Housing Lottery Selection
General Information

2016 – 2017
INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains housing information and options for living on campus as a returning student, and how to participate in the online housing selection lottery. All students are issued their lottery numbers for all 3 remaining years, in order to plan for living on or off campus. All sophomores are required to live on campus unless commuting from home and a local address is documented. Seniors and juniors are then able to select from remaining spaces, with seniors having seniority to select first.

As a continuing resident student, you will select a room with a roommate or a single assignment for the upcoming academic year. Students will have the opportunity to select housing within our 16 specialized theme houses, Metcalf Program, Healthy living (Lewis Hall), Sophia Gordon (Seniors Only), Stratton Hall (Seniors Only), Hillside Apartments, Latin Way Apartments, and various other residence halls. In order to prepare for selecting a room for the upcoming academic year, please read this booklet thoroughly and attend one of the housing information sessions that will be advertised at the start of the spring semester.

The Office of Residential Life and Learning (ORLL) offers a number of additional resources to assist you:

- Our home page (http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife) contains general housing information.
- View the tutorial for instructions on using the Online Housing Management Portal on our website – http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife. You will be able to view a demonstration of how to navigate the system online.
- Visit our office located in South Hall on the first floor which is open Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm or call at 617-627-3248.
- Email us at reslife@tufts.edu with questions.
- Floor plans are available online or in the ORLL office

We look forward to assisting with any questions!

Yolanda King
Director
GENERAL HOUSING INFORMATION

LOTTERY NUMBERS
There are a wide variety of housing options available to enrolled returning undergraduates. Your options increase with class seniority and assigned lottery number. Students can only use the lottery numbers assigned to them. Students cannot trade, exchange, give away or “sell” their lottery number.

EXEMPTION FROM HOUSING
All returning first years (rising sophomores) are required to reside in University housing to complete the two year residency requirement. There are exceptions to this requirement.

1. You are a rising sophomore accepted to live in a Fraternity/Sorority house. You are exempted from living in one of the residence halls/houses. *(Once accepted, you cannot participate in the housing lottery.)*
2. You are a rising sophomore who has been approved to commute.
3. You are transferring to another school.

Rising seniors are next in seniority to select from available housing once rooms have been put in reserve for freshmen and sophomores. Rising juniors are also able to participate in lottery based on room availability. Rising juniors are not generally guaranteed on campus housing but there will be limited housing available. As a rising junior, if you are unable to select an assignment during the lottery period, you will be able to go on a waitlist. Historically juniors who have been on the waitlist have secured an assignment before the start of the new school year.

WAITLIST
Rising seniors and juniors may request to be placed on a waitlist if they are not able to select a room. Students on the waitlist are on the list by order of their lottery number and class year. The staff will contact students via email to either select online, or accept a specific room assignment from the ORLL office. We typically do not accept waitlist requests for students that wish to move to another building or a single room during the housing lottery.

5TH YEAR NUMBERS
Only students who are enrolled in a 5th year/dual degree program are eligible for a 5th year lottery number (9,000 range). If you are a senior who needs more time to complete your degree, you will be assigned a lottery number in the regular senior range of 8,999 – 7,500. *Seniors must make this request to the ORLL ASAP.*

STUDENTS WHO ARE PLANNING TO TRANSFER
If you have applied to other schools and are thinking about transferring, we ask that you do not participate in the housing selection process. If you are a rising sophomore you are guaranteed housing and if you decide not to transfer you will still get on campus housing. Any student who is considering transferring and signs up for housing will have until May 30th to cancel in order for all housing charges and the $750.00 commitment fee to be fully refunded.
STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

**Fall Study Abroad:** Do not sign up for Fall Housing. A room for Spring 2017 will be assigned before the start of Spring 2017. You must file a Study Abroad Leave of Absence form with the Office of Undergraduate Studies no later than April 15, 2016.

**Spring Study Abroad:** Proceed with lottery as normal. To avoid the cancelation fee, you must file a Study Abroad Leave of Absence form with the Office of Undergraduate Studies no later than November 30, 2016. **If you do not cancel your housing by the deadlines listed above you may forfeit the return of your commitment fee as outlined in the terms of the housing agreement.**

MEDICAL/PERSOAL LEAVE

Students who are on medical/personal leaves cannot participate in lottery unless you have been cleared to return prior to the start of housing selection. Once you have been cleared by the Dean’s Office to return, ORLL will work with each individual student on making an assignment.

