

# HOUSING SELECTION

26-27!

*A Guide To Housing Selection*



*So easy, a bobcat  
can do it!*

# Goals for Today's Session

- UNDERSTAND THE HOUSING SELECTION PROCESS
- ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
- SHARE WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR



# The Selection Process

Spring Housing Selection is the process for current students to select housing for the upcoming academic year in the HouseCat Portal.

1  
Submit  
Application  
on HouseCat

2  
Form  
Roommate  
Group  
(*optional*)

3  
Wait For  
Your  
Timeslot

4  
Select  
Your  
Housing

# Timeline & Deadlines

Seniors		Juniors		Sophomores	
Senior Applications Due	Monday March 23	Junior Applications Due	Monday March 30	Sophomore Applications Due	Monday April 6
Senior Timeslots Released	Tuesday March 24	Junior Timeslots Released	Tuesday March 31	Sophomore Timeslots Released	Tuesday April 7
Senior Selection Begins	Wednesday March 25	Junior Selection Begins	Wednesday April 1	Sophomore Selection Begins	Wednesday April 8
Senior Selection Ends	Thursday March 26	Junior Selection Ends	Thursday April 2	Sophomore Selection Ends	Friday April 10

# What's New This Year?

**JB Parking:  
Offline next year!**

**Hayes house is in selection  
this year.**

**Small and Wood St. Houses will  
be unavailable in selection.**



# The Selection Process



# Step 1: Submit Application

## THE APPLICATION CONSISTS OF:

- 1 HOUSING CONTRACT
- 2 OTHER AGREEMENTS  
*(Accommodations, Designated Communities, etc.)*
- 3 PERSONAL DETAILS & PROFILE

Every student must submit an application by the due date for their respective class year in order to participate in that round of housing selection.



### Lifestyle Questions

Describe your social style:

Low outgoing

I prefer to socialize:

Away from my room

I expect overnight guests:

Sometimes

I smoke:

No

Tolerate smoker as a roommate:

No

I typically wake up:

Before 6:00 am

On weekdays, I go to bed:

After 2:00 am

You can update  
this information  
at any time!

**PERSONAL DETAILS & PROFILE**

# Step 2: Form Roommate Group

- The group leader is an important person!
  - Add members, remove members, delete group, change the leader.
  - Selects housing on behalf of the entire group during the group's assigned timeslot.
- You will be able to make changes to your group during active selection.
- Mixed class year groups must be coordinated with the ResLife Office.

## Tools for finding a roommate:

- Roommate Matching Mixer - Wednesday 3/11 - Chase Lounge - 7:30pm
- Reach out to your JA or CA, others in your social circles, clubs and orgs, or teams to see if they are looking for roommates or know others who are!
- [Roommate Matching Guide](#) on the website

## **Step 2: Deciding who to live with**



- Friends don't always make great roommates, and that's okay!
- Think about where you want to live AND what you are likely to be able to select.
  - Take a look at the Stats from 2025 to get an idea of what is likely!
- Remember it's a year long commitment and selection is a binding decision, so really think through what is best for you.

# **Step 2: Conversations to have**



- **Talk about *HOW* you want to live, not just where you want to live**
  - **cleanliness, study habits in the room, having friends over, when you tend to go to bed and wake up, etc.**
  - **what your living space means to you**
- **Be honest with your friends in a kind way.**
- **It's okay to say 'no, thank you'!**
- **Reach out to ResLife, your JA/CA, your SSA, family, etc. for support figuring out how to talk to your friend.**

# Step 3: Wait For Your Timeslot

## Wait for Timeslot

You will receive an email from housing with your selection time. Please review the [housing selection timeline](#) on our website to see when timeslots will be released for your group size, as to best prepare yourself and your potential roommate(s) for a successful selection process.

### Your Timeslot Information:

Your Room Selection Timeslot is: 02/20/2025 11:05 AM

A timeslot is the start time for you to enter the Room Selection portion of the HouseCat housing portal to pick and confirm your room for the upcoming year. Timeslots are randomly assigned to each roommate group or single student for each class year selection. The group leader will be the person to enter the HouseCat portal during selection to pick a room. They can take as much time as you want in the portal, but please be advised other groups will continue to enter the portal and select. If you are a single person with no group, you are your own group leader. Timeslots **expire** after a process has ended.

