



This document has all of the specifics you need for housing selection!

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What is Housing Selection?

Spring Housing Selection is the process for current students to select housing for the upcoming academic year in the [HouseCat Portal](#). Students must submit an application and agree to the [On-Campus Residential Regulations](#) to be eligible for Selection. 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. If you do not select housing during housing selection, you will participate in [Fall Housing Placement](#).

In addition to the information in this document, our [Housing Selection website](#) has additional resources and information including building availability and features, floor plans, current room availability, planning documents and historical data, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and much more. The website is one of your primary resources for selection.

Our tips for you? Our goal is to give students more information about their housing options and provide more autonomy in the process. The process and resources are designed to give students ample information about their housing options and provide more autonomy in the process. The best thing students can do is to be prepared: read through the resources available, have top choices and back up options, have open conversations with friends, and be ready to be in the HouseCat portal on selection night.

Residency Requirement

All students are required to live in on-campus housing during their time at Bates unless they have received approval to live off-campus from Residence Life. Those wishing to apply as commuter students or rising seniors participating in the Off-Campus housing lottery must receive approval from Residence Life to live off-campus. More information about [Off-Campus Living can be found on our website](#).

Selection Eligibility

Students must submit an application and agree to the [On-Campus Residential Regulations](#) to participate in Selection. To be eligible for Selection, you must be enrolled as an active student for the Fall 2026 semester. Your class year and enrollment eligibility will be confirmed on the day your class year's applications are due. You are eligible for specific class year selections based on your class year from the registrar. You may view your status and your class year on Garnet Gateway. If you have any questions about your status or your class year, please contact the Registrar at 207-755-5949 or registrar@bates.edu.

You are NOT eligible for Selection if:

- You were approved to live off campus next year via the off-campus lottery or commuter application.
- Your Fall semester status indicates you are studying abroad, on leave, etc.
- You are currently on a leave that requires you to participate in the re-enrollment process.

If your status changes prior to all selection rounds ending, you may enter the selection process round that is going on at that time. However, if your status changes after the Housing Selection process is complete, you will participate in [Fall Housing Placement](#).

Calendar

Selection Timeline

Rising Seniors Class of 2027		Rising Juniors Class of 2028		Rising Sophomores Class of 2029	
Monday 3/23	Senior Applications Due at 11:59pm	Monday 3/30	Junior Applications Due at 11:59pm	Monday 4/6	Sophomore Applications Due at 11:59pm
Tuesday 3/24	Senior Timeslots Released by 8:00pm	Tuesday 3/31	Junior Timeslots Released by 8:00pm	Tuesday 4/7	Sophomore Timeslots Released by 8:00pm
Wednesday 3/25	Senior Selection Begins at 4:30pm	Wednesday 4/1	Junior Selection Begins at 4:30pm	Wednesday 4/8	Sophomore Selection Begins at 9:00am
Thursday 3/26	Senior Selection Ends at 4:30pm	Thursday 4/2	Junior Selection Ends at 4:30pm	Friday 4/10	Sophomore Selection Ends at 4:30pm

Info Sessions and Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Info Tabling	03/10/2026	11:30am-1:30pm	Commons
Info Session	03/10/2026	6:00-7:00pm	Commons 221
Rising Sophomore Info Session	03/11/2026	7:00-7:30pm	Chase Lounge
Roommate Matching Mixer	03/11/2026	7:30-8:30pm	Chase Lounge
Virtual info session	03/16/2026	3:00-4:00pm	Zoom
Info Tabling	03/23/2026	11:30am-1:30pm	Commons
Info Tabling	03/30/2026	11:30am-1:30pm	Commons
Info Tabling	02/04/2026	11:30am-1:30pm	Commons

What's New this Year?