HOUSING LICENSE AGREEMENT/BILLING/COMMITMENT FEE

When you go into the Housing Management Portal to sign up for housing, you will be able to read the terms and conditions for signing up for a room for the academic year. Once you have thoroughly read the agreement you will be required to check the box to confirm before you can continue on in the portal. There are some important pieces of information to note:

- The housing agreement is for the full academic year (**both fall 2016 and spring 2017**) unless you are studying abroad.
- The housing agreement contains the residency dates for 2016-2017 in regards to when a student can move in and out of the halls. These dates will always be posted on our website and in the guide to living on campus – Habitats.
- Housing charges are billed in two parts - a $750.00 housing commitment charge and the room charge portion, which is the total for living on campus each semester.
- Housing commitment charge of $750.00 that is part of the overall room charge is **non-refundable** for any student-initiated cancellation at any time of the semester. The exceptions apply to students who are studying abroad and who are transferring and meet the cancellation deadlines as outlined in this booklet, the housing agreement, and Habitats.

VACANCIES AND ROOM CONSOLIDATION

ORLL strives for full occupancy in our residence halls which, include apartments and small theme houses. However, if a vacancy occurs in a multiple occupancy room, the remaining student(s) will have the following options:

1. When the vacancy occurs, you will have 72 business hours to pull in a new roommate who is already assigned a space in on-campus housing.
2. You may receive a new roommate assigned by ORLL from the waitlist or who is an incoming transfer student.
3. For those who fail to pull in another roommate in the allotted 72 business hours, the ORLL may consolidate students who have vacancies in their rooms and reside in the same building. This can occur during the semester, winter recess or summer months.
4. The ORLL will post all available vacancies in multiple-occupancy rooms at the front desk for students who are looking to move. The student will be able to move without receiving permission from the current occupant of the room. As a courtesy, the ORLL will contact the student in advance regarding the new roommate.

Discouraging potential room/suite mates from moving into the vacant space or interfering with the housing placement process in any way is considered a violation of residential community standards. Any student who visits a potential new room assignment is expected to be welcomed by the current resident without any suggestion that the space is not available.

Any student found responsible for this type of behavior will be required to meet with the Assistant Director of Community and Judicial Affairs. A 200-point deduction from their lottery number will be imposed for each time a student discourages someone from moving in. When students sign up for the next on-campus housing selection process, the total deduction will be processed.

LOTTERY NUMBER RANGES

Listed below are the lottery numbers assigned to each class. Your lottery number designates when you may select your housing. The order of selection begins with the higher number and continues to the lowest. Housing is only guaranteed for rising sophomores and not for juniors and seniors.

Juniors (Rising Seniors):
8999-7500

Sophomores (Rising Juniors):
5999-4500

First Year (Rising Sophomores):
2999-1500
**SPECIAL THEME HOUSING**

Tufts offers undergraduates a chance to live with fellow students who share similar cultural or academic interests. Descriptions of these programs are available from each house manager or in the Office of Residential Life and Learning. Each special program has its own application and selection process. To learn about the houses, you can visit them, view their websites, call Residential Life and Learning for information or contact the advisor or house manager(s). Students currently living in a Special Theme House can select up to two students to return.

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House Description

AFRICANA HOUSE
The Africana House (Capen House, 8 Professors Row), in conjunction with the Africana Center, offers students interested in African culture a place to live together and share common experiences. Traditional programs for this house include the Peer Advisor Program, and the celebration of Black History Month are coordinated with the Africana Center.

ARTS HOUSE
The Arts Haus (Bartol House, 37 Sawyer Ave) is for students interested in an active and artistically diverse environment to live together. During the year there are numerous events that encompass a wide variety of artistic mediums.

ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURE HOUSE
The Asian American Culture House (Start House, 17 Latin Way) welcomes students interested in the Asian American experience. Residents organize activities related to the Asian American experience. Past activities have included an art exhibit, a food fair, informal afternoon gatherings with faculty, and discussions/talks on Asian American issues and topics.

