSHEN COLLEGE



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Intentional Living Communities (ILC)

The ILC process begins in late February and involves self-selected groups completing an application and submitting a group video. Applications are evaluated by the Residence Life Director Team and awarded in mid-March. Houses are awarded based on capacity and a designated scoring system factoring in group size, classification (Jr/Sr), GPA, and past standards compliance and community involvement. Students applying for Intentional Living Communities are required to submit a \$200 deposit at the time of their application. The deposit is refunded if groups are not selected. Eligible students would have graduated from high school at least two years prior to the first day of classes.

Student Apartments

Beginning in late-March students planning to live in the Student Apartments can self-select groups and reserve an apartment through an online application form on the Residence Life webpage. Students applying are required to submit a non-refundable \$200 deposit at the time of their application. Eligible students would have graduated from high school at least two years prior to the first day of classes.

Traditional Residence Halls

In April all students planning to live in the Kratz/Miller/Yoder Residence Halls including junior/senior floors in Kulp Hall will participate in a lottery for room selection. Students interested in these spaces are required to pay a room deposit of \$50, refundable until July 15th. Find details for KMY and Kulp Hall at https://www.goshen.edu/studentlife/residence_life/dorms

Note: Student classification order is determined by one's years out of high school by the beginning of fall semester.

Roommates

Returning students may choose their roommates during the room selection process in the spring. Changes in room or roommate during the school year are discouraged. In the middle of a semester, this will only be done in situations of serious incompatibility. Residence Life Directors are available to offer assistance and to ultimately approve any changes. An administrative room change fee is charged for any room changes requested during the course of the school year.

Residence Life Housing Selection FAQ

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 attempt to bypass residency requirements.

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

You can submit your deposit online on Goshen College homepage or in person at the Student Life Office in AD14. Housing deposits for Student Apartments and Intentional Living Communities are \$200, while rooms in KMY and Kulp are \$50.

What should I do if I plan to off-campus next semester?

You'll need to fill out our "Off-Campus Housing Confirmation" application on the Residence Life homepage to confirm your eligibility. You may also submit an exemption request if you are not yet eligible to live off campus but wish to due to unusual circumstances.

What discounts are offered for 4th or 5th year students to live on campus?

If you've earned 112 Credits by August 15th or turn 23 years-of-age by Dec. 31st you'll qualify for a 30% senior housing discount and will no longer be required to purchase a meal plan. Students must fill the online form on the Residence Life homepage to confirm eligibility.

Which living spaces on campus are ADA handicap accessible?

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

Am I required to have a meal plan?

All students living on campus not eligible for the senior discount (112 Credit Hours, 23-years of age) are required to have a meal plan. Plans for students living in Kratz, Miller, or Yoder Hall include Carte Blanc (unlimited), and the 14-meals per week plan. Students living in Kulp, Coffman, Student Apartments, or Intentional Living Communities are eligible for all available meal plans including the minimum 65-Block plan. Each meal plan comes with Munch Money credit (amount varies) that can be used for meals at the Westlawn Dining Hall, Leaf Raker, or Java Junction.



Kratz, Miller, Yoder, & Kulp Hall (Lottery System)

How will the lottery system work and who is it for?

Each student planning to live in Kratz, Miller, Yoder, or Kulp Hall for the fall semester should plan to attend room signup night in early April (check the campus calendar for the official date). On that night each student will participate in a lottery draw to determine the order of room selection. Priority will be given to upper class students in the order of selection. Students wishing to live in Kulp Hall will be called first.

I will be a second year student next year with enough credits to be considered a junior, am I eligible to live in the student apartments or a small group house?

No, you must be at least two-years removed since your high school graduation date at the start of the Fall semester 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.

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

(1) You must be registered for classes full-time for the upcoming fall semester and present your Student ID at sign-up. (2) You must submit a \$50 deposit by 12:30pm on the day of room signup. (3) You must demonstrate your support for the community standards at room selection by signing a poster document provided by Residence Life staff.

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

You can provide a written note or email granting permission to a friend who may serve as your proxy at sign-up. You will still need to submit the required \$50 deposit to be eligible for selection. If you are unable to find a substitute you should make alternative arrangements with a Residence Life Director prior to room signup.

Three of us would like to sign up for a Quad (or two of us would like to sign up for a triple room), can we do so and be open to a transfer student?

No, you must be able to fill a quad or triple to capacity at room signup. Students unable to do so will need to choose a standard double room.

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 Intentional Living Communities, can I do this?

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

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

While 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 \$750 per semester. If you are requesting your room for medical reasons then you must present a doctor's recommendation at the time of room selection to guarantee your own room. There are several single rooms in Kratz/Miller that are reserved for students with documented needs outlined by a physician.