A few highlights of the changes are here:

- **JB Parking unavailable:** We anticipate that Student Parking in the JB lot will not be available during the upcoming academic year due to construction at the Fitness and Well-Being Center. The lot will be reserved for the construction team throughout this period. Students may use other designated student parking areas across campus.
- **Small House and Wood St. House** will not be available for selection.
- **Hayes House** will be available for selection.

Glossary of Terms

Roommate Group: A roommate group is a group of students that are selecting together. The number of people in the group must match the number of beds in the room or suite you are selecting. For example, a roommate group of 2 will only be able to see double rooms and would not be able to select into a suite of 4. Additionally, a group of 6 would only see suites of 6 as an option. Students are able to edit their roommate groups during selection in order to select a space that works for them given rooms that are available when they are selecting.

Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores: We use these terms to refer to the class year you will be next academic year. For example, this year, the class of 2027 who are currently juniors are the senior class for next year and would be participating in the Senior round. Any mention of Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores in selection should be taken to mean Rising Seniors, Rising Juniors, and Rising Sophomores.

Suite: A suite is a group of rooms and a common room behind a door. For more information on room types see [Housing Options](#) below. Also note that just as the room you're selecting is binding once confirmed, bed assignments are also binding. Please make sure that during selection, you are assigning beds correctly as it relates to shared spaces. For example, if you select a 4-person suite made of two double rooms, you are assigning roommates to each double when assigning beds. At move-in, each student will only be able to pick-up the key to the space assigned to them during housing selection.

Timeslot: 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. While you have the entire period after your timeslot to select, we find that most students go through the process in just a few minutes. Timeslots are randomly assigned to each roommate group or single student for each class year selection. You 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. Once you add a room to your cart, you will have five minutes to confirm beds before your cart resets.

The Selection Process

- 1) **Application:** Every individual must submit an application
 - The application consists of signing the [On-Campus Residential Regulations](#) for the upcoming year, acknowledging you understand a few components of selection like accommodations and community agreements, confirming your personal details, and completing your housing profile.
 - You must have an application by the application due date for your class year to participate in that round of housing selection.
- 2) **Make a Group:** if you intend to select in a group
 - This step is not necessary if you are intending to select a single.
 - Mixed class year groups must coordinate with the Office of Residence Life to be created, [see below for more information](#).
- 3) **Get a Timeslot:**
 - Timeslots are randomly assigned for each round.
 - Everyone in a group gets the same timeslot.
 - An email will be sent to individuals when timeslot information is released.
- 4) **Select Housing:**
 - The group leader will be the person to log into the portal, select a room, and assign beds for the group.
 - If you do not have a roommate group, you will be acting as a single person and will select housing for yourself.

Housing Options

Please note that this list is a general guide of housing options, and specific options may change based on spaces held for First-Year Centers, ResLife student-staff, and other housing needs. You can see what is currently still available on the [Selection Availability website](#). View [Housing Options - By Building](#) or view [Housing Options - By Room Type](#). Images of these documents are below.

Breakdown of Rooms by Building

Numbers represent an approximation of available rooms on-campus for the next academic year. Note that counts can change year to year.

10 Frye	
1	Double
2	3 Person Suite (1 Double & 1 Single)
1	3 Person Suite (Triple)
2	4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)

96 Campus Ave	
46	Singles
9	Doubles

Adams	
65	Singles
16	Doubles

Chase House	
6	Singles
5	Doubles
1	Triple (2 Room)

Cheney House (Quiet Living)	
12	Singles
6	Doubles
1	Triple
1	Triple (2 Room)

Chu Hall	
42	Singles
16	Doubles

Frye St. Union	
1	Singles
3	Doubles
1	Triple

Gillespie Hall	
47	Singles
26	Doubles

Hacker House	
2	Singles
9	Doubles

Herrick House (Healthy Living)	
8	Singles
2	Doubles

Hayes	
4	Singles
7	Doubles

Hopkins House	
3	4 Person Suite (2 Doubles)
5	4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)
3	6 Person Suites (2 Doubles & 2 Singles)