CHINESE HOUSE
The Chinese House (90-92 Curtis St), is a language based house in collaboration with the Chinese Language Program. The Chinese House provides an environment outside the classroom to promote and facilitate language learning, cross-cultural exchange, and understanding within the larger community at Tufts.

CRAFTS HOUSE
The Crafts House (Anthony House, 14 Professors Row) is a cooperative living and learning community. The members are dedicated to the operation of the Crafts Center, where members conduct workshops and share craft knowledge and techniques. The Crafts House also operates as a food cooperative, where residents share responsibility for the purchase, preparations, and cleanup of meals.

FRENCH LANGUAGE HOUSE
The French House (Schmalz House, 11 Whitfield Road), is established in collaboration with the French Language Program. Its raison d’etre (mission) is to provide residents the opportunity to improve their French language skills, gain exposure to French and francophone cultures. A unique feature of this program is two French exchange students live within the community.

GERMAN LANGUAGE HOUSE
The German House (Wyeth House, 21 Whitfield Rd), is established in collaboration with the German Language Program for residents to enhance their understanding of the German language and culture. Traditionally, residents have hosted “Coffee Hours” for other students, and the house also acts as a resource center, offering practice sessions to students studying German.
GREEN HOUSE
The Green House (Latin Way, D250’s Suite) is intended as a focal point for the environmentally-minded community at Tufts, bringing eco-friendly students, organizations, and faculty together. The Green House will promote the spread of knowledge and passion for sustainable living. The house will provide a living space for environmentally interested students and a meeting place for the larger Tufts community.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE HOUSE
The International Culture House (Davies House, 13 Sawyer Ave) is intended to create an environment in which residents can experience an intercultural living arrangement and foster intercultural friendships and experiences. Residents of the International House consist of a mix of students from different nationalities and cultures, including representation of Americans.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE HOUSE
The Japanese House (12 Dearborn), in collaboration with the Japanese Program provides residents an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the Japanese language, and culture. The residents gather bi-weekly for dinner, and weekly for language “chats,” and celebrate Japanese holidays and cultural events.

JEWISH CULTURE HOUSE
The Jewish Culture House or Bayit (Hall House, 98 Packard Ave) provides a setting in which students can live and develop in a Jewish communal atmosphere. Residents sponsor programs aimed at informing the community about Jewish issues and culture. The residents also maintain a kosher kitchen.

LATINO CULTURE HOUSE
The Latino Culture House (La Casa) (Milne House, 8-10 Whitfield Rd) provides a support system to the Latino community at Tufts, welcoming students interested in the Latino Culture, and Latino issues. In conjunction with the Latino Center, residents sponsor activities and events to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Latino culture.

MUSLIM HOUSE
The Muslim House (176 Curtis Street) offers both Muslim and non-Muslim residents the opportunity of living in a uniquely Muslim environment. Residents are able to enhance a cultural experience and expanding knowledge of Islam within a closely-knit community experience.

RAINBOW HOUSE
The Rainbow House (160’s Hillside Apartments), provides a “gay-friendly” atmosphere where students can live and interact. The unit brings issues of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students to the entire Tufts community through educational, social, and community programming. The Rainbow House also serves as a social outlet for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their friends.
RUSSIAN/SLAVIC CULTURE HOUSE
The Russian/Slavic Culture House (101 Talbot Avenue) in conjunction with the Russian and East-European Program provides an atmosphere where residents of similar interests in Russian and East-European culture increase their understanding through lectures, films, and ethnic dinners. Students interested in applying need to: have taken/taking courses in Russian and East-European culture and history, of Slavic or East-European background, or have a demonstrated interest in the field. Knowledge and use of Russian is NOT a requirement, though the unit does provide an opportunity for language practice.

SPANISH LANGUAGE HOUSE
The Spanish House (Chandler House, 125 Powder House Blvd.), in conjunction with the Spanish Program enables residents to develop greater fluency in Spanish, and enhance their understanding of Spanish & Latin American countries, life styles, and cultures. Residents hold weekly events, where members of the Tufts community can stop by and enjoy Spanish refreshments and conversation.

Contact information for the house advisor or manager can be found on the Residential Life and Learning website: http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife/housing/special.asp.

