

Room Selection Status Update: Days 1 – 5

Days 1 & 2: Senior Only Days

The first and second days of room selection are for seniors only. We do this so that all seniors have an opportunity to select into housing prior to juniors getting assigned. This allows some protections to our seniors in the process. On Monday, all the A1 cohort students were afforded access times between 8:20 to 11:10. Access was granted in waves of 25 students every 10 minutes. The majority of the students in the A1 cohort are graduating seniors, and we are not going to select housing through the room selection process. B1 students whose room selection numbers fell between 701 to 1000 were afforded access times between 11:35am and 3:20pm. The B1 cohort students accessed in waves of 3 students every 5 minutes. Not all students with room selection numbers between 701 and 1000 were going to select housing.

In total 198 students were assigned to housing through the room selection process. The breakdown is as follows:

Day 1	
Cohort	Quantity
Returning Seniors (A1)	30
Rising Seniors (B1)	173
Total	203

Day 2	
Cohort	Quantity
Returning Seniors (A1)	2
Rising Seniors (B1)	30
Total	32

A total of 235 returning and rising seniors selected into housing during the senior only selection days.

Days 3 & 4: General Junior/Senior Selection I & II

Day 3 was our first day of general junior/senior room selection. This was the first day that seniors could pull juniors into rooms during the room selection process. As happened on Day 1, Returning Seniors were afforded room selection times early in the morning at a rate of 25 students every 5 minutes between 8:20am and 9:45am. Rising seniors with room selection numbers between 701 and 1000 were granted access times at a rate of 4 students every 10 minutes starting at 9:50am and ending at 3:40pm.

On day 4 students with room selection numbers between 701 and 1000 were granted access times at a rate of 5 students every 10 minutes from 9am to 3:20pm. As we entered into day 4, only 18 students with room selection numbers between 701 and 1000 were likely to select housing as many of the returning and rising seniors were either assigned to live off-campus or selected housing the previous three room selection days.

Day 3	
Cohort	Quantity
Returning Seniors (A1)	4
Rising Seniors (B1)	20
Rising Juniors (C1)	24
Total	48

Day 4	
Cohort	Quantity
Returning Seniors (A1)	0
Rising Seniors (B1)	9
Rising Juniors (C1)	7
Total	16

Day 5: General Junior/Senior Selection III

This is a very exciting day for our rising juniors. The first question everyone asks is what spaces are still available? Below is a list of which spaces are still available.

Day 5 before Room Selection Began			
Community	Type of Unit	Units	Bedspaces
Benet Hall	Doubles	24	48
Bernard Hall	3 Person Suites	4	12
	2 Person Suites	3	6
Emmaus Hall	Singles	10	10
	1 Person Suites	7	7
New Flynttown Apartments	4 Person Apartments	4	16
Frank House	Singles	6	6
Greg House	Singles	1	1
	Doubles	5	10
	Triples	1	3
Joe Hall	Singles	23	23
	Doubles	1	2
Metten Court	4 Person Apartments	5	20
Thomas Hall First Floor	Doubles	19	38
	3 Person Suites	4	12
Vincent Court	4 Person Apartments	2	8
Virgil Michel House	4 Person Apartments	7	28
	5 Person Suites	2	10
	6 Person Suites	1	6
		Total Apartment Spaces	18
		Total Suites Spaces	21
		Total Singles	40
		Total Doubles	30
		Total Triples	1
Total Bedspaces Available			266
Total Rising Juniors Potentially Selecting Housing Days 5 & 6			270

You will note that as we entered into Day 5, potentially 270 students could have selected housing with only 266 bedspaces available. We anticipate that some of these students will not select housing through the process due to a variety of circumstances.

As we enter into Day 6, you will note that 27 rising juniors did not select housing on Day 5. This is for a variety of reasons. Some of these rising juniors intend to live with rising sophomores, in which case they will select on Day 7 when rising sophomores may be pulled into doubles and triples with rising juniors. Additionally, we have rising juniors who have not registered for classes yet in which case they are prohibited from selecting housing. As we enter into Day 6, we still have 78 rising juniors who will gain access to select housing. Not all 78 of these students will select housing.

