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## Small Group Housing

The SGH 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 late 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 Small Group Housing 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 mid-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](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 at [http://www.goshen.edu/services/Housing\\_Deposits](http://www.goshen.edu/services/Housing_Deposits) from Goshen College homepage or in person at the Student Life Office in AD14. Housing deposits for Student Apartments and Small Group Housing 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 online at the following address, [http://www.goshen.edu/campuslife/residence\\_life/off-campus-housing-confirmation/](http://www.goshen.edu/campuslife/residence_life/off-campus-housing-confirmation/). You may also submit an exemption request if you are not yet eligible to live off campus but wish due to unusual circumstances.

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

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



## **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.

### **Quads and Triples: 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 small group houses, can I do this?**

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



### **I have special needs and require my own room, what do I do?**

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.

### **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 \$500 per semester.

### **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 proceed to fill out a Residence Life Housing Form. This housing form will be available at room signup and will help us find you a suitable roommate based on your 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 away on SST 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 will select a room on selection night. Someone from Residence Life will contact students away on SST to determine their spring housing assignment.



## **Student Apartment Application**

### **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. <http://www.goshen.edu/campuslife/apartment-application-process/>

### **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/>

### **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 three days we will accept only applications from students considered to be 5<sup>th</sup>-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.

### **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. [http://www.goshen.edu/services/Housing\\_Deposits](http://www.goshen.edu/services/Housing_Deposits)

### **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. 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.

### **I am planning to be married this summer (or already married) to another student and we would like to still live on campus in the fall at the student apartments. Is this possible?**

For a married couple to be eligible for the student apartments they must be (1) of traditional age 18-25, (2) both husband/wife must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credit hours, (3) pay the normal fee structure equivalent to single residential students that includes a required meal plan, (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.

### **We were told that there weren't any 3-person apartments left. We only have 3-people in our group currently; can we apply for an apartment and have time to find a fourth roommate or be open to a transfer?**

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 capacity for both spring/fall semesters to be eligible.

### **Do we need to have 6-people to apply for a listed 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 price of \$500 per semester; however, it is not an expectation to share the double rooms.

### **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), 14 meals per week, 80 meals per semester, or 45 meals per semester.



## Small Group Housing Application

### **What Small Group Houses are available next fall?**

We will be accepting SGH Applications for East Hall (9-12), Howell House (9-12), Kenwood House (8-10), (5-6), Kulp South (6-8), Coffman 3 North (5-6), Coffman 3 South (7-9), Coffman 4 North (5-6), and Coffman 4 South (7-9). *Subject to Change*

### **When can my group apply for Small Group Housing?**

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 our SGH Application website at [http://www.goshen.edu/campuslife/residence\\_life/sgh-application-process/](http://www.goshen.edu/campuslife/residence_life/sgh-application-process/).

### **What are the qualifications for Small Group Housing 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](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. All videos should be uploaded to YouTube and shared privately with the Director of Residence Life.

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

Small Group Housing 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 Small Group Housing Application you will need to forward a link to your video to the Director of Residence Life before the SGH application deadline.

### **Who evaluates SGH 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.

### **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 7-10 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.

### **Our group is interested in a co-ed small group house, what are our options? And what are the gender breakdown requirements?**

Co-ed groups can apply for one of the following small group houses: Coffman 3 South (3 singles, 3 doubles), Coffman 4 South (3 Singles, 3 Doubles), East Hall (6 double rooms), Kenwood House (5 double rooms), and Howell House (1 single, 4 double, 1 triple). The gender breakdown for co-ed groups should be near equal and congruent to a 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 60/40 if the house were filled to capacity.

**What are the capacity requirements for Small Group Housing 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 remain at least 3/4 of the house's total capacity even if affected by SST departures. Following the SGH 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 capacities at any time you will be given three options: (1) Your group will be allowed to remain in the house but instead forfeit your housing deposits submitted at the time of your application. (2) You'll be allowed to add new students to your group to meet capacity. (3) You'll be asked to relocate to another campus housing location where you can meet capacity requirements.

