

ROOM SELECTION TIPS

2023-2024

Office of Residential Life
and Housing Services

This tip sheet includes preliminary information for students about housing options, how to proceed with room selection for next year and important room selection dates.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Housing application/contract, roommate selection, room selection and meal plan selection on-line
- Entire process done on-line via a web-based link: laptop or iPad only
- Ability to select different room types throughout campus
- Process runs Monday—Friday, 8am to 6pm
- Priority for selection is based on class year
- Each student is assigned a selection day and time
- Ability to identify roommates, suitemates & apartment-mates
- Roommates and suitemates must mutually select each other
- Real time list of room and suite availability
- Special Limited Contract available for juniors and seniors (pg. 6)

The Quad

Burton, Crosby, and SAM House

Average Single = ~8' x 14'
Average Double = ~15.5' x 14'
(some variance between buildings)



While Gilbert, Hoeing, Lovejoy and Tiernan are for incoming first-year students only, **Burton, Crosby, and SAM House** are options for continuing students.

The Quad is the closest to the academic buildings, with buildings made up of long corridors, communal style bathrooms, mostly double rooms and a few singles. Rooms are not carpeted. **There are no elevators.**

Burton Hall and Crosby Hall

Burton and Crosby have mostly double rooms with the added bonus of an in-room sink. **Third floor rooms** in both Burton and Crosby have slanted ceilings.

There is one kitchen on each floor in Burton and Crosby. **Group 2 meal plan.**



Burton/Crosby Hall double

SAM House

SAM will not be operating as house fraternity this coming year. SAM will be coed with the first and second floors designated male and the third floor designated female. There are double and single rooms. Rooms are carpeted.

Students living in SAM may select a Group 3 meal plan as there will be kitchen facilities available.



Jackson Court

Anderson, Wilder and O'Brien Hall

Anderson/Wilder Suite Single = 7' x 12'
Anderson/Wilder Suite Double = ~10' x 12'
Anderson/Wilder Center Double = 12' x 12'



12'

Anderson and Wilder have suites and center doubles. Suites typically contain 4 singles and 1 double, a common room and bathroom that are shared by all six residents. They are cleaned once a week by the ESW. Several suites have been modified to accommodate students with disabilities. Most rooms are not carpeted.

Center doubles are doubles that are joined by a shared bathroom (cleaned weekly) and have separate entrances out to the floor lobby. These rooms don't have a lounge.

Anderson and Wilder are home to a few Special Interest Housing groups!



There is one shared kitchen for every floor in Anderson and Wilder. Located near Danforth Dining and the POD. **Group 3 meal plan.**

Jackson Court Suite common room



Jackson Court Center Double

O'Brien Typical Single = ~9' x 13'
O'Brien Typical Double = ~11' x 21'

O'Brien Hall is a LEED Gold certified building for those who are interested in sustainability. This building is 5 stories tall with the first floor devoted to a large building lounge, service desk, area office, building kitchen, bicycle storage room plus three public spaces open for group use: a conference room, a music performance space and a dance rehearsal room!

There are doubles, center doubles, and some singles. Each floor has two traditional shared bathrooms plus two private all gender bathrooms. Each floor has a community lounge and a study room. There is an elevator. Rooms are carpeted and double rooms have sinks. This building is air conditioned. Room rent is a bit more for O'Brien.

Students must be on a Group 2 meal plan. There is a shared first floor kitchen for the entire building.

Hill Court

Chambers, Fairchild, Gale, Kendrick, Munro and Slater

Suite Single = 8' x 9.5'
Suite Double = 8' x 19'



Home to some Special Inter-Housing groups, Hill Court has mostly 6-person suites with all singles (except the second floor suites that have 4 singles and a double) and a handful of 4 person suites (only 3-4).

All fourth floor rooms have built in lofts that actually make it seem like you have a two story room. Mattresses are placed directly on the loft deck.

Some of the furniture in each room is built-in.

Each suite has a bathroom and common room to itself , and there are shared balconies.

The bathroom is shared by all six (or 4 in the case of a 4 person suite) residents and is cleaned once a week by the ESW.



Hill Court Lofted Room

There are six 1 person apartments located on the first floor—2 in Chambers, 2 in Gale and 2 in Munro. They include a bedroom, living room and bathroom. These apartments cost a little more.



