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INTRODUCTION
Community Living (DCL) offers a variety of housing options for returning students through the Housing Selection process. This guide is designed to answer your questions regarding the Housing Selection Process. More information, complete descriptions, and floor plans of our residence halls can be found online at the Community Living website.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Will I meet new people? Is one type of housing important to me? Do I want to live in campus housing?
- Is it important that I live with my best friends? How could living together affect this relationship?
- What is it really like to live in a particular quad?
- What type of community do I want to be a part of? Quiet? Active? Social?
- Is the cost of housing important to me?
- What is more important? Where I live or with whom I live?
- What will my “back-up” plans be if I don’t get my first, second, or third choice of housing?

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2021-2022

- Housing Selection times will be 3 minutes apart.
- Rising Jr/Sr Housing Selection options will be released all on day 1.
- 567 South St will be offline for the 2021-2022 Academic Year as Isolation Housing.
- Students studying abroad in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 will have the option to select specific housing in the Village and Ziv. All Study Abroad students will select on the same day.
- All Rosenthal suites are selected by groups of 4, not 8.
- Gender-inclusive housing is available on all mixed-gender floors, suites, and apartments in sophomore, junior, and senior areas.

HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

- Only full-time, registered undergraduate students are eligible to participate in the Housing Selection Process.
- Current students participating in the Myra Kraft Transitional Year Program are eligible to participate and will be assigned numbers with the rising sophomores.
- First-year students who started in the 2020 Fall semester are guaranteed housing for four consecutive semesters if they participate in the Housing Selection Process.
- Mid-year students who started in January 2021 are considered rising sophomores and are guaranteed housing for three consecutive semesters if they participate in the Housing Selection process. Mid-year students who entered in previous years are considered rising juniors and seniors.
- All eligible students who do not indicate their intent to participate in housing selection by the application deadline but still wish to live on-campus will be added to the end of the waitlist with remaining juniors and seniors. Students can indicate their wish to be added to the waitlist by completing the Waitlist Application on their MyHousing Portal; please note that the waitlist is a separate list of students not related to the Pending Assignment List of students who participate in Housing Selection but do not have an opportunity to select.
- Juniors and seniors are not guaranteed on-campus housing.
- Transfer students who are currently enrolled full-time are also allowed to participate in the Housing Selection Process but are not guaranteed on-campus housing.
● Students who are on a leave of absence or are not registered at the University at the time of Housing Selection, are not eligible to select a room or be pulled into a space.

● Students on approved Study Abroad Programs who will be on campus for the Fall semester or Spring semester may participate in a Study Abroad Room Selection (please see the Study Abroad Handbook).

● Rising seniors selecting the reduced status option are still eligible to participate in Housing Selection for on-campus housing.

● Seniors studying on extended credit or for a ninth semester are eligible to participate in housing selection if they submit confirmation to the Department of Community Living and are studying at Brandeis as full-time undergraduates.

● Students in the BA/MA program are eligible for on-campus housing for four consecutive years. Students are not automatically eligible for undergraduate housing in their fifth year. Students may consult with the Department of Community Living for on-campus options or the Office of Graduate Student Affairs for off-campus housing options during their fifth year.

● The deadline to withdraw from housing following housing selection is May 1, 2021. Students who withdraw after May 1 will be charged 25% of the room rate. Please review the Withdrawing from Housing selection of this guide for more information.
**The Housing Selection Process**

Upper-year students participate in a housing selection process in the spring term to choose housing for the 2021-2022 academic year. **Students are able to participate if they meet housing eligibility standards and complete the Housing Application by 12:00pm on March 19, 2021.** They may indicate this by clicking the MyHousing button on the Community Living website and following the steps.

**There are 5 steps to the Housing Selection Process:**

Step 1: Housing Selection Application  
Step 2: Investigate and Plan  
Step 3: Form Roommate Groups  
Step 4: Housing Selection  
Step 5: The Pending Assignments List

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**Step One – Housing Selection Application**

All students must apply to participate in Housing Selection by reading, signing and submitting the Housing Application in the MyHousing system by March 19, 2021.

Students can sign in by clicking on the MyHousing link on the Community Living Website (http://www.brandeis.edu/dcl) and using the Brandeis Single-Sign-On.

Only students who are eligible to participate in Housing Selection will have access to the Housing Application in MyHousing. All students who have indicated their intent to participate in the selection process will receive a randomly generated Housing Selection number *the week of March 22 2021.*

*Any students having problems filling out the housing application on MyHousing should contact Community Living immediately.*

Numbers will range depending upon the number of applicants for housing selection; juniors and senior numbers will be larger than sophomore numbers. Students will receive the same number for the process they are in.

