

CSB Residential Life & Housing Room Selection Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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On-Campus Housing Requirements

What is the Residency Requirement at CSB?

As a four-year residential liberal arts college, all students are required to live on campus. The process to seek exemption to live off campus has already taken place for 2021-2022. If you have not already received a release for the 2021-2022 academic year, you will participate in room selection and reside on campus. For more information about the four year residential experience, please visit the CSB Residential Life website.

Who is eligible to participate in Room Selection?

Criteria to be eligible to select housing:

- Complete your Fall 2021 Housing Intent Form no later than March 1, 2021.
- Register for Fall 2021 classes at least 24 hours in advance of your selection time. You must be registered for Fall 2021 classes to participate in room selection.
- Confirm your living group and make sure you have a full group for fall to select housing at your best time. For example, you must have four people who will be here in the fall and who are registered for Fall 2021 in order to select a four-person apartment.

Only students who need housing on campus for Fall 2021 will participate in room selection. If needed, students who plan to study abroad will be provided instructions for room selection. Students who will be returning to campus for spring 2021 will be contacted later in the fall term regarding their preferences for housing in the spring of 2022.

Who does not need to participate in Room Selection?

Individuals who do not need to participate in room selection are:

- Students granted off-campus exemption who have returned their acceptance of exemption agreement
- Resident Assistants (RAs)
- Community Advisors (CAs) and their roommates

What are the important dates I should know for housing selection?

February 26th – Request for Housing Accommodations through Student Accessibility Services are due.

March 1st – Housing intent forms are due.

March 2nd – Emails with application materials will be sent to students who want to be considered for Living Learning and Intentional Living Communities.

March 8th – Documentation for Student Accessibility Services are due.

March 15th – Living Learning and Intentional Living Community applications are due.

Selection dates will be available at a later time.

Housing Accommodations through Student Accessibility Services (SAS) What if I have a documented disability (or suspect I may have a disability) that requires a specific type of housing?

If this is the case, you must complete a <u>Housing Accommodation Request Form no later than February</u>
26. Please submit all <u>requested letters of support no later than March 8</u>. The request and supporting materials should clearly demonstrate how the medical need correlates to the requested accommodation though pre-assignment or assignment of special housing and demonstrate that it cannot be secured on your own through the regular Room Selection process. You will need documentation from a board certified medical/mental health professional as outlined on the Housing Accommodation Request Form.

I have a documented disability and have been approved by Student Accessibility Services (SAS) for housing accommodations. How does that work?

Based on recommendations from SAS, the Department of Residential Life will make you an offer for housing that meets your accommodation needs and is appropriate based on your cohort (Sophomore, Junior, or Senior).

How is my housing accommodation determined?

Our priority is to meet your accommodation needs. The housing accommodation offer you receive, may not always be your preferred housing option.

Example 1: You have been approved for "kitchen access" but this does not mean you will be assigned to an apartment. You may be assigned to a space that is close to a kitchen.

Example 2: You are approved for a space with a bathroom. You may prefer a six-person suite, but you may be offered a double occupancy room with bath instead.

Example 3: You are a rising junior who wants to live with two rising senior roommates. Your offer will be based on housing that is appropriate for your accommodation needs and your cohort and not for the two seniors in your living group.

If I have been approved through SAS for housing accommodations, what about my roommate(s)?

Once you accept your housing offer, you will be asked to provide roommate information to the Department of Residential Life before general housing selection. If you accept your housing offer, your roommates do not need to go through the general housing selection process.

What if I decline my Housing Accommodation Offer?

If you decline your housing offer, you and your roommates will need to go through the general housing selection process. It is important to note that if you decline your housing accommodation offer, there is no guarantee that you will receive housing that meets your accommodation needs. We encourage you to carefully consider your needs before declining your housing accommodation offer.

What if I have an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) or need air-conditioning?

If your only housing accommodation is an ESA or air-conditioning, you will go through the general room selection process. When going through general housing selection, make sure your roommate is aware of your space needs. For example, if you need to let an animal out or it is challenging climb stairs, it may be best to select a space on the first floor or ground level instead of higher floors.

If you have additional housing accommodations, you will receive a housing accommodation offer before the general selection process.

Students with ESAs will also receive an "Animal Addendum" form they will be required to complete prior to the start of the following semester.

Prior to general housing selection, you will receive a Housing Accommodation Offer. Housing Accommodation Offers are based on the following criteria:

- Accommodation recommendation from SAS
- Available housing that meets recommendations from SAS and occupancy management needs
- Student's cohort standing
- Student's selection number

Special Circumstances

What if I plan to study abroad for FALL 2021?