Can I room with an incoming transfer student next year?

Yes, provided the incoming transfer has already been admitted to Goshen College for the fall and has been assigned a student ID number. You will need to acquire that information from that incoming transfer along with their permission to assign them a room with you.

I do not have a roommate lined up for next year. What should I do?

You may select a double room to yourself at signup and fill out a Residence Life Housing Form. This form will be available at room signup and will help us find you a suitable roommate based on common interests before the fall semester. If possible we will pair you with an incoming transfer or current student in a similar position.

I will be not be on campus next fall; will I be able to sign up for a room on selection night?

No, only students planning to live on campus in the fall can select a traditional residence hall room on selection night. Residence Life will contact students away on SST to verify and determine a spring housing assignment after fall semester has begun.



Student Apartment Application

Does it cost more to live in the Student Apartments?

For a complete breakdown of housing prices visit the accounting web site at:
<http://www.goshen.edu/accounting/>

Where can I find the online Student Apartment application?

The online application for student apartments will be linked on the Residence Life portion of the Goshen College website during the month of March.

When can our group apply for a student apartment for next fall?

The Student Apartment online application goes live in late March. During the first two days we will accept only applications from students considered to be 5th-year seniors. In the second phase we will accept applications from students entering their fourth year since high school graduation. During the third phase we will accept applications from students entering their third year since high school graduation.

Do we have to submit our housing deposit before filling out the online application?

Yes, and No. We will process all applications in the order that we receive them based on the seniority outlined in the previous question. However, groups that have students who have not yet submitted deposits at the time of their application will be withheld until accounting confirms that all deposits have been made? This could cost you your spot in line.

I'm planning to get married this summer and would still like to live on campus this fall, am I eligible to do so?

For a married couple to be eligible for the student apartments they must: (1) be of traditional age 18-25, (2) both spouses must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credit hours in the fall semester, (3) pay the normal fee structure equivalent to single residential students, which also includes a meal plan, and (4) must maintain all college furnishing in the provided apartment. We will give priority to couples that agree to these terms and place them in a two-person apartment if available.

What should I do if my chosen roommates are not on campus when the application goes live?

Students away on SST, internships, or transferring in will still need to submit their housing deposit before your application will be processed. Plan ahead, students away for spring can submit their deposit anytime online from the GC website.

What are the capacity requirements for the student apartments?

Your apartment group must meet the capacity for the apartment in which you are applying for. For example, if the apartment is designed for 4-students, then you must have a minimum of 4-students in your group. *Loft apartments* can be acquired with a group of 3 or 4 students. Students groups occupying a 4-person loft at capacity receive a \$500 discount. Groups of 3 living in the lofts can do so at the same rate as groups of 4 living in the flat style apartments. *We do make concessions for student groups where SST, GC academic programs, or early graduation affects capacity for one semester.* If one of the aforementioned programs affects your group's capacity you may still apply for an apartment provided there is only one person missing from your group for either fall and spring semester.

Our group can't meet the capacity requirement for any available apartment.

Can we sign up for an apartment and be open to transfers joining us?

No, if you can't meet capacity for an available apartment you will need to select an alternative housing assignment elsewhere on campus. You may also opt to pay a premium rate of \$500 (per resident/per semester) with no obligation to add additional residents provided the apartment remains at 2/3 capacities. Please note all two-person apartments must be at full capacity to be eligible. We do permit groups of two to acquire a 2-person apartment for fall only or spring only.

Do we need to have 6-people to apply for a listed 4-6 person capacity apartment? And if not, can we have the additional furniture removed?

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 price of \$500 per semester; however, it is not an expectation to share the double rooms. *Please note that all listed 4-6 person capacity apartments feature two-bedrooms with bunks and additional furniture that can't be removed from the apartment.* We encourage groups of 4 to choose traditional 4-person capacity apartments (when available) at the time of sign-up to avoid this inconvenience.

Intentional Living Communities Application

What spaces will be used for Intentional Living Communities next fall?

We will be accepting coed or single gender ILC Applications for East Hall (9-12), Howell House (9-12), Kenwood House (8-10), and single gender applications for Kulp South (6-8). In addition to those spaces we will be accepting coed only applications for Student Apartments 201, 202, 301, and 302 as part of ILC and be offered as 4-6 capacity units. Housing spaces for ILC are announced each year and subject to change at Housing Information Night in mid-February.

When can my group apply for an Intentional Living Community?

We will be accepting applications beginning in the middle of February and announce assignments in the middle of March. For the exact date and details on the application process please visit the ILC homepage on the Goshen College website.

What are the qualifications for Intentional Living Communities and how does the application work?