Each number is assigned a time and date for Housing Selection. All selection numbers and
time information will be distributed via MyHousing. Housing Selection numbers are not transferable, nor are they displayed publicly.

Housing Selection numbers are only distributed to the person assigned that number. Students who wish to withdraw from housing selection after completing their Housing Application may do so without any penalty until May 1, 2020. This can be done by emailing dcl@brandeis.edu stating you’d like to withdraw from housing for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. The subject line should be “Withdrawal from Housing”.

**Step Two – Investigate and Plan**

Once you have your Housing Selection number, thoroughly investigate all possible avenues for your housing next year.

- Speak with Community Advisor and Area Coordinators for more details.
- Refer to the [Community Living website](#) for floor plans and other information
- Sign-up for a Housing Selection Question Appointment, schedule found on our website.
- Have conversations with potential roommates to discuss individual preferences.
- Have multiple plans in mind for housing selection time.

**Step Three – Form Roommate Groups**

Before students can select a room, they must have a roommate group confirmed. They can begin forming these groups once numbers come out the week of March 22 2021.

To form a group, first, you must log in to MyHousing via the [Community Living website](#). Choose Room Selection -> Roommates/Suitemates.

To request a roommate, scroll down to the Search for Roommate tab. The Roommate Search should be used if you know whom you would like to request and you can search by their name or email. Additionally, the search can be used if you need additional people for your group and would like to search for them based on living preferences.
Keep in mind that **only people who have filled out their intent to participate in housing selection** will show up in any search.

**Please note:**
- Sophomores may build groups with juniors or seniors or vice versa, but **no junior or senior will be able to select housing as a part of the rising sophomore process**. Juniors or seniors who wish to live with sophomores may add them to their groups, but they will need to select for the sophomore members of their group during Rising Jr./Sr. housing selection.
- The Foster Mods are only available to groups that consist entirely of seniors.

Once you have requested a roommate, they must **accept your request or request you back**. If your requested roommates do not request you back, they will show up as “pending” on the request status page. You **may only view the rooms** with size limits that match the size of your **matched group** (i.e. groups of two may view/select two-person rooms, but not singles or three-person rooms).

You will receive **immediate email notifications** for all steps in the process, including:
- if another student request you as a roommate;
- if a requested roommate accepts or declines your request;
- if another student sends you a message or a reminder to accept a request; or
- if somebody in your roommate group leaves the group

**To set your search own preferences** so people can search for you using the *Roommate Search*, you must complete the “Roommate Profile” under the “My Info” tab on the left sidebar.
It is extremely important that you **form multiple plans** with your roommates because you may need to **change your roommate group size** depending on the availability of rooms. Remember, during housing selection you may only view the available rooms that **correspond with your group size**.

When your group is fully matched you will see this:

![Roommate Requests](image)

### Step Four – Housing Selection

Students who receive Housing Selection numbers will choose their 2021-2022 room assignment online at the time and date given to them in the Housing Selection email. Students should review all housing options and prepare several plans for the housing selection process.

Please note:

- Any member of a roommate group can select housing for the whole group, but only once that individual member’s selection time has arrived. Other group members do not need to approve the selection in order to make it official.
- For example, Bobby has a 1:00pm selection time, Chris has a 1:12pm selection time, and Jennifer has a 2:26pm selection time. If Bobby does not log in to select a room between 1:00pm and 1:12pm, Chris can log in to his own account and select housing for the whole group at 1:12pm.

Once your housing selection process begins you can step in and see what rooms are available for your roommate group. You will not be able to select a room until your selection time.

Once your housing selection time, which can be found on the MyHousing Overview page, has arrived, you will be able to select a room. To do this, you must click the Room Selection link on the left side of the page, or click “Select a Room/Suite” under the

![Room Selection](image)
Room Selection section on the main page.

This will bring you to a List of Available Rooms. You will only be able to view the rooms that match the number of people in your roommate group. You can also use the Search Available Rooms option to search for a certain space or campus area. If you are selecting a bedroom, whether it be a single, double, or triple, you will click the Select Room button under the room you want. If you are selecting an apartment or a suite, you will click the Select Suite button under any room in that suite. For apartments and suites, which room in the suite or apartment is selected at this time does not matter, as it can be changed on the next page.