John Bertram Hall	
4	Singles
1	Double
13	4 Person Suite (2 Doubles)
5	4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)

Kalperis Hall	
34	Singles
16	Doubles

Mitchell House	
7	Singles
6	Doubles

Moody House	
8	4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)
5	4 Person Suite (4 Singles)

Moulton House	
2	Singles
7	Doubles
2	Triple

Nash House	
4	Singles
3	Doubles
1	Triple

Page Hall	
7	Singles
1	Triple (2 Room)

Parker Hall	
35	Singles
4	Doubles
2	Triple (2 Room)

Parsons House	
9	Singles
9	Doubles

Pierce House	
6	Singles
8	Doubles

Rand Hall	
16	Singles

Rzasa House	
1	3 Person Suite (1 Double & 1 Single)
3	4 Person Suite (2 Doubles)
6	4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)
2	6 Person Suites (2 Doubles & 2 Singles)

Smith Hall	
48	Doubles

Stillman House	
2	Singles
3	Doubles

Turner House	
2	4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)

Webb House	
7	Singles
6	Doubles
1	Single (2 Room)

Whittier House (Quiet Living)	
15	Singles

Wilson House	
5	Singles
10	Doubles

Summary of Housing Options

Numbers represent an approximation of available rooms on-campus for the next academic year, though number of beds is denoted at the bottom of each category. Note that counts can change year to year.

Singles	
96 Campus Ave	46
Adams Hall*	65
Chase House	6
Cheney House	12
Chu Hall*	42
Frye St. Union	1
Gillespie Hall*	44
Hacker House	2
Herrick House	8
Hayes House	4
John Bertram Hall	4
Kalperis Hall*	34
Mitchell House	7
Moulton House	2
Nash House	4
Page Hall*	9
Parker Hall*	35
Parsons House	9
Pierce House	6
Rand Hall*	14
Stillman House	2
Webb House	7
Whittier House	15
Wilson House	5
Total (383 beds)	383

Single (2 Room)	
Webb House	1
Total (1 bed)	1

Triple	
Cheney House	1
Frye St. Union	1
Moulton House	2
Nash House	1
Total (15 beds)	5

Doubles	
10 Frye	1
96 Campus Ave	9
Adams Hall*	16
Chase House	5
Cheney House	6
Chu Hall*	16
Frye St. Union	3
Gillespie Hall*	17
Hacker House	9
Herrick House	2
Hayes House	7
John Bertram Hall	1
Kalperis Hall*	16
Mitchell House	6
Moulton House	7
Page Hall	6
Nash House	3
Parker Hall*	4
Parsons House	9
Pierce House	9
Stillman House	3
Webb House	6
Wilson House	10
Total (342 beds)	171

Double (2 Room)	
Smith Hall	48
Total (96 beds)	48

Triple (2 Room)	
Chase House	1
Cheney House	1
Page Hall	1
Parker Hall	2
Total (15 beds)	5

3 Person Suite (1 Double & 1 Single)	
10 Frye	2
Rzasa House	1
Total (9 beds)	3

3 Person Suite (Triple)	
10 Frye	1
Total (3 beds)	1

4 Person Suite (2 Doubles)	
Hopkins House	3
John Bertram Hall	13
Rzasa House	2
Total (72 beds)	18

4 Person Suite (1 Double & 2 Singles)	
10 Frye	2
Hopkins House	5
John Bertram Hall	5
Moody House	8
Rzasa House	3
Turner House	2
Total (100 beds)	25

4 Person Suite (4 Singles)	
Moody House	5
Total (20 beds)	5

6 Person Suite (2 Doubles & 2 Singles)	
Hopkins House	3
Rzasa House	2
Total (30 beds)	5

*Buildings marked with an asterisk contain First Year Centers. FYC rooms have been removed from the count to provide a number reflective of spaces available to upper division students during Selection.