As we concluded Day 5 the remaining inventory looks as follows:

End of Day 5 Information			
Community	Type of Unit	Units	Bedspaces
Benet Hall	Doubles	4	8
Emmaus Hall	Singles	9	9
	1 Person Suites	7	7
Joe Hall	Singles	18	18
	Doubles	1	2
Thomas Hall First Floor	Doubles	16	32
	3 Person Suites	3	9
Total Apartment Spaces		0	0
Total Suites Spaces		16	16
Total Singles		28	28
Total Doubles		21	42
Total Bedspaces Available			86
Rising Juniors who could have but did not select on Day 5			27
Rising Juniors who will have access to select housing on Day 6			78
Total Rising Juniors Potentially Selecting Housing Day 6			105

Other Considerations of Interest

Annually, the rising junior class experiences a fracture in their class. This is for a variety of reasons. First, we typically see around 70 juniors study abroad in the fall, and another 40 juniors study abroad in the spring. This accounts for approximately 25% of the rising junior class. Studying abroad is a good thing and we are proud of our students when they take that opportunity. With the remaining ~75%, roughly one-third of those students live in apartments, another third lives in singles and suites, and the final third live in doubles. As we move into next year, despite the reduced number of students who will study abroad, these ratios will likely be the same. Below is a table detailing where the rising junior class has selected to live.

Type of Housing	Students	%
At Home w/parents	8	2.210%
Single	38	10.497%
Suite	49	13.536%
Double	42	11.602%
Apartment	115	31.768%
Triple	5	1.381%
Unassigned	105	29.006%
Total Juniors	362	

The Study Abroad Question

This year, we asked all students who plan to participate in study abroad to select housing. If no further study abroad program adjustments are made. This will open several bed spaces (most of which are apartments), which will shift juniors into apartment bed spaces. These changes will happen over the summer. Additionally, a larger number of students will be studying abroad in the spring than in the fall which means that during the spring 2022 term, more apartment spaces are likely to become available. This should push the percentage above 33% which is more juniors experiencing apartment living than typically happens.

Off Campus Rumors

Recently, we did make additional Exemption Offers to 16 students. These students were rising seniors and had previously selected on-campus housing. Those students have until 5/14/21 to accept or decline the offers. We will not adjust their housing assignment until that time. If these students accept the offers this should free up more apartment bedspaces for rising juniors. To fill these spaces, we will use the [Room Selection Wait List](#). All students are welcome to add their names to the [Room Selection Wait List](#).

[Room Selection Wait List](#)

The [Room Selection Wait List](#) will be open from April 2021 to July 1, 2021. We will make offers on the waitlist in order of room selection number. While we attempt to honor groups in this process, given the changing nature of our inventory as we work through the waitlist we may not be able to accommodate entire groups. We suggest that students who desire different housing (particularly juniors) to add their names and preferences to the [Room Selection Wait List](#).

But you took Seton Apartments offline, shouldn't you release more students?

Yes, we did take Seton Apartments offline. To make up those 80 bedspaces we added the following 78 bedspaces into our inventory.

- Emmaus Hall 2nd floor (23 singles)
- Joe Hall (24 singles and one double)
- Tommy 1 Short Wing (31 bedspaces)

Current Reflections on The Room Selection Process

Technical Challenges: We had a few technical challenges as we worked through the process. Many of these were log-in errors related to the Housing Portal. Except for one circumstance, issues were resolved by clearing the student's browser cache, powering down their device for 30 seconds and then attempting to log into the Housing Portal by typing in the student's username and password. Web-browsers that auto-populate usernames and passwords tend to experience log in issues. Moreover, students should click the "Log Out" button when exiting the Housing Portal. Students who have issues can always attempt to select housing in one of the Computer Labs.

Attempting to Room with Restricted Cohorts: We did have some rising seniors and rising juniors who attempted to select housing with rising sophomores in their groups. Please remember that we need to allow all rising juniors to select into housing prior to rising sophomores getting assigned. It is a subtle restriction we put in

place to protect the room selection options for rising juniors. On Day 7, we allow rising juniors the option to bring rising sophomores as roommates in the process.

What Happens If I Do Not Select Housing? Students who do not select housing will be assigned housing over the summer from the available inventory when the assignment is made.

Reflections for our Rising Juniors

Every year juniors experience a set of unique dynamics within their cohort. The first thing that happens is the cohort begins to split due to a variety of circumstances. Juniors study abroad, they enter their majors, they take on internships, and embrace greater leadership roles within the campus community. These changing priorities along with new housing options across campus pulls the class apart. This feeling of being pulled apart from friends while simultaneously realizing that one needs to make the most of their experience in the next two years is overwhelming. Residential Life and Housing will continue working to get as many juniors into housing options that many of you want. Not all juniors will get an apartment and some juniors will live in double-occupancy rooms.

Conclusions and Summary

Residential Life and Housing works very hard at ensuring a “clean” and equitable process. This year we had a number of challenges to predict and compensate for. As we worked through concerns of potential Study Abroad cancellations, a changing inventory with respect to new construction, and helping to map out what comes next for Johnnies. We attempted to offer a process that helps to cover the variances in these shifting dynamics while simultaneously keeping some semblance of stability for our students.