Refresh



In the decades to come, success will go to the institutions that know who they are and how to engage effectively with the forces that are

### Contact

Office of Residence Life  
Chase Hall, Suite 001  
Monday- Friday 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
207-786-6215

## Timeslot Info:

When timeslots are released for your class year, your randomized timeslot will appear in HouseCat! Everyone in a roommate group gets the same timeslot.

# **Step 4: Select Housing!**

**When your assigned timeslot is active, your group leader will log into HouseCat, select the desired room and assign each bed for every person in their group.**

## **Important Selection Info:**

- **If you are not in a roommate group, you will select housing on your own at your assigned timeslot and choose from the available single rooms inventory.**
- **Your group will only be able to see rooms/suites where the number of beds exactly matches the number of students in the group.**
- **You will be able to make changes to your group during selection... SO be prepared to be in the portal on selection night to confirm changes, create a new group, etc.**
- **Similar to buying concert tickets, once you add to cart, you have a limited time to confirm**

# Select a building!

## Features:

- Additional building info
- Links to floor plans

Select a building below to get started! You can always change the filters to broaden your search or get more specific on the following pages.



### 96 Campus Ave

[Click Here for Building Floorplans](#)

96 Campus Ave Building Info:

- **Kitchen:** Full Kitchen
- **Single User Bathrooms:** Each Floor: Multiple
- **All Gender Bathrooms:** All single user bathrooms
- **A/C:** False
- **Elevator:** True

Select



### Chase House

[Click Here for Building Floorplans](#)

Chase House Building Info:

- **Kitchen:** Partial: Fridge, Microwave, Sink
- **Single User Bathrooms:** Floors 1 & 3: One
- **All Gender Bathrooms:** All single user bathrooms
- **A/C:** False
- **Elevator:** False

Select



### Cheney House: Designated Quiet

[Click Here for Building Floorplans](#)

Cheney House Building Info:

- **Kitchen:** Partial: Fridge, Microwave, Sink
- **Single User Bathrooms:** Floor 3: One
- **All Gender Bathrooms:** All single user bathrooms
- **A/C:** False
- **Elevator:** False

Select

# Look for Rooms

## Features:

- Additional room information on this page
- Search by room type, building, or building attributes
- Icons for building attributes
- Show Room Info!

**Room Information:** Some basic information is available on this screen for each room. Click 'Show Room Info' for much more info!

**Filters:** You can filter to see different room options based on the categories below. A key for the building attributes images is at the bottom of the page.

**Add to Cart:** Once you select a room or suite, all beds in that room/suite will be added to your cart automatically. Your group size must match the beds available in the room/suite exactly. The room you select will be held in your cart for 5 minutes. **Keep in mind** that others are also in the portal selecting rooms and that means **availability may change** as you are looking.

[Check current room availability here!](#)

### Room Types

- 2 Room Double
- 3 Person Suite- Double
- 3 Person Suite- Single
- 3 Person Suite- Triple
- 4 Person Suite- Double

### Locations

- 10 Frye Street
- 96 Campus Ave
- Adams Hall
- Chase House
- Cheney House: Designated Quiet



Chu 309



2

Sq Ft: 201

Flooring: Laminate

[Show Room Info](#)

Add To Cart



Chu 310



2

Sq Ft: 205

Flooring: Laminate

[Show Room Info](#)