Roommate Groups

- You will only be able to see and invite other students to your group if you have the same class year and they have completed an application. If you are intending to be part of a mixed class year group, [see below for more information](#).
- All members of a group must accept the request to be part of the group. Any pending requests will not be eligible for selection.

- Your group will only be able to see rooms or suites where the number of beds exactly match the number of students in the group.
- You will be able to make changes to your group during selection. This ability will end after the application deadline, but will reopen at the start of selection, and is not impacted by your timeslot. When you make a new group, each individual's timeslot does not change. The timeslot for your new group to get into the selection portion of the portal will, therefore, be based on the new group leader's timeslot.
- If you do not have a roommate group, you will be acting as a single person and will select housing for yourself.
- **Group Leader Info:** The group leader is a vital part of room selection and has many responsibilities in this process including:
 - Selecting the room and assigning beds during the room selection timeslot. Timeslots are randomly assigned to each roommate group or single student for each class year selection. Each member of the group will have the same timeslot and the group leader will be the person to log in and select.
 - Adding members, confirming members, removing members, and deleting the group, if necessary.
 - Passing the Group Leader role to another group member, if necessary.

Mixed Class Year Groups

It is possible to have mixed class year groups in Selection. However, you will be unable to make a mixed class year group on your own in the HouseCat Portal. Instead, you must contact housing@bates.edu so that a group can be manually created for you.

Process

- At least 48 hours prior to the application deadline for the housing selection round you are participating in, email housing@bates.edu and copy each student that wants to be in the group.
- Everyone must confirm that they want to be in the group as instructed by Residence Life.
- Residence Life will then create the group for you and you will be able to see it in the HouseCat portal.

Other Information

- Mixed class year groups will go at the beginning of the round of the **lowest class year** in the group.
- If Residence Life does not receive confirmation from everyone in the group prior to the application deadline, the group will not be created for that selection round.
- Any changes to the group prior to the application deadline need to be made in writing (email) and confirmed by all group members (old and new) by the application deadline.
- Breaking up a group during active selection is possible by having the Group Leader contact the Office of Residence Life at either housing@bates.edu or (207) 786-6215. Any student who is in the class year of the current round will have their timeslot randomized and reassigned to be within that same class year round. Any students of the class years above the current round will keep their group's timeslot as they would have been assigned a timeslot at the beginning of selection regardless.
 - For example, if there is a group of 4 with 2 Juniors and 2 Sophomores, the group would get a timeslot of 4:35pm during Sophomore Selection. If they decide to break up the group during active selection, the juniors would keep the 4:35pm time and be able to select housing at that time. The sophomores in the group would receive randomized timeslots within the other sophomores selecting. One sophomore gets a timeslot at 5:25pm and the other at 6:05pm. They can start selecting housing at those times.
- No mixed year groups can be **newly** created after the Sophomore application deadline.

Roommate Matching Options

We have a roommate matching mixer event for students looking for roommates! It is March 11th, 2026 from 7:30pm-8:30pm in Chase lounge. We also highly suggest reaching out to your JA or CA to see if they know of anyone

who is looking for a roommate. Additionally, talking to others in your social circles, clubs and orgs, or teams to see if they are looking for roommates or know others who are can be the most helpful. We've also created [this Roommate Matching Guide](#) to assist students seeking roommates in their class year.

Housing Accommodations and Selection

All of the information for [Housing Accommodations can be found on our website](#) including building features and other information regarding which buildings meet certain accommodations, process timelines, frequently asked questions, and much more.

Below is a snippet of information for you most applicable for selection.

Accommodations to a student's housing or a housing process come from one of two campus partner offices. Housing does not decide these accommodations, but implements them once an accommodation has been approved. To find out more about the approval processes, please check out the campus partner sites below that have more information:

- [Accessible Education and Student Support - Residence Life and Housing Accommodation Information](#)
- [Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance - Reasonable Religious Accommodations](#)
- [Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance - Title IX Supportive Measures](#)

It is important to note that students are not making a request for a specific housing assignment, but rather a request for an accommodation. Please note that accommodations can be approved for different lengths of time (e.g., a semester, a year, multiple years, etc.), so you will want to ensure that your accommodation is active for the upcoming year prior to housing selection. Details about your accommodation can be found in AIM or by contacting the Office of Accessible Education.

