

Department of Housing and Residential Life **Spring 2012 Housing Opt-In, Lottery, and Sign-Up Information**

Planning to live on campus next year? Housing and Residential Life will be facilitating an “opt-in” process in myUM for all current resident students to determine if the available space on campus can accommodate all of the interested residents.

The opt-in period will be from January 27th-February 10th whereby current residents can let us know if they are interested in living on campus and most importantly, in what type of housing...suite-style rooms in Eaton, Mahoney, and Pearson and/or the University Village apartments. As was the case last year...residents of private single rooms in Eaton/Mahoney/Pearson as well as residents of University Village who opt in are guaranteed selection in the lottery should one be needed.

Following the opt-in period, our office will take a look at the numbers and determine if a lottery is necessary. Last year approximately 94% of the opt-in participants were selected. In a “best case scenario”, the available space would meet the identified needs of the opt-in pool and no lottery would be necessary this year.

Unfortunately as a precaution, we have to plan for the opposite to occur (i.e. more opt-in residents than space available)—if that ultimately ends up being the case and a few students are not selected in the lottery, we want to ensure you that our department will continue to work with those students through a prioritized housing waiting list as well as providing a range of off-campus housing resources to assist residents with that search process. Last year, approximately 100 additional residents not selected in the lottery eventually were assigned to on-campus accommodations before the end of the spring semester.

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Below is an outline of the necessary steps for you to secure your housing on campus as well as several important dates/deadlines to make note of:

- ✓ All resident students who are interested in living on campus next year must participate in the upcoming Housing Opt-In process between Jan. 27th-Feb. 10th by accessing the “Housing Opt In Process for current residents” link in the “UM Housing” section of myUM under the “Life at UM” tab.
 - For residents who have < 45 completed academic credits, the display will show only one option to “opt-in”: “Suite Style Housing Lottery” (Eaton / Mahoney / Pearson)
 - For residents who have => 45 completed academic credits, the display will show three options to “opt-in”:
 - “Suite Style Housing Lottery ONLY”
 - “University Village Housing Lottery ONLY”
 - “Suite Style AND University Village Lottery”
- ✓ The “opt-in” link in myUM will only be active from Jan. 27th through Feb. 10th – the results of the lottery (if needed) will be announced on Monday, February 20th...again in myUM.
- ✓ If the lottery is required, all of the selected lottery recipients will then be able to participate in the housing sign-up process immediately following spring break to select specific rooms/apartments as well as requested roommates for the 2012-2013 academic year who also were selected in the lottery.
 - All of the established prioritization of appointment times for housing sign-up will remain the same as in previous years with those residents living on campus the longest having the greatest priority...participating residents selected in the lottery will also be able to retain their rooms/apartments in Eaton, Mahoney, and Pearson Colleges along with University Village.
- ✓ Those residents who opt-in and are not selected in the lottery (if needed) will be able to apply for housing in myUM beginning on February 21st and they will be placed on a prioritized waiting list.

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Overall Opt-In, Possible Lottery and Housing Sign-Up Timeline

Resident students “opt in” period.....Jan. 27-Feb. 10

Lottery conducted (if needed) & results displayed in myUM.....February 20

Opt-in participants not selected in the lottery can apply for.....February 21
housing and be placed on a prioritized waiting list

Housing Sign-Up begins.....March 20

Housing Sign-Up ends.....April 5

Last date to cancel a housing sign-up reservation without.....April 5 – 5pm
the loss of the \$250 housing deposit

Last date to cancel a housing sign-up reservation with only.....May 31
the forfeiture of the \$250 housing deposit