Add To Cart



Chu 311



2

Sq Ft: 203

Flooring: Laminate

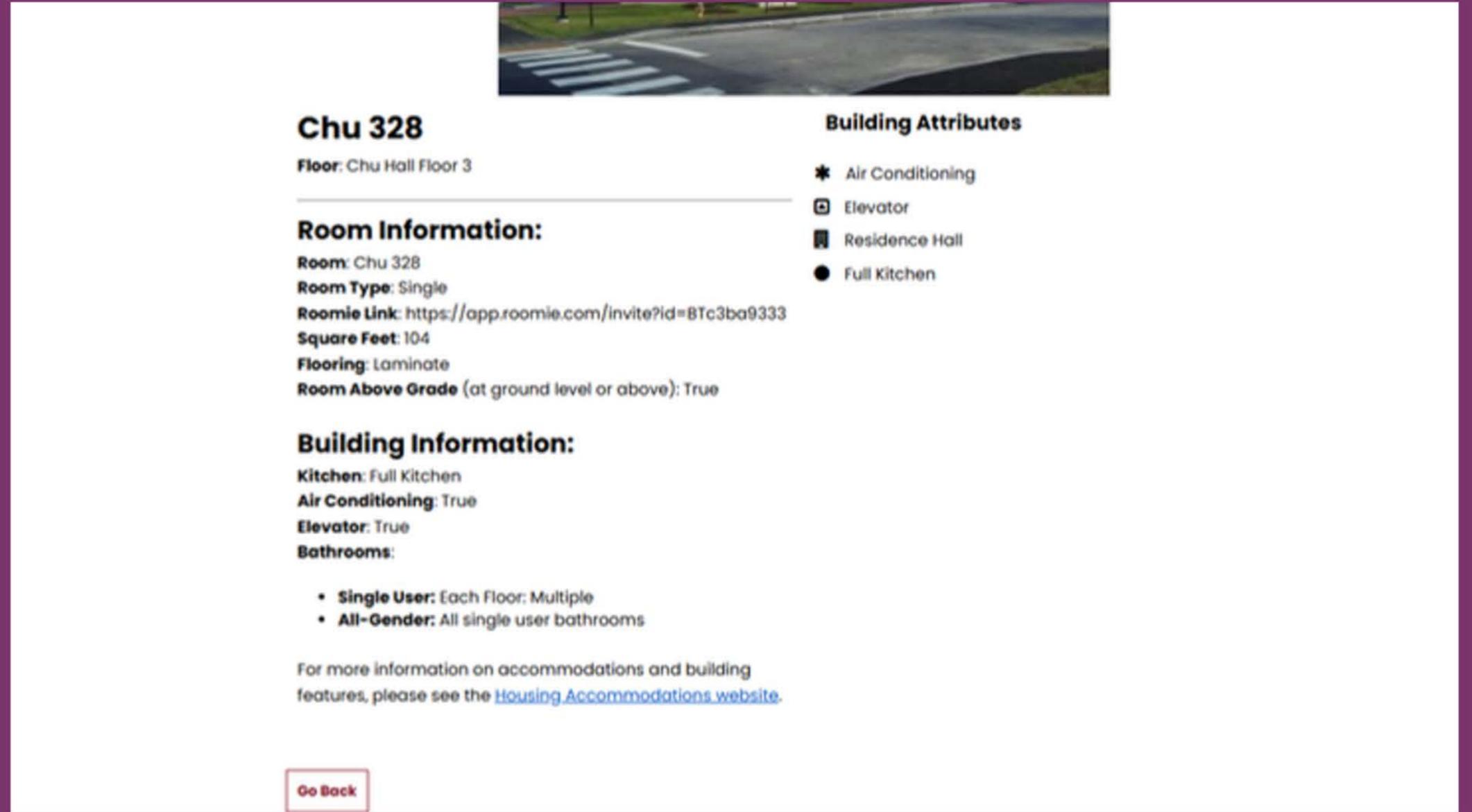
[Show Room Info](#)

Add To Cart

# Look for Rooms

## Features:

- So much more information about the room, building, and accommodations
- 3D room models now available ahead of time (Roomie links)



The screenshot displays a Roomie listing for 'Chu 328'. At the top right is a photograph of a paved walkway with a crosswalk. The listing details are as follows:

- Chu 328**  
Floor: Chu Hall Floor 3
- Room Information:**  
Room: Chu 328  
Room Type: Single  
Roomie Link: <https://app.roomie.com/invite?id=BTc3ba9333>  
Square Feet: 104  
Flooring: Laminate  
Room Above Grade (at ground level or above): True
- Building Information:**  
Kitchen: Full Kitchen  
Air Conditioning: True  
Elevator: True  
Bathrooms:
  - **Single User:** Each Floor: Multiple
  - **All-Gender:** All single user bathrooms
- Building Attributes:**
  - \* Air Conditioning
  - ☑ Elevator
  - 🏠 Residence Hall
  - Full Kitchen

For more information on accommodations and building features, please see the [Housing Accommodations website](#).