You will be sent an email with instructions at a later date.

What if I am studying abroad in SPRING 2022?

You will go through room selection as usual for 2021-2022. Next fall, you will be asked to cancel your housing for spring semester no later than November 1st, 2021. Email notices will be sent from the Residential Life Office regarding this information. You will also receive information from our office next fall regarding designating a proxy and room selection for the 2021-2022 academic year.

I want to live off-campus. What should I do?

Please be aware, the Off-Campus Process for 2021-2022 is complete and all offers to live off campus have been made.

It is undetermined if the off-campus process for 2022-2023 will take place next academic year. If the institution decides to open the process, those who will be seniors in 2022-2023 may apply for the off-campus process and seek an exemption from the residency requirement. Submitting a request for exemption or participating in the off-campus process does not guarantee that off-campus residency will be granted.

Housing Pre-Selection

What is pre-selection?

There are spaces on campus that allow students be part of unique learning and living communities. Residential Life assigns residents to these spaces before opening the general selection process.

What housing is pre-selected?

- Living Learning Communities: Living Learning Communities are students who choose to live in a specific area, hall, or floor for a specific reason and purpose. There may or/may not be an academic course student are required to enroll for once they are accepted into the community.
- **Intentional Living Communities:** It is a group of students who choose to live together for a specific reason and purpose.
- **Unique Spaces:** There are some spaces that may need to be filled prior to general housing selection. More information about these spaces will become available at minimum 2 weeks prior to the start of general room selection.

How does pre-selection work?

You simply add your name to the "wait list for pre-selection housing" on the housing portal indicating your interest for a space. Students who want to live in spaces that require an application process will receive an email on March 2nd. Groups who apply will be put in order based on the best selection number in each living group. We will make offers to the groups in order until the spaces are full. Groups can they accept or decline any pre-selection offer. If you don't obtain housing in pre-selection you will then participate in the regular room selection process.

Living Learning & Intentional Living Communities

Living Learning Communities

What are living learning communities?

Living Learning Communities are for students who choose to live in a specific area, hall, or floor for a specific reason and purpose. There may/may not be an academic course a student will enroll for once they are accepted into the community. Specific RAs and CAs are assigned to support these communities throughout the year. Living Learning Communities are standing communities the Department of Residential Life has on the roster each year.

Examples include the following:

- Health & Wellness Living Learning Community
- Benedictine Values Living Learning Community

Students who are interested in living in this type of housing understand that the Department of Residential Life & Housing will assign them to their space and location for the following academic year.

How do I apply to be a member of a living learning community?

Please add your name to the "wait list for pre-selection housing" on the housing portal by March 1st. On March 2nd, you will be sent the direct link to the application. You will need to provide information about why you would like to be a member of the community.

How are applicants for living learning communities selected?

Applications are reviewed by Residential Life & Housing and will be selected based on the quality of the application materials and the availability of the housing style.

Intentional Living Communities

What are intentional living communities?

Intentional Living Communities are for students who choose to live together for a specific reason and purpose. Intentional Living Communities re-apply each year they would like to be active.

Examples may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Environmental Students for Sustainability, Renewable Energy, etc.
- Language Spanish Speaking Community, Study of Welsh Language Community, etc.
- Academic Literary Community, Study Abroad Alumnae, etc.
- *Social Justice/Service* Women in Politics, Students Against Domestic Violence, Students in Military Service, etc.
- Identity Groups Q+, Indigenous Women, Students for Accessibility, etc.
- Interests Breast Cancer Awareness, Crafting, Bad Movie Lovers, etc.

How does my group apply to create an intentional living community?

Please add your name to the "wait list for pre-selection housing" on the housing portal by March 1st. On March 2nd, you will be sent the direct link to the application. You will need to provide information about

your group, your preferred housing location, how your community will align with the institution's learning goals, and your intended outcomes for the academic year.

How are intentional living communities selected?

Applications are reviewed by Residential Life & Housing and will be selected based on the quality of the application materials, alignment with departmental and intuitional learning goals, the type of housing requested, the availability of the housing style, and overall feasibility of the intentional living community.

Selection Numbers

How are selection numbers determined?

Room selection numbers are based on your cohort (when you entered CSB) and not the credits you have earned. Within each cohort, individuals are assigned random selection numbers created using a random number generator in our housing software program. The best number in the process is #1; the closer to #1 you are, the better your selection number.