Clicking Select Room or Select Suite will bring you to the Room Booking page. At this point, your selection will be saved, and nobody can select your room/suite for ten minutes unless you hit back on your browser. After ten minutes, your page may time out, at which point, the room will become available to other people.
On this page, use the drop-down menus next to each room to decide which roommate is living in which room. When you have made your final decisions, click the Submit My Room Selection button, and your choice will be saved.

This will bring you back to the Overview page, where you should now be able to view your housing assignment. You and your entire roommate group will also receive a confirmation email almost immediately. If these two things do not happen, you have not been assigned housing.

**Pull-in Procedures**

Formerly, students were able to “pull-in” other students into their rooms, suites, or apartments. This process has been replaced by the formation of roommate groups (see Step Three).

Suite/Apartment Pull-Ins: If you are electing to live in suite-style or apartment-style housing, you will need to have a roommate group with the exact number of students to fill all of the available spaces in the suite/apartment.

If one of these spaces becomes vacant over the summer, Community Living will offer it to the next eligible person on the WaitList. If one of these spaces becomes vacant mid-semester, the remaining occupants of the suite/apartment will have 48 hours to request to pull another student into that space. If one of these spaces becomes available at mid-year, Community Living will entertain pull-in requests but also reserves the right to place any eligible student in need of housing in that space. If Community Living fills a vacancy in a suite/apartment, the remaining occupants are expected to be respectful of the new member of the suite/apartment and good citizens as defined in Rights and Responsibilities.
Proxy Procedures

Students who wish to participate in the Housing Selection Process, but cannot attend at their assigned time, may designate Community Living as a proxy. The student should educate DCL about their desired choices, as any decisions made by a proxy are binding. The Proxy Form will be available from the Community Living website once Housing Selection numbers have been sent out and must be completed by the person being proxied for in advance. Students may choose other students to proxy for them, but these proxies must come into Community Living during the date and time of the proxy in order to make the selection. Please email dcl@brandeis.edu with any questions about the proxy process.

Students will receive emails immediately after they select a room. Please read and save the email, as it will contain important information regarding your housing assignment.

Step Five—The Pending Assignments List

Students who participated in the Housing Selection process, but who did not receive a housing assignment, are automatically placed on the Pending Assignment List. Students on the pending assignment list will be contacted about the process by which they will be assigned or select a space. Pull-ins and choices for students on the pending assignment list cannot be guaranteed. Students who decline the housing assignment offered to them or who do not select when pending selection processes are offered will be placed at the bottom of the list or removed at the direction of the student. Questions regarding the pending assignment list can be directed to dcl@brandeis.edu.

Housing Designations
Prior to Housing Selection, Community Living designates the gender and class-year of all spaces. Designations are based on the number of students in each class and projected numbers of new students. The following are the designations for the 2021-2022 academic year. Note: Designations are listed according to your 2021-2022 class standing, based upon entry to the University! Designations may be altered as determined by the number of students who elect to participate in Housing Selection.

Rising Sophomore Housing

Charles River Quad
- Residents are responsible for cleaning the bathroom, kitchen, and common room.
- Single efficiency apartments, and 2, 3, or 5-person apartments with single bedrooms.
- The area remains open for winter break.

East Quad (All rooms for Sophomores)
- Corridor style communities with shared bathrooms and lounges.
- Mixed-gender and single-gender communities.

Skyline Quad
- Corridor style communities with shared bathrooms and lounges
- Mixed-gender and single-gender communities.

Rosenthal Quad (All suites for Sophomores)
- 8 person suites with single and double bedrooms (All suites in Rosenthal will be selected by two groups of 4 – two single-occupancy rooms and one double-occupancy room).
- Residents are responsible for cleaning the bathroom and common room.
- DCL does not swap groups across suites.

**Village Quad**
- Corridor style communities with shared bathrooms, kitchens, and lounges.
- Mixed-gender community.
- Village A for Sophomores.
- The area remains open for winter break.

**Rising Junior/Senior Housing**

**Skyline Quad**
- Corridor style communities with shared bathrooms and lounges
- Mixed-gender community.

**Village Quad**
- Corridor style communities with shared bathrooms, kitchens, and lounges
- Upper floors of Village B and C available for students studying abroad in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.
- Mixed-gender community.
- The area remains open for winter break.

**Ziv Quad**
- 6 person suites with single bedrooms
- Residents are responsible for cleaning the bathroom and common room.
- Limited suites in Ziv 130 are available for students studying abroad in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.
- All other suites for Juniors and Seniors.