Students must be two-years out of high school before the beginning of upcoming fall semester. Qualifying groups must submit an online application at:

http://www.goshen.edu/studentlife/residence_life/small_group/application.

The second portion of the application includes a video submission that outlines: Group History, Group Goals, Cleaning Strategy, and a Community Standards & Conflict Management plan.

What are the capacity requirements for Intentional Living Communities and what if someone(s) from my group vacates our house between semesters and we fall below capacity?

Students are encouraged to occupy units at their full capacity when submitting an application. However, the primary requirement for all groups is to maintain at least 3/4 of the house's total capacity. This includes any time in which your group is affected by SST, Internships, or early graduation departures. Following the ILC selection process, if your group agrees to a housing contract you will be expected to maintain your given capacity at the time of your original application. Should your group fall below 3/4 capacity at any time you will be given three options: (1) Your group can remain in the house and each forfeit the \$200 housing deposit submitted at the time of your application. (2) You can opt to add students to your group to meet capacity. (3) You can relocate to another campus housing location where your group meets the minimum capacity requirement.

Is there a male/female ratio requirement for co-ed living spaces in ILC?

No, however if your group has a proportionately imbalanced male/female ratio you will want to recognize the challenges and demonstrate in your application why and how it will work for your group. It should also be noted that the male/female ratio for co-ed groups should be congruent to the desired house's bedroom configuration. For example Kenwood House features five double rooms. Men and woman cannot share a room; therefore the male/female breakdown would need to be 6-4 if your group is at capacity.

What are the expectations for our group video and will my group be penalized for low production values?

Video submissions should be no longer than 10-12 minutes. The group video is an opportunity to highlight your group's chemistry and demonstrate what sets your group apart from the rest. Only the content of your video will be judged. While you have the freedom to be creative in your video, it will have no bearing on your overall score. It can be a simple laptop/smartphone/tablet camera aimed at your group as you outline your group goals, group history, cleaning plan, conflict resolutions, and how you would handle a breach in community standards. Your video should be both informative and collaborative.

How do we upload and send our group video to complete our application?

Intentional Living Communities videos should be uploaded using your Goshen College Google account connected to YouTube. You may share your video link privately if you wish. To complete your Intentional Living Communities Application you will need to forward a link to your video to the Director of Residence Life before the ILC application deadline. You may also include the link in your online application.

Who evaluates ILC Applications and by what criteria?

The Director of Residence Life along with two Assistant Directors of Residence Life evaluate each application. We use a scoring system to assign a point value to each application. The score is comprised of both subjective and objective data. Examples include group size meeting capacity, classification, GPA, campus involvement, standards compliance, group goals, and group collaboration evident throughout the application and video submission. The groups with highest scores are more likely to receive their first or second choice of house stated in the application.

Student Apartment Amenity Breakdown

Apt. #	Type	Capacity	Notes
101	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4-6	2 Bedrooms feature 2 Beds to accommodate 6
102	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4-6	2 Bedrooms feature 2 Beds to accommodate 6
103	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy, ADA Assessable
104	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy, ADA Assessable
106	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 1 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
107	Flat: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	2	Both Rooms are Single Occupancy
108	Flat: 3 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
109	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 1 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
110	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
111	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
201	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4-6	Two Bedrooms feature 2 Beds to accommodate 6
202	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4-6	Two Bedrooms feature 2 Beds to accommodate 6
203	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
204	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
206	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
207	Flat: 3 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
208	Flat: 3 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
209	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
210	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
211	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
301	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4-6	Two Bedrooms feature 2 Beds to accommodate 6
302	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4-6	Two Bedrooms feature 2 Beds to accommodate 6
303	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
304	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
305	Flat: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	2	Both Rooms are Single Occupancy
306	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
307	Flat: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3	Features One Single and One Double Room.
308	Flat: 3 Bedrooms 2 Bath	3	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
309	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
310	Flat: 5 Bedrooms 2 Baths	5	All Rooms are Single Occupancy (5 Bedrooms)
311	Flat: 4 Bedrooms 2 Baths	4	All Rooms are Single Occupancy
401	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
402	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
403	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
404	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
405	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
406	Flat: 2 Bedrooms 2 Bath	4	2 Double Rooms, Cathedral Ceiling, Baths built inside bedrooms.
408	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
409	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person
410	Loft: 3 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	1 Double Room, 2 Singles, Loft could be used for 5 th Person
411	Loft: 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath	3-5	2 Double Rooms, Loft could be used for 5 th person

Note: Shaded Apartments Represent Intentional Living Communities

Breakdown: (2) 2-Person Flat Apartments
 (5) 3-Person Flat Apartments
 (18) 4-Person Flat Apartments
 (9) 3-5 Person Loft Apartments
 (6) 4-6 Person Apartments