Cohort groups are assigned to everyone:	The ranges for selection numbers are:
Rising Sophomores - 1 or 2 semesters in college (Cohort D)	Cohort D: 1726 to 2300
Rising Junior - 3 or 4 semesters in college (Cohort C)	Cohort C: 1151 to 1725
Rising Senior - 5 or 6 semesters in college (Cohort B)	Cohort B: 576 to 1150
Rising SR+ - 6 or more semesters in college (Cohort A)	Cohort A: 1 to 575

SENIOR ONLY SELECTION PROCESS

What is the Senior Only Selection Process for Campus Apartments?

Living groups where all members are part of the rising senior cohort will be able to select housing in advance of "General Room Selection". This allows the seniors, those who have been at CSB longest to have access to their first preferences for housing in their last year at CSB.

What if only part of my living group are seniors and the rest are juniors?

All other combinations of seniors and junior in living groups will participate in General Room Selection

Roommate & Single Room Questions

What if the person that I want to live with next year is transferring here from another school?

You may select them as a roommate, but to do this you and the transfer student must contact the Residential Life Office (in writing – email is fine) no less than 1 week (7 days) in advance of your

selection time and tell them that you will be living together. The incoming transfer/readmitting student also must be enrolled for Fall 2021 prior to selection (not just admitted) for you to hold a space for her in campus housing. Your transfer student roommate will not receive a selection number in the process, but you will be able to bring them in as a roommate provided you have contacted us a week prior to your selection time and she is enrolled. Call our office or stop by to visit if you have any questions.

What if rising juniors/seniors want to live with a rising sophomore?

Rising juniors and seniors will have priority for the apartments. Upper class students who want to have a rising sophomore (right now a current first year student) in their living group will be unable to select an apartment during the general selection process. Groups comprised completely of junior and senior women can select apartments first. You sign up on the waiting list for apartments following room selection, but preference will be given first to groups of juniors and seniors before an offer would be made to a group that included a rising sophomore.

You will still be able to select the most desirable option available to you in Lottie/Margretta/Brian at your best selection time.

How can my group select a suite?

If you are a rising junior or rising senior, you can select a suite room during the General Room Selection Process for juniors and seniors. You can live with other juniors/seniors and/or you can pull rising sophomores in with you.

If you are a RISING SOPHOMORE, you will need to attend one of the Room Selection 101 workshops and you can then try to select a suite during the suite selection process. While the workshop is only a requirement for those who wish to select a suite, we recommended all rising sophomores attend the workshop to be prepared for all options available in room selection.

What if I don't have a roommate?

- Attend the Roommate Mixers organized by the Residential Life.
- Use the "Find a Roommate" function in the Housing Portal.
- Try a Super Single! Super Singles are double rooms in the upper-class residence halls (Lottie, Margretta, Brian) that have been converted to single rooms. Please be aware the cost for a super single is higher than a traditional single room.
- Let us know! Talk to your RA, RD, Area Coordinator, or stop by the central Residential Life & Housing Office in Murray Hall so that we know who you are and can do our best to connect you with those who are also looking for a roommate.

We will do our best to help you and connect you with others as we are able, but you also need to be an active participant!

What if I don't have a roommate, but I want a double room?

You must have a full group for fall to select. This means you will need to pick a roommate or choose a single room. See more information "What if I don't have a roommate?" and "What if I want to live in a single residential hall room or SUPER single room?" to help you decide what option will be best for you.

What if I want to live in a single residential hall room or SUPER single room?

If you are a RISING JUNIOR OR RISING SENIOR: you can select a single room during the General Room Selection Process.

If you are a RISING SOPHOMORE: Single Room Selection is just like room selection in that it is based on cohort group using the selection number, you will receive for room selection. If you are not able to select a single room, then you will need to look for a roommate and select housing in the sophomore Double Room Selection process. Try to have another living plan in mind so you can adapt if you aren't able to select a single.

What happens if I am not able to pick a Single Room?

There will be a single room waiting list available for those not able to select a single in the Single Room Selection Process. However, there is no guarantee that additional singles will become available.

If you don't obtain housing in the Single Room Selection Process you will be able to participate in the Double Room Selection process, however you will need to identify a roommate for a double room to pick at your best time.

Meal Plan Questions

Do I have to be on a meal plan?

Students who live in Lottie, Margretta, and Brian are required to be on a continuous meal plan. Students who reside in apartments with a kitchen are not required to be on a meal plan. You may still choose to have a meal plan if you live in an apartment.

Where do I go to find out more about meal plan options?

Contact Culinary Services or visit https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-culinary-services/campus-meal-plans for more information about meal plans.

Housing Selection Preparation

What if I did not complete my housing intent form before the March 1st deadline?