**Charles River Quad**
- Residents are responsible for cleaning the bathroom, kitchen, and common room.
- Single efficiency apartments, and 2, 3, or 5 person apartments with single bedrooms.
- The area remains open for winter break.

**Ridgewood Apartments**
- 4 and 6 person apartments with single bedrooms.
- Residents are responsible for cleaning the bathroom, kitchen, and common room.
- All apartments for Juniors and Seniors.
- Area remains open for winter break.

**Foster Mods**
- 4 or 6 person apartments with single bedrooms.
- Residents are responsible for cleaning the bathroom, kitchen, and common room.
- All apartments for Seniors.
- The area remains open for winter break.
**STUDY ABROAD HOUSING SELECTION**
The following policies apply to students who apply and are approved, to study abroad for any portion of the 2021-2022 academic year.

- Village B and C houses, and a select number of suites in Ziv are available for students studying abroad in the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.
- Students who withdraw from studying abroad prior to Housing Selection numbers release date will be moved to the regular selection process; they will retain the same number they had in the study abroad process.
- Students who apply to study abroad for the academic year will be removed from the housing selection process, and their numbers will be deactivated.
- Students approved to study abroad in Fall 2021 will participate in a separate housing selection. This selection will take place on Tuesday April 13 2021.
- Students approved to study abroad in Spring 2022 will participate in the regular housing selection process for the 2021-2022 academic year. Students must select a study-abroad room, or be pulled into another area on campus. Study Abroad students can not pull-in non-study abroad students to a study abroad space.
- Students who select the Village or Ziv for the Fall semester but who do not end up studying abroad in the Spring will be required to change housing for the Spring semester.
- **Students approved to study abroad in the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 must still fill out a housing application in order to participate in housing selection and receive housing for Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.**

**PARTIALLY FILLED SPACES**
While Community Living encourages students to select roommates, those who don’t select a roommate may elect to place themselves in a double room to be assigned a roommate. If necessary, Community Living may choose to allow some suites to be selected in single room increments. Otherwise, students wishing to select a suite or an apartment must fill all rooms at the time of Room Selection, unless selecting a space in a Rosenthal suite. Suites in Rosenthal will be filled by two groups of 4. The groups must occupy one wing of the Rosenthal suite.

Students who elect to fill a four-person Rosenthal must be prepared to live in a mixed-gender environment, as Community Living does not designate suites as male or female.

If a space becomes empty in a room, apartment, or suite after housing selection, Community Living may fill the space at any time with a student on the waitlist.

**GENDER DESIGNATIONS**
Community Living designates floors in corridor style buildings (East, North, Massell) as either single-gender (male or female) or mixed-gender. Floor designations are listed on Community Living’s website. Skyline and Village floors are all mixed-gender.

**Gender-Inclusive Housing**

**Gender Inclusive Housing Policy Statement**
At Brandeis University, any upper-class students, regardless of gender identity, may choose to reside together. Students may choose to live together in any double on a mixed-gender floor. East, Rosenthal, the Village, and
Skyline all have mixed-gender floors. Students agree to live together when they select a room together during Room Selection in the spring semester. There is no additional application process to reside in a gender-inclusive room.

**Gender Inclusive Housing Policy Information and Rationale**

The following terms are essential to understanding the gender-inclusive housing policy at Brandeis:

- **Single-Gender** – A floor or community in a residence hall that is designated as male or female. Single-gender floors exist in East, North, and Massell.
- **Mixed-Gender** – A floor or community in a residence hall for students of any gender. Mixed-gender floors are found in Massell, North, East, and the Village. All suites and apartments in Rosenthal, Ziv, Skyline, Ridgewood, Charles River, and the Foster Mods are considered mixed-gender.
- **Gender Inclusive** – A housing option in which two or more students may share a multiple-occupancy bedroom, in mutual agreement, regardless of the students’ sex or gender. Any room in a mixed-gender area may be considered gender inclusive.

Residence halls serve several vital functions to a student’s development on-campus and therefore must be safe and comfortable homes for each student. Residence halls are designed to assist with students’ transition to college life and the university community. They facilitate and support the psychological, social, intellectual, and physical development of students. Gender Inclusive Housing provides safe, supportive environments for students of all gender identities and is, therefore, an important policy for our campus. Gender Inclusive Housing supports the University’s non-discrimination policy and fully commits to the principles of social justice with respect to sexual orientation, sex, gender, and gender identity. The residence hall’s primary purpose is to assist students with their personal growth and development.