If your accommodation is approved before you have selected housing for the upcoming academic year...

- You will participate in housing selection as any other student would to select a space that fits your accommodation. Residence Life values students selecting their own spaces because it allows them to consider their accommodations and their specific housing preferences to pick a spot that works well for their unique experience at Bates. If you have any questions about what spaces fit your accommodation, please look at the information above or contact housing@bates.edu for more information.
- In some rare circumstances, Residence Life may reach out to students ahead of selection to offer a pre-placement. Pre-placement offers are typically only made to students who are likely unable to meet their accommodations during selection - for example, a rising sophomore with accommodations for a single room and air conditioning. If you are made a pre-placement offer, you would receive that information in February and would be given additional information about your options and next steps.
- If you select housing that does not meet your accommodation, that is okay! Everyone's wants and needs change over time and that decision is entirely up to you. If you later decide that space will not work for you because of your accommodations, you will need to reach out to housing@bates.edu to let Residence Life know. You will likely need to wait until [Fall Placement](#) or until a suitable location opens during the year. Please note that availability for certain types of accommodations may be limited at later points in the year or during a semester.

If your accommodation is approved after you have selected housing for the upcoming academic year...

- If the space you chose during housing selection meets your accommodation, that is great and you would stay in that location!
- If the space you chose during housing selection does not meet your new accommodation and you would like to move, please email housing@bates.edu to talk about moving during [Fall Housing Placement](#).

Housing Changes After Selection

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.

We understand that some students may be disappointed with the rooms they select through this process or have hesitations later. Participation in the [Fall Housing Placement](#) is limited to students who were not able to choose a room during the spring room selection process, or whose roommates have cancelled their housing assignment and vacated a space in their rooms. If you are not happy with the room you select in the spring, you will be able to add yourself to the [Room Change Process](#) once the fall semester begins. However, we encourage all students to give their housing assignments a fair chance – many students find that what they assume about a space or living situation is different than what it is truly like!

Housing Selection and Off-Campus Study

Currently studying away: Selection occurs online through the [HouseCat](#) portal and most students will be able to participate while studying away without issue. If you believe that accessing the portal while away will be an issue for you, please reach out to Residence Life at housing@bates.edu.

Studying away for the upcoming Fall semester: For students who are not enrolled at Bates in the upcoming Fall Semester but will be returning to campus for the upcoming Spring semester, you will not participate in Spring Housing Selection. You will participate in [Winter Housing Placement](#) which typically occurs in November and December the Fall prior to your return.

Studying away for the upcoming Winter semester: You may participate in the current Housing Selection process. Once your study abroad program is confirmed and processed by the Registrar, you will be removed from housing for the winter semester. You will then move out of housing at the end of the fall semester. The [Residential Calendar](#) has those dates!

On-Campus Residential Regulations

When living in Bates College Housing, you must agree to and abide by the [On-Campus Residential Regulations](#). Please note, from the regulations, the Office of Residence Life reserves the right to reassign students for any reason, including the relocation of students without roommates or the placement of additional students in rooms that are not full. Please also refer to the [Residential Calendar](#) which has dates for move ins, move outs, etc. for the upcoming academic year. More information about housing, break housing, and more can be found on [our website](#).

The Office of Residence Life maintains the ability to change, modify, or add to these procedures as necessary.

Questions?

Please feel free to check out the [Housing Selection Website](#) which has a lot of additional information and useful quick guides to housing selection. In addition, you can attend an information session, come to a drop in Q&A, call Residence Life, email housing@bates.edu, or stop by our office in Chase Hall with any questions!

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