If you did not complete your housing intent form, you will still be able to select housing for the 2021-2022 academic year and will participate in housing selection. **However, your selection time will be adjusted to open after those who submitted their form on time.** This may mean that while you have the best selection number, you may not have the best selection time for your group.

What if I am not registered for fall at least 24 hours in advance of my group's selection time?

You won't be eligible for to participate in the selection process and your roommates can't include you successfully in their living group.

Living groups must be full for fall – they must have enough eligible living group members to fill as space. If they are not a full group (if they are short roommates or if member(s) of the group are ineligible) they cannot pick housing.

We urge you to communicate with your planned living group if you are not able to register prior to room selection and plan as needed for housing for the coming year.

Why should my group have more than one plan for housing?

The reality of room selection is that not everyone will be able to get their first choice of housing. It is important to have several different choices ready for rooms in the event you are not able to pick your first choice.

Not all seniors will live in apartments with private bedrooms (Luetmer/Centennial Commons)	Some seniors will live in Old East or West Apartments.
Not all juniors will be able to select apartments.	Some juniors will select housing in Lottie, Margretta or Brian.
Not all sophomores who want one will be able to select a suite or a single room.	Most sophomores live in double rooms.

If you are a **rising senior** wishing to select an apartment with private bedrooms:

- o Centennial Commons offers 116 beds (all are 4-bedroom units)
- Luetmer Apartments offers 136 (mostly 4 bedrooms, and some 2 person units)

These (and all campus apartments) will be available as part of Senior Only Selection. Not every senior living on campus will be able to select Centennial Commons or Luetmer. It is wise to discuss alternative choices with your living group. Discuss what your plan would be if Centennial Commons and Luetmer are no longer available at the time you select housing: be ready to choose housing in McDonald, Wirth, or Zierden (also part of the East Apartments) or in the West Apartments if you would prefer.

If you are a rising junior:

- Be aware that housing in Centennial Commons and Luetmer will almost certainly be full.
- Your living group should make plans to select housing in McDonald, Wirth, or Zierden (on the East Side of Campus near the HCC) and/or in the West Apartments.
- Make plans for a living group of 4 as 2-person apartment will likely be selected by seniors.
- While most juniors will live in apartments, there is not requirement nor is there any guarantee
 that all juniors live in apartments. Consider that it is possible, and even likely, that apartments
 will fill prior to your selection time and you may be selecting housing in Lottie, Margretta or
 Brian.
 - Would you want to be in a four or six-person suite? Would you want to select a double with a private bathroom or one of the large corner rooms in Margretta?

If you are a rising sophomore:

- If you are hoping to select a suite, you will want to consider where you would want to select double rooms and who your roommate will be in the event that you do not get a suite (remember all suites are part of the suite selection process for sophomores).
- There are only 136 beds in suites and approximately 500 rising sophomore students, **not everyone will be able to select a suite.**
- If you plan to select a suit, remember that each living group member must attend a Room Selection 101 workshop to be eligible for suites!
- Not every rising sophomore will be able to select a suite. There are fewer suites than rising sophomores so even if you prefer a suite, you and your roommates should have plans for selecting a double room or single room just in case.

What happens if our group doesn't have the exact amount of people for the housing option we want?

YOU MUST HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER IN YOUR GROUP FOR FALL SEMESTER IN ORDER TO SELECT HOUSING. If you are not a full group (if you are short roommates, have too many roommates, or if member(s) of the group are ineligible), your group will not be able to select housing you want in the online process.

You will still want to select some type of housing in Lottie/Margretta/Brian however as there are no guarantees your group will be able to move off the waiting list and into an apartment. We will work with groups on the waiting list as space allows.

You will have to **be flexible** about your plans. You cannot select certain types of housing, like apartments/suites, if you are not a full group. And remember, even if you are a full group you always need to have a plan A, B and C in mind when preparing for selection (*see previous section "Why should I have more than one choice for housing"*).

If you have your heart set on a suite/apartment but are short roommates or if you are looking for a living group, you may use the Find a Roommate function in the Housing Portal.

What happens if I am unable to log in at my designated time?

If you are not able to get to a computer at your selection time, assign a proxy. See "Error! Reference source not found." for more information. If you are having difficulty logging in or getting timed out, try a different computer or browser. If you are still having trouble, contact CSB Residential Life & Housing to get help.

Suite Workshops 101

What are Room Selection Workshops 101?

CSB Residential Life & Housing offers room selection housing workshops to help residents figure out their plans for the upcoming room selection process. Rising sophomores who are interested in a suite

style housing option are required to attend Suites 101 Workshop. See "What will be talked about during Suites Workshops 101?" for more information.