FRATERNITY/SORORITY HOUSING
A fraternity or sorority chapter house is defined as a residential unit affiliated with Tufts University where all of the residents are members of a Tufts University recognized Fraternity and Sorority as defined by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL). There are thirteen recognized houses on Tufts Campus, eight of which are owned and operated by Tufts or its affiliate Walnut Hill and five which are independently owned and operated by the organization alumni house corporations. Sophomores can fulfill their on campus housing requirement in any of the thirteen houses as long as the house meets the requirements set forth by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. Housing assignments go directly through the organization and is reported to the OFSL. All sophomores intending to live in a fraternity or sorority house, regardless of type of house, are required to fill out an intent to live in fraternity or sorority housing form, available at the Residential Life Office. This form must be turned into the OFSL by March 1, 2016.
The Metcalf Living and Learning Community is designed to create opportunities for students to bridge academic and non-academic life, to enhance intellectual life and personal development, to increase out-of-class experience with faculty, and to build a sense of community in residential living by expanding the range of shared activities and programs.

**ON-CAMPUS APARTMENTS**
Apartments are available for groups of two, three, four, or six students. Each unit has its own kitchen, bathroom, and communal area. On-campus apartment residents are not required to purchase a university meal plan. At this time, apartments are single gender, unless otherwise stated by the University.

The two important factors in selecting an apartment are your apartment mates and the specific apartment layout. Some apartments have only double rooms, while most have a combination of singles and doubles. A conversation now about who will room together is critical. **Students who sign up for apartments as a group are responsible for their own cleaning.**

Apartments are selected in lottery number order using the average of all applicants’ numbers. If a member of your apartment cancels out of the apartment for any other reason than to study abroad, the entire group will lose the apartment. If a vacancy occurs in an apartment during the semester of the new school year, the group will have 72 hours to fill the space with a student who **already has housing on-campus.** If the group cannot fill the space, the ORLL will fill the space.

**SOPHIA GORDON HALL**
Sophia Gordon is available for **SENIORS** to consider as part of their on campus housing for the academic year. Sophia Gordon has many features such as a large multipurpose common room with theatre space, a second floor mezzanine, enclosed study lounges, bike storage, elevators, 24 four-person suites, and 4 six person suites. There are two housing options for you to choose from as you make plans for completing the application.

**SOPHIA APARTMENT LOTTERY 4-PERSON SUITES**
If you are interested in the 4-person suites, you will be able to apply as a single gender group or co-ed group.

**SOPHIA GENERAL APARTMENT SINGLES**
If you are interested in applying for a single in one of the 6-person suites we have reserved one for males, one for females, and two that will be coed. You will be able to select one of these singles during General Lottery.

**WREN HALL**
Wren Hall is available for rising sophomores. Students interested in this option must sign up together as a 10-person group. There are 10 male suites, 10 female suites, and 1 gender neutral suite (manually assigned).
GENDER NEUTRAL HOUSING

Gender Neutral Housing is an on campus housing option available to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Gender Neutral housing is an arrangement whereby two students, regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation may mutually agree to share a room within designated residence hall(s) and apartment(s) on campus.

The following housing options are available:
- Bush Hall (all floors)
- Carmichael Hall (all floors)
- South Hall (all floors)
- Latin Way (One 10-person suite)
- Hillsides (Rainbow House, One 10-person suite)
- Wren (One Suite)

TRANSGENDER HOUSING

Residential Life and the LGBT Center will work with students who identify as transgender and may need additional assistance/support when selecting housing. You may contact the Director of the LGBT Center at 617-627-3770 or Nino.testa@tufts.edu.
GENERAL RESIDENCE HALLS

As a returning student, you have the option to select from a wide variety of standard residence halls and houses. All of the following residence halls can be selected during general lottery for upperclassmen and rising sophomores.

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These staffed halls are a mix of upperclassmen, rising sophomores, and first year students. They can be selected during the general lottery for upperclassmen and rising sophomores.

RICHARDSON HOUSE – Downhill
Richardson is a female only staffed hall and is a mix of upperclassmen, rising sophomores, and first year students. This is available during the general lottery for both upperclassmen and rising sophomores students.