At the bottom left, there is a red-bordered button labeled 'Go Back'.

# Availability Website

Selection Availability	Building	Room	Beds	Room Type Description
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 105	10 Frye 105B-1	3 Person Suite- Triple
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 105	10 Frye 105B-2	3 Person Suite- Triple
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 105	10 Frye 105B-3	3 Person Suite- Triple
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 107	10 Frye 107A-1	4 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 107	10 Frye 107A-2	4 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 107	10 Frye 107C-1	4 Person Suite- Single
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 107	10 Frye 107D-1	4 Person Suite- Single
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 202	10 Frye 202A-1	3 Person Suite- Single
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 202	10 Frye 202C-1	3 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 202	10 Frye 202C-2	3 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 207	10 Frye 207C-1	4 Person Suite- Single
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 207	10 Frye 207D-1	4 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 207	10 Frye 207D-2	4 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 207	10 Frye 207E-1	4 Person Suite- Single
Has Been Selected	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 302	10 Frye 302D-1	Double
Has Been Selected	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 302	10 Frye 302D-2	Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 303	10 Frye 303A-1	3 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 303	10 Frye 303A-2	3 Person Suite- Double
Available	10 Frye Street	10 Frye 303	10 Frye 303E-1	3 Person Suite- Single
Has Been Selected	96 Campus Ave	96 Campus Ave 111	96 Campus Ave 111A-1	Single

**This is the Housing Selection Availability website that will show each room, some of the room and building features, and whether or not it has been selected. This website will update every 10 minutes during active selection rounds and will update daily outside of that.**

# Reminders

Students can change groups during Selection

Smith is selected as doubles

The availability website shows what is available in real time!

You can check selection data from last year to learn more about what to expect.



## How to best prepare:

Be prepared to log into the portal on selection nights

Be prepared with back up plans prior to selection night

Be prepared to communicate with friends to coordinate living near each other

# What does that mean for you?



Students can change groups during Selection

Smith is selected

The availability website shows what is available in real time!

You can check selection data from last year to learn more about what to expect.

Be prepared to log in to the portal on time for nights

Be prepared with back up plans prior to selection night

Be prepared to communicate with friends to coordinate living near each other

**Prepare**

**ahead of time**

**ahead**

# Feeling Overwhelmed? It's Okay!

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR RESOURCES!