What will be talked about during Suites Workshops 101?

Room selection 101 will discuss upper-class housing options and what to look for in a roommate. The workshops will also help students understand how to have conversations with roommates who share the suite and navigate things such as guests, noise, cleaning, bathroom use, and other chores.

Why are rising sophomores required to attend the Suites 101 Workshop?

Our goal is to help living groups have the conversations necessary to form a solid living group that will hopefully be successful in the coming year and have the tools going into the experience to communicate with one another about their needs honestly. Attending the workshop does not guarantee that you will get a suite; however, you can't try for one if you don't attend the workshop.

If you are not able to select a suite, you will need to decide how to break up your group and select housing in the general sophomore room selection process. Suite selection happens in advance of other sophomore selection to allow a bit of time to make alternate plans for those not able to select a suite.

Remember: All members of your living group must attend ONE of the "Suite Selection 101" workshops for your group to be eligible to select a suite.

Virtual Housing Selection FAQ Sessions & Housing Selection Office Hours What are the Virtual Housing Selection FAQ Sessions?

CSB Residential Life & Housing offers FAQ sessions through zoom to help students figure out their plans for the upcoming room selection process. Any general questions can be asked during these drop-in sessions and will be recorded.

When will the Virtual Housing Selection FAQ Sessions take place?

Dates for the sessions are below:

Thursday, February 18 1PM – 3PM

Tuesday, March 2 6PM - 8PM

Wednesday, March 17 3PM - 5PM

Thursday, April 8 10AM - 11AM

Thursday, April 8 1PM – 2PM

How do I sign-up to attend a Virtual Housing Selection FAQ Session?

Click on the following link to **sign-up ahead of time** for the FAQ sessions and to get session information: https://csbsju.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-

ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=connection/17693/schedule

If you are having difficulty signing up, please contact anotch001@csbsju.edu.

When will Housing Selection Office Hours take place?

Dates for the sessions are below:

Monday, February 22nd 5PM to 6PM

Wednesday, March 3rd 9AM to 4PM

Thursday, March 11 1PM to 4PM

Tuesday, March 30 1PM - 2:30PM

How do I sign-up to attend a Housing Selection Office Hour?

Click on the following link to **sign-up at any time during the session** and to get session information: https://csbsju.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-

ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=connection/17693/schedule

If you are having difficulty signing up, please contact anotch001@csbsju.edu.

Proxy

What is a Proxy?

A proxy is needed when the person with the group's best selection time is not able to log in and select housing because of class, work, study abroad, etc. A proxy is someone you trust to log-on during your selection time to make your housing selection for your group.

Who can be a Proxy?

The proxy can be any CSB student they designate to act on their behalf, it can be someone they plan to live with or just someone they trust who is able to select on their behalf at the designated date and time.

How do I assign a Proxy?

<u>See online tutorial</u> for pictures of what you should expect to see when setting up a proxy, when accepting to be someone's proxy and when acting as the proxy on someone's behalf.

Can I change my Proxy?

Yes. You can change your proxy at any time.

Wait List

I didn't get the housing I wanted. What are my options?

If you are not able to select the hall or type of housing you wanted during the selection process, you can add your group to a waiting list. See waiting list for more information.

What is a wait list?

A waitlist is a list created to let CSB Residential Life & Housing know you and the rest of your group is interested in a different housing option for the upcoming semester.

How do waiting lists work?

After housing selection is completed, an email will be sent to your CSBSJU email when the wait lists are open. The wait lists are available on the housing portal. You can add/remove yourself from any wait list until the deadline. From there, CSB Residential Life & Housing will be organizing groups and individuals

on the waiting lists in selection number order. As spaces become available, groups will be contacted regarding a possible change in assignment.

Which housing options have waiting lists?

CSB Residential Life & Housing has waiting lists for all housing options based on cohort. Once the deadline has passed, you will receive an email when your place on the wait lists can be viewed on the housing portal.

When will I be notified if my group's room assignment is changing?

As spaces become available, groups will be contacted via email regarding a possible change in assignment. This process will begin immediately following selection and continue throughout the summer. While some limited adjustments will occur before the end of the academic year, the largest number of changes will occur during the summer beginning in June. It is most likely that you would be contacted in June/July if any opportunities for changes in assignment are available.

Is putting my group on the wait list a guarantee that we will get our preferred space? **No.**

I Still Have Questions!

I still have questions.

Contact us at 320-363-5580 or housinginfo@csbsju.edu.