HILLSIDES SUITES - Uphill
These are unstaffed apartments/suites for upperclassmen and rising sophomores. Both singles and doubles are available and the suites are co-ed. Students sign up for these spaces on an individual basis and not as a group. Students will not be able to control who else lives in the suite. If there is a vacancy at any time, it will be filled by the Residential Life and Learning Office.

LATIN WAY SUITES – Downhill
These are unstaffed suites for upperclassmen and rising sophomores. Both singles and doubles are available and the suites are co-ed. Students sign up for these spaces on an individual basis not as a group. Students will not be able to select who else lives in the suite. If there is a vacancy at any time, it will be filled by the Residential Life and Learning Office.

STRATTON and SOPHIA GORDON – Downhill
Stratton and Sophia Gordon are available to rising seniors only. All rooms in Stratton are single rooms. All of Stratton Hall and 24 spaces in the Sophia Gordon duplexes are available seniors only during the general upperclassmen housing lottery. Students will not be able to select who else lives in the apartment in Sophia Gordon. If there is a vacancy at any time, it will be filled by the Residential Life and Learning Office.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where can I find information for Housing Selection?

   Students can easily access Housing Selection information via the ORLL Website (http://ase.tufts.edu/reslife), or by stopping by our office located in South hall, open Monday through Friday, 9am – 5pm, to ask questions. Students may also call the office at 617-627-3248.

2. When does the housing lottery happen?

   During spring semester of each academic year, and a detailed calendar is posted online on the Tufts Reslife website. Lottery information is also sent out via email so please check your Tufts email account regularly.

3. How are lottery numbers assigned?

   Your lottery number is assigned by a random number generator program within ranges for each class year. The sophomore and senior numbers are reciprocal of each other to ensure equity.

4. Can I change my lottery number?

   All lottery numbers are generated by a computer program by class year. Unless there is a valid discrepancy with a number, they are not changed. You cannot buy, sell, or trade your lottery number; your lottery numbers are associated with you specifically, like your ID number.

5. I’m a transfer student and have not received a lottery number. When can I expect to?

   Any transfer student who did not receive a lottery number should contact the ORLL as soon as possible, before the housing lottery begins.

6. What do I do if I want to live in a Special Interest House?

   Applications and selection for small group houses are done before lottery begins. If you have an interest in a Special Interest House, please contact the advisor to see if there are any more spaces in the house before you make a lottery selection. Spaces in Special Interest Houses will not be available after the completion of lottery. **You cannot participate in any lottery if you sign up for a Special Interest House.**

7. When/How will I receive my time to select a room assignment?

   You will be notified **via your Tufts email** when you may go online and select your assignment.

8. I’m currently abroad this semester and plan on living on campus in fall 2016, but I have not received a lottery number. When can I expect to receive it?

   Students who are abroad should be able to view their lottery number via webcenter. If you cannot access your number, please contact ORLL at reslife@tufts.edu.
9. Can rising juniors and seniors who are planning not to live on-campus for the 2016-2017 academic year give their lottery numbers away?

Students may not give their lottery numbers away. Students are assigned their 3 sets of lottery numbers based on class year and with equity within their classification. Again, you cannot buy, sell, or trade your lottery number; your lottery numbers are associated with you specifically, like your ID number.

10. I’m abroad for the spring 2016 semester and would like to select housing for the 2016-2017 academic year. What should I do?

You can select housing online during your allotted time for yourself, or you can join a group that is trying for an on-campus apartment. If you choose to join a group, plan accordingly (who will be the group leader, how best to contact people quickly, etc...). Be sure to keep an eye on your Tufts email account because that is where all announcements will be sent.

11. Some of our apartment/suite members will be abroad for the fall, others for the spring. What should we do?

Only the students that will be on-campus during the fall semester should apply for housing. Students that will be returning during the spring semester need to fill out the spring return form that will be available online on the ORLL website starting in November. The students that are leaving for the spring term must be sure to cancel their housing and bring a copy of their Study Abroad program acceptance letter to the ORLL in order to release the room.

PLEASE DO NOT have students who are planning not to live on-campus in the fall as part of your group during lottery selection.

12. I am not going to be on-campus for fall 2016, but I want housing for spring 2017. What should I do?

Do not sign up for housing if you are not here for the fall. If you sign up for housing in the fall, you will have to cancel your housing, and you will not be guaranteed that space back in the spring. You cannot “hold” a space until the spring.