Hill Court 1-person apartment bedroom and kitchen

Hill Court is the closest area to Wilson North student parking lot. The tennis courts and soccer practice field are also nearby, and there is an outdoor area with picnic tables and a grill. It is also next to Mt. Hope Cemetery, with Munro, Kendrick and Chambers offering views of the cemetery.

There are no elevators in Hill Court buildings. All rooms and suites are carpeted.

All buildings in Hill Court require **Group 2 meal plans** – there are no kitchens.

Southside

DeKiewiet, Valentine Towers, Maisonettes

Large rooms = ~ 10' x 14'
Small room = ~9' x 10'



DeKiewiet and Valentine:

2 and 3 bedroom apartments. The apartments don't have a common room but there is a full kitchen (refrigerator, stove/oven) and a bathroom shared by apartment mates.

2 bedroom apartments are good sizes. In the 3 room apartments, there are two large bedrooms and a small bedroom. Sophomore can live in Dekiewiet and Valentine.



Dekiewiet/Valentine bedroom

Maisonettes: Juniors and seniors only.

These 2 person apartments are the small houses at the base of the two towers. One bedroom is large and the other is on the small side.

There is a furnished living room and full kitchen (refrigerator, stove/oven). The bathroom is shared.



Maisonettes kitchen

For Southside, all residents must clean their own bathrooms and kitchens. You must buy your own cleaning supplies.

The walk is the same distance from Southside to Hutch as a walk from Phase (Hill Court) or Jackson Court. Besides, there is bus service (Blue line) or you can hop on the Park Lot shuttle (Silver Line) to get to campus easier than if you had to walk from other areas.

Southside allows for a **Group 4 meal plan** – great opportunity to save some money. But remember you will have to cook too.

Riverview Apartments

Buildings A, B, C, D, E & G

(Juniors and Seniors only)
Room size = ~8' x 10'

Riverview is designed with juniors and seniors in mind. The best thing about Riverview, among many things, is that each student has their own room and bathroom! There are 2-person or 4-person apartments, and two 3-person apartments that may be available.

The common space (living room) is good size and the kitchens have stoves, microwaves, refrigerators and ... dishwashers! There is also air conditioning in each apartment for the few days you'll need it in the fall and spring.

Downside, you do need to clean your own apartment – this means the bathrooms too!

ResNet service is the same as on campus. UR Public Safety has an office in Riverview (Building F).

Many students use the Gold Line Shuttle to and from campus. While it doesn't run 24/7, it covers a good portion of the daytime and evening hours until 1 or 2 in the morning. There is weekend afternoon bus service to campus.

We try to be good neighbors with the community residents who live in the neighborhood near Riverview . This neighborhood is called the Plymouth-Exchange Neighborhood (PLEX) and borders on the 19th Ward.

You can have a **Group 4 meal plan**—save some money \$\$\$ but remember you will still need to cook.

While Riverview is one of the most expensive housing options, combined with a Group 4 meal plan, it becomes a good deal. Financial Aid adjusts things to cover the cost of Riverview so you don't need to worry about that.



Brooks Crossing

Juniors and seniors only

Brooks Crossing is an apartment style building open to **juniors and seniors only**. There are one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom and four bedroom apartments. In the same style as Riverview, each bedroom has its own bathroom.

Each apartment has a living room and kitchen complete with refrigerator, stove with oven, microwave and dishwasher. The apartments are air conditioned.

Students live on floors 2—11. There are wonderful views of the City and the river.

The basement has a large programming space and kitchen in addition to a bike storage room and laundry facilities.

Parking for Brooks Crossing is located about a block away—there is no parking near the building.

Students living in Brooks Crossing may select a **Group 4 meal plan**.

Brooks Crossing is similarly priced to Riverview with the exception of the 1 bedroom apartments which will be priced a bit higher.



Innovation Square

Juniors and seniors only

Innovation Square is our newest housing option and will be offered through the room selection process. Innovation Square is located in the former Xerox Tower on Clinton Avenue in the City.



The housing rate will be the same as Riverview and Brooks Crossing.

The **Orange Shuttle** line stops at Innovation Square. Parking is available on-site for an additional fee (paid directly to Innovation Square).