Gender Inclusive Housing is defined as a housing option in which two or more students may share a multiple-occupancy bedroom, in mutual agreement, regardless of the students’ sex or gender. Gender Inclusive Housing provides housing options for students who may identify as transgender or are questioning their gender identity or do not wish to prescribe to gender classifications. Students who are uncomfortable with a same-sex roommate or do not wish to have a same-sex roommate also have more housing options to choose from. Gender Inclusive Bathrooms are designated on mixed-gender floors when possible.

**Vacancies and Room Changes**

Gender-inclusive housing will never be forced upon a student. If a vacancy occurs in a room on a mixed-gender floor, the room is not treated as a gender-inclusive space. The remaining occupants may pull in a student to maintain the gender inclusivity of the room or Community Living will assign a student to the room. The sex of the students will be considered when a vacancy exists in a multiple occupancy space. Vacancies in suites and apartments will be treated as mixed-gender if the occupants of the suite originally filled the space as a mixed-gender space. If the suite or apartment is housed as a single-gender space, the gender of the space will be maintained and the unit will not be treated as a gender-inclusive space.

**Incoming First-Year Students**

Brandeis University is proud to offer first-year students the opportunity to live in gender-inclusive housing. At this time, first-year students are not able to select spaces as upper-class students would through housing selection, but students who are interested in gender-inclusive housing may indicate so on the First Year Housing Application. Community Living will work with incoming students through the first-year assignment process to find an appropriate housing assignment.
Questions?
Students are encouraged to direct all gender-related needs to Community Living as Community Living is committed to providing all students, including transgender students, with the optimal living and learning environment possible at any point in their personal development while at Brandeis University. For more information on gender-neutral housing, please see the Community Living website.

WITHDRAWING FROM HOUSING
Students who withdraw from housing must email Community Living (dcl@brandeis.edu) with the subject line “Withdrawal from Housing” indicating in the email they would like to withdraw and include their Sage ID Number. Depending on the time of withdrawal, students may be eligible for a full or partial refund of their housing fees, per the following schedule:

Please Note: If you are still in the Housing Selection Process and have not selected a room, you will be charged the percentage of a standard double room to withdraw from housing after May 1.

Fall 2020
- May 1: No Charge
- May 2 – June 1: 25% of the room contract
- June 2 – July 1: 50% of the room contract
- July 2 – August 1: 75% of the room contract
- After August 1: 100% of the room contract

Spring 2021
- August 1: No Charge
- August 2 – September 1: 25% of the room contract
- September 2 – October 1: 50% of the room contract
- October 2 – November 1: 75% of the room contract
- After November 1: 100% of the room contract

Students wishing to move off-campus for the semester must withdraw from housing before May 1 (Fall) or August 1 (Spring) in order to ensure a full refund.

ROOM TRANSFERS/CHANGES
Students are not permitted to transfer or change housing assignments until after the second week of the semester and must contact Community Living immediately if there are extenuating circumstances regarding a housing assignment change. Students must move into the room they selected during the Housing Selection process. Moving into a different space could result in a referral to the student conduct process. After the first two weeks of the semester, students will have the ability to contact Community Living about a room change but Community Living cannot guarantee that a room change will be able to be granted due to availability and the wait-list process.

INTEGRITY
Students are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and respect at all times during the Housing Selection Process. Students caught tampering or manipulating with the Housing Selection Process risk removal from their selected housing assignment and possible conduct referral. Manipulation of the Housing Selection Process results in fewer housing options for all students and creates a stressful experience for everyone. Students are encouraged to report any manipulation of the system to Community Living immediately.
The housing selection process can be difficult and stressful for some students. When negotiating living arrangements, housing choices, pull-ins, and any other decisions, students should be respectful, courteous, and civil toward one another. If each person treats everybody else well, the housing selection process is a lot easier for all.

**ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST PROCESS**

Students may request a reasonable accommodation as part of living on-campus. Students must renew documentation each year. Students should submit an Accommodations Request and then forward the Medical Care Provider Verification Form to their medical care provider. **All documentation and forms are due March 1, 2021.** All forms are available on the Community Living website. Students approved for Accommodations will select housing in person with a Community Living Staff member. Accommodations submitted after the due date, will not be discussed by the committee until after the housing selection process is complete.

Any questions can be directed to dclaccommodations@brandeis.edu. More information can also be found on our website under the Accommodations tab.