If you plan to return in the spring, you will need to fill out a spring return form. The form is available on the ORLL website starting in November 2016. You can list preferences for buildings or even specific apartments and rooms. We cannot guarantee your requests, but our office tries to match your preferences as long as we have the vacancy.

13. What if I cannot be online at my specific housing selection time?

You should plan to make time for housing selection. If you are the Group Leader of an apartment group/suite, you MUST be available during the selection time.

If you cannot be online during your selection time, or you miss your selection time, you will still be able to select as long as that particular lottery is open. If you miss lottery entirely, you need to contact our office.
14. What if there are no more housing spaces available when I select online?

For first year continuing/rising sophomores: Sophomores are guaranteed a space on campus. If you do not select a space during any of the housing lotteries, you will be assigned a space and a roommate.

For continuing upperclass (seniors/juniors): Students who wish to live on campus may contact our office to place their name on a waitlist. As spaces allotted for juniors and seniors become available, the ORLL will contact students in order of lottery number throughout the summer.

15. I’m a first year continuing/rising sophomore, can I select a single?

There are a limited number of singles allotted for sophomores based on class size each year. These rooms are on a first come, first serve basis determined by your lottery number. Singles are **not** guaranteed.

16. What if I don’t have a roommate by the time I have to select an assignment?

Again, we encourage all students to select a roommate prior to making a room selection. As a continuing first year/rising sophomore, you will be able to sign up for auto-allocation online, and you will be assigned a roommate and room.

17. What if the roommate that I select an assignment with cancels their housing?

Students remaining in the room will have 72 hours (three business days) to pull in a student. If this cannot occur, the ORLL will assign another student to the vacancy. You should expect another student to be assigned to the room.

18. I am a continuing first year/rising sophomore, but I do not wish to live on-campus for the 2016-2017 academic year. What should I do?

At this time, all first-year and sophomore students are required to live on-campus. Tufts University has a 2-year residency requirement for its students on the Medford/Somerville campus. Exceptions are made for students who are commuting. In order to commute, students must provide documentation stating that they will be living with a relative, parental sign off is also required, and this relative must come into the ORLL office to sign the paperwork. Documentation will include a photo ID of the relative with proof that they are indeed 25 years of age or older. Students will also be required to meet with the Director of Residential Life and Learning. Final approval will then be determined by the Director and a member of the Dean of Student Affairs staff.

19. I am a continuing first year/sophomore and will be living in a fraternity or sorority for the 2016-2017 academic year. What do I do?

You must fill out the “Intent to Reside in Fraternity/Sorority Housing” form and submit it to the ORLL. Forms can be found in the ORLL. If you sign up for housing and then cancel to live in a Fraternity or Sorority, you will be charged the $750.00 housing fee.
20. I am a rising junior or senior, and I do not want to live on-campus next year. What do I do?

**Do not sign up for housing.** You are not automatically signed up for housing and there is nothing more you need to do.

21. What do I do if I plan transfer?

Students planning on transferring should first read the Campus Housing – Billing and Cancellation Policies in the Tufts University Undergraduate Housing Agreement. Students have until May 30th to cancel their housing. Cancellation after this point will incur the $750.00 housing fee.

22. If my group applies for an apartment or suite, and we are not successful, what are my options?

You can participate in the general lottery.

23. Can rising juniors and rising sophomores live in an apartment together?

Yes, only if your group average qualifies for a selection time. If you have mixed classes within your apartment, all members must have full intentions to live there. If anyone cancels for reasons other than studying abroad the remaining members will lose the apartment.

24. If one of the students that applied to an apartment with us studies abroad/transfers/moves off campus, does that mean we will lose the apartment?

Please only select students that are interested in remaining at Tufts for the fall semester to live in an on-campus housing apartment with you.

25. What is the “average” lottery number to get into _____________building?

The lottery numbers and averages for specific buildings are dynamic and vary wildly from year to year. We advise students to try for the specific location that they prefer, but have other back up options in mind.

26. What if I am not in a group but want to live in an apartment?

There are rooms available through general lottery in Sophia Gordon, Latin Way, and Hillside Apartments referred to as suites. This includes both doubles and singles in Latin Way and Hillsides. These selections can be mixed gender within the apartment.