This is a **9-month housing contract (not a 12 month lease)** through Residential Life (May –August). There will be a mix of two bedroom and three bedroom apartments available in the lottery. **All are furnished.**

Both two bedroom and three bedroom apartments have fully equipped kitchens (including a dishwasher, stove with oven, microwave and refrigerator) and living rooms. The 2 bedroom apartments have 1 shared bathroom and the 3 bedroom apartments have a bathroom and a half bath (toilet and sink only).

Students in Innovation Square may select a **Commuter meal plan** as an option but can select any of the other meal plans as well.



Special Interest, LLC, & Standing Housing Options

Anime Interest Floor	Located on the 7th floor of Anderson Towers, we are a community that shares personal experiences and reflects on Anime and manga that we watch/read for fun. We create a fun environment to help you get away from your difficult week.
Douglas Leadership House	The mission of the DLH is to establish an engaging intellectual community where students of all cultural backgrounds can come together and raise awareness of the many facets of the black experience: culture, politics, history, and Diasporic roots.
Music Interest Floor	MIF's primary objective is to connect students who want to be a part of a tight-knit, musically focused community. MIF seeks to support and promote music campus-wide and beyond and sets up events, projects, and services throughout the academic year.
Drama House	Drama House stands on our principles of creativity, artistic collaboration, and gender and sexuality inclusion. We host events that focus on encouraging a strong campus & local theater community
Greenspace	Greenspace is dedicated to living a sustainable lifestyle. Our mission is to come together, learn from one another, and do our best to lead lives of environmental consciousness
Computer Interest Floor	CIF is a close-knit and friendly community. Activities range from playing video games to flexing our culinary muscles to public game nights! We also manage the CIF services, go out on the town for floor dinners, and host the CIF picnic each semester



What Kinds of Housing Options Are There?

1 person options	2 people options	3 people options	4 people options	6 people options
Burton Single	Burton Double	deKiewiet 3 person Apt	Anderson Center Double	Anderson 6 suite
Burton Double w/ random	Crosby Double	Valentine 3 person Apt	Wilder Center Double	Wilder 6 suite
Crosby Single	Lovejoy Double	Riverview A (only 1)	O'Brien Center Double	Chambers 6 suite
Crosby Double w/ random roommate	Anderson double next to RA	Riverview B (only 1)	Chambers 4 suite (only 1)	Fairchild 6 suite
Lovejoy single	Wilder Double next to RA	Brooks Crossing	Kendrick 4 suite (only 1)	Gale 6 suite
Lovejoy Double w/ random	O'Brien Double	Innovation Square	Munro 4 suite (only 1)	Kendrick 6 suite
O'Brien Single	Anderson Double w/ common room		Slater 4 suite (only 1)	Munro 6 suite
O'Brien Double w/ random roommate	Wilder Double w/ common room		Riverview A	Slater 6 suite
Anderson Double w/ random roommate (next to RA)	deKiewiet 2 person Apt		Riverview B	**Special note: Slater 436—no loft (Slater 430 suite)
Wilder Double w/ random roommate (next to RA)	Valentine 2 Person Apt		Riverview C	
deKiewiet single with RA	Maisonettes		Riverview G	
Valentine single with RA	Riverview A/B/D/E/G		Brooks Crossing	
Maisonette Single with RA	Brooks Crossing		5 people options	
Brooks Crossing	Innovation Square			
Hill Court 1-person Apt				Wilder 5 suite (2)
Shared suite with RA			Anderson 5 suite (2)	



How Does Room Selection Work?

⇒ **Please note:** If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, CA, Freshmen Fellow or D’lion, you will still need to submit an on-line application but the room selection process will be different. You will receive special instructions.

There are three steps to the process: The first step is to complete the on-line application (which includes selecting roommates), the second step is to select a room on-line, and the final step is to select a meal plan on-line.

The room selection process is based on class year seniority. Each student receives a specific day and time for selection. Rising seniors will receive the earliest days and times to select their room, followed by rising juniors and then by rising sophomores. Within class year, days and times are randomly assigned. Every student who submits a housing application will have a selection day and time assigned.