UPPERCLASS  
STUDENTS

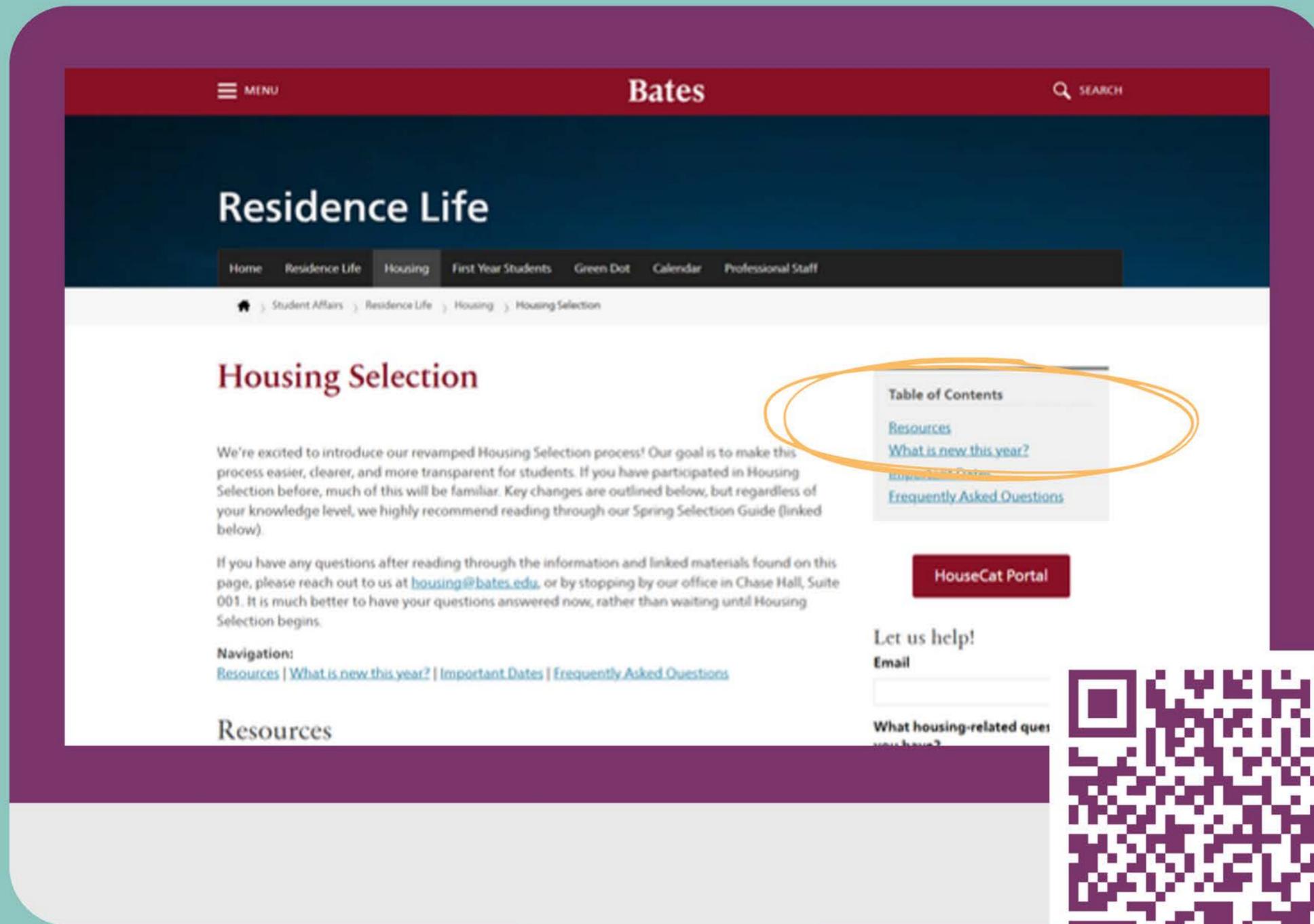
RESLIFE  
STUDENT  
STAFF



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# The Housing Website



Browse our website for resources!

- Selection Guides
- Important Dates
- What's available?
- Building features + Info
- Previous Stats
- Video How Tos
- FAQs

Everything you need!



# Key Takeaways

- **BE PREPARED** *(with back up options, to be on the portal during selection, etc.)*
- **HAVE HONEST CONVERSATIONS**
- **SO MANY NEW RESOURCES!**
- **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can Housing give me a random roommate assignment?

- There is no random roommate assignment process. If you wish to live in a double, you must find a roommate, join a group, and verify your group prior to the application deadline. If you do not select a room in the housing selection process, you will be assigned housing during the Summer Placement process.

## How long do I have to select a room once I am logged in?

- We want to provide each student with as much time to select their housing as possible. The time slot you are given is your **START** time. You can take as much time as you want, but please be advised other students will continue selecting as well. Once you add a room to your cart, you will have five minutes to confirm your selection before your cart resets (similar to buying concert tickets).

# Frequently Asked Questions

**If I do not make a group because I want a single, am I guaranteed a single?**

- No, this is based on what is available during your timeslot and there are only so many single rooms on campus.

**If I want to change my selection after the process is complete, can I do that?**

- No, housing selection is binding meaning that once you have confirmed your selection on the HouseCat portal, you will not be able to change your housing.