- Integral to the process is the ability to designate roommates, suitemates and apartment mates during the application submission.
- Each student will designate the other students with whom they intend to live with There must be a mutual roommate request in place for each student. Once they have selected you as a roommate, you will see a note that the mutual request is confirmed. If you are planning to select a single, you will not designate roommates.
- Be aware that if your intended roommate is not mutually selected on the housing webpage, you cannot pull them into a double, suite, or apartment and vice versa.

Students will have access to all housing types at the time they select their room – depending on remaining availability and roommate designations.

You must have the right number of students to fill the room type that you want to select – you must have six students to fill a six person suite, four students to fill a four person apartment or suite, etc.

There is only one exception to the “must fill” rule. A single student may select a double room and the remaining space in the room will be filled by another lottery participant or during the summer.

Once the room selection process is underway, students who have decided they want to live together need to determine who among them has the best selection day and time. The student with the earliest day and time will be able to look at remaining available spaces and pull all confirmed students into the housing space selected.

For example, Student A has a selection time of Wednesday, at 4:02pm. Students B, C, D, E and F are all confirmed roommates. At 4:02, Student A logs in and checks the 6 person suite availability in Anderson Tower. Student A selects Anderson 410 and then assigns each roommate to a specific room in the suite. Each of the 6 students will then receive confirmation of the building and room and will be prompted to go on-line to select a meal plan appropriate to the building. Since a room has already been selected on their behalf, students B, C, D, E and F will not need to select during their own lottery time.

Meal plans must be selected individually.

“Random” Suites for Students Without Mutually Selected Roommates

Residential Life will set aside several apartments in Riverview, and suites in Anderson, Wilder and Hill Court for students who wish to live in one of these areas but aren’t able to fill an entire suite or apartment with mutually selected roommates.

These rooms in “Random Suites and Apartments” will be available under “Random suites for students without groups” option in the lottery and will be designated as part of a Random suite or apartment.

These rooms will be listed as singles and doubles, not as part of a suite or apartment.

The apartments and suites will be designated male, female or all gender.

Big Picture Items

Who is eligible to participate in Room Selection for 2023-24?

Students in the class of 2026 and 2027 are required to live on campus (in residence halls, greek housing, or special interest housing). Juniors (2025) and Seniors (2024) are eligible but not required. Off campus students must contact Residential Life to be eligible.

Take5 , class of 2023 and E5 are not eligible for on campus housing for 2023-24.



Gender Inclusive Housing Policy

Gender-inclusive housing seeks to provide an environment that is welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited to the traditional gender binary (male and female).

We recognize that same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate for all students. Residential Life provides opportunities for students to live in singles in apartments and suites in mixed groups as well as any standard double room on a co-ed floor as well as double rooms in suites.

This housing option allows students to select roommates regardless of their sex, gender, or gender expression and to broadly choose from the relevant housing options. Unless specific mutual requests are made by the roommates, Residential Life will continue to assign students based on the standard gender binary (male/female). **If you are considering a coed double room option, please contact the Director of Housing Administration at housing@reslife.rochester.edu.**

A transgender student who seeks housing accommodations should notify Residential Life and Housing Services directly. The Director of Student Housing Administration will work with students individually to review housing options and come up with a supportive housing plan, and will facilitate these housing opportunities through the lottery process. Contact housing@reslife.rochester.edu to begin this conversation.

Medical Accommodations

Students who may need housing accommodations due to a disability must submit a request through Disabilities Services no later than Friday, April 7th

Guidelines for Accommodation Requests Due to Disability: Housing and Dining Services.

Meal Plan

All students living on campus and off campus must be on a meal plan. For students living on campus, the meal plan is tied to the residence hall you live in and relates to the availability of kitchens. The more kitchen facilities, the smaller the required meal plan. The fewer kitchen facilities, the larger the required plan options. Consider this when selecting your room for next year.

Off campus students are also required to be on meal plans. Off campus students may select any of the residential plans or a com- muter meal plan. The website for selecting a meal plan as a commuter student is <https://dining.rochester.edu/meal-plans/>. Off campus students will be able to download the dining application there. Edit the document and save your changes. Then save it as a pdf and email to mealplans@services.rochester.edu or drop it off at the ID Office in SBA Halls.

Standard Contract vs. Special Limited Contract (Juniors and Seniors ONLY)

Standard Housing Contract:

This is a binding contract for all sophomores, and also for juniors and seniors who want to live on campus regardless of where they select.

If you don't like the space you selected or you are assigned to space that you do not like, a student can file a room change request and Residential Life would attempt to do a room change for you. You are not eligible to have your contract cancelled.

Your contract is binding and remains in effect.

Special Limited Housing Contract (SLC):

This is only an option for junior and senior students. Sophomores are not eligible for the SLC option.

For juniors and seniors that select a SLC, and don't pick a room during the room lottery, Residential Life will cancel your housing contract after the room lottery is complete. SLC is a good option if you only want a specific space, like a single on the Quad or O'Brien, and want to live off-campus if those spaces are unavailable.

If you change your mind after the contract is cancelled, you can submit a new housing contract for the waiting list for housing.



Strategies

Figure out your strategy in advance.

What happens if you can't get a suite in Hill Court or Jackson Court– how will you and your friends regroup? Have you considered Southside? If you have to break up a 6 person group will it be into pairs for a Southside 2 person apartment, or groups of 3 for the Southside 3 person? Think it through in advance.

Based on last year's drawing results, about 66% of Anderson and Wilder Towers residents are sophomores.

About 63% of Hill Court residents are sophomores and 50% of Southside residents are sophomores.

Currently, 84% of the students in Brooks Crossing are seniors and 16% are juniors.

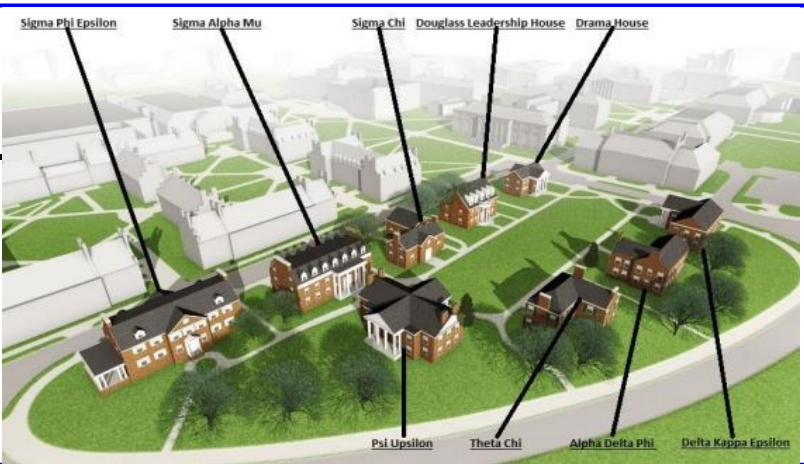
This year, 65% of the students living in Riverview were seniors and 35% were juniors.

There are approximately **200** stand alone single rooms. Most will go to seniors and juniors. If you are a sophomore and you want to have a single room, it's a better bet to try for a suite or an apartment.

Quick Tips

Remember, this is a lottery.

Not everyone gets the best time and day to select their room. Be assured that ultimately, everyone will have housing.



Meal plans are connected with residence halls. Be sure you know what the meal plan requirement is for the place you want to live. Sometimes you can save good money by thinking about this combination. **Remember that a Group 4 meal plan is cheaper**, but the plan assumes students will be buying groceries and cooking. Your financial aid takes into account you will need to buy groceries.

Check out the virtual open houses if you have never been to a particular residence hall area. The Residential Life webpage also includes floor plans, photos of rooms, suites and apartments, and walk through videos.

If you are in a Special Interest Housing group, Greek group or will be an RA, First-year Fellow D'ion, or RA apartment mate you must submit an online application but the room selection process will be different. You will receive special instructions.

You must have the right number of people to participate for suites and apartments– 6 students for the 6 person suite, 3 students for the Southside three room apartment, 4 students for the Riverview 4 person apartment.

If you want to live together in a double, suite or apartment, each student will need to mutually request each other in order for the program to put you together. **More specific details in the on-line room selection materials.**

Study Abroad: If your plan is to live off campus if you don't go abroad, don't sign up to participate in the lottery. If your back up plan is to live on campus in the fall, it is better to be on the safe side and participate in room selection. If you end up going, your housing contract is cancelled.

Off Campus Living

Juniors & Seniors are eligible to live off-campus!



➡ **Note: Do not submit a housing contract if you plan to live off campus.**

The **Office for Off Campus Living Programs** (which is part of Residential Life) provides assistance, education, and support to students who are looking for housing or residing off campus.

Contact us at:

offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu.

For additional information and resources please visit our [Off-Campus Housing page](#).

For more general information, check out our [Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

Living off campus gives students flexibility and a greater sense of freedom. There are many off-campus housing choices in and around the Rochester area. Many students look forward to being part of a neighborhood where they can immerse themselves in all of Rochester's cultural and social opportunities.

Neighborhood Ambassador Program

The Neighborhood Ambassador Program is to assist UR students with their transition to off campus living. This Program assigns experienced off-campus students to selected streets where UR students choose to live.

Neighborhood Ambassadors provide a point of contact for the student residents on their assigned streets, provide access to community resources, and build community through programming in order to ease the transition to off campus living.

This program is intended to increase the overall achievement and satisfaction of students living off-campus, provide a leadership opportunity for students, and assist in building better relations with long-term neighborhood residents.

The application for the 2023-24 school year is open and closes April 7, 2023.

Visit the [Neighborhood Ambassadors webpage](#) for the job description and application.

Email **offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu** with questions.

Commuter Dining Contract

All off campus students are required to be on a meal plan. There are special commuter plans available at:

<https://dining.rochester.edu/meal-plans/>.

Off campus students will be able to download the dining application there. Save the completed document as a pdf and email it to:

mealplans@services.rochester.edu

or drop it off at the ID Office in SBA Halls.

Listings for Off- Campus Housing

Residential Life partnered with Places4Students.com, a company that specializes in providing off-campus housing solutions for students. This service is FREE for anyone to use as an effective method of finding a place to live off-campus, placing a sublet ad, or finding a roommate. Visit our [Listings for Off-Campus Housing page](#) to learn more.



Renters Insurance: Important for On and Off Campus Living

Renter's insurance is strongly encouraged and very important for all students, regardless if they live on campus or off.

Students' personal property brought to the University is not covered for damage or loss by the University's insurance or landlord's insurance. Renter's insurance should provide full coverage for you and your belongings in the event of theft or some type of damage. We strongly suggest you review your family's homeowner's insurance to determine what is covered by that policy or can be covered with a rider to that policy. Specifically review theft of your property because many policies may cover damage but not loss.

The University has also identified additional sources that provide insurance coverage for residence hall students. While we cannot endorse these companies, we do recommend you review all the options and obtain coverage in case your property is damaged or lost.

[National Student Services, Inc.](#) is another option and offers several different insurance plans for students living on campus.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March ?	Contract information distributed to students via email
March 17	On-line contract submission begins
March 31	Special Interest Housing & Greek member lists due to Reslife
April 7	Deadline for all SIH, Quad Houses, and Greek Housing students to submit on-line contracts
April 12	Contract Deadline– on-line submission process closes 11:59 pm, EDT
April 14	Selection dates and times available on web housing site (https://housing.ur.rochester.edu/myrescenterweb)
April 17-21	On-line Room Selection (8am-6pm daily) M-F
April 24	First day to submit Room Change Request forms for 2023-24 academic year
April 30	Last day to complete Dining Contract on-line 11:59 pm

Basic Connectivity Information

Housing Contract/application submission occurs on <https://housing.ur.rochester.edu/myrescenterweb> (site will open on **March 17**)

If you are trying to log in from offcampus, you will need to secure a **VPN**. Follow the instruction in this link: <https://tech.rochester.edu/remot e-access-vpn-tutorials/>

Reminders:

- **Recommended Browsers:** Explorer, Firefox (**DO NOT USE SAFARI OR CHROME**)
- The application process does **NOT** work on smart phones
- Login is your 8-digit students ID number for the username AND password



EXPLORE

Upperclass housing

RISING SOPHOMORES!

Come tour your upperclass housing options! Program is April 4 from 6-9pm. Tours will leave from the first-year hill and first-year quad every hour (6pm, 7pm, & 8pm).



HILL COURT



JACKSON COURT



BURTON-CROSBY



SOUTHSIDE