

Room Reapplication 2007 FAQs

Room Reapplication Process

What do I need when I submit my Application Fee and Indicate My Preferences?

- Your U of M Internet ID and password
- The reapplication guide to refer to for questions
- Your credit card. Pay the \$25 Application Fee with your credit card (if you haven't prepaid by check)

What do I need when I participate in the Room Reapplication Rounds to sign-up for a room or apartment?

- Your U of M Internet ID and password
- All requested roommate(s) U of M Internet IDs (NOT their 7-digit student ID)
- The reapplication guide to refer to for questions

Why did the cancellation policy change for the apartments?

The goal of the new policy is to reduce the number of students that cancel late in the process and leave vacancies in the apartments that could have been signed up for during room reapplication process by students who could not sign up until later rounds.

Can I view my assignment or make changes to my required meal plan once the process has ended?

- Yes, after March 6, 2007, you can do both these things (in addition to requesting a transfer to another building/room/apartment) by accessing www.housing.umn.edu/applying.
- Please Note that there are deadlines associated with the various things you can do (e.g. you need to cancel your residence hall contract on or before May 1, 2007 in order to avoid the need to submit a \$250 Housing Guarantee Payment; the \$25 Application Fee is nonrefundable.) The Housing Guarantee Payment of \$250 must be postmarked by May 1, 2007 for all residents who complete reapplication for a residence hall space for 2007-08. If you cancel your contract, the \$250 is refundable until May 1, 2007. After that date, the payment will be forfeited.
- **Apartment Reservations have an immediately binding contract:**
Beginning this year, on-campus apartment assignments cannot be cancelled without an approved contract release request.

Why do I have to choose a meal plan when going through the reapplication process?

Meal plans are required of students living in any of the eight residence halls. At the time of submitting your application fee and indicating your preferences you will not know if you will be living in an apartment or a residence hall. If you reserve a residence hall room (instead of an apartment), you will have the selected meal plan. If you secure an apartment space, the meal plan you chose will be cancelled and you will have the opportunity to purchase one of the optional meal plans offered to apartment residents when you move into your apartment in the fall.

I did not participate in the online Room Reapplication Process before Friday, February 23, 2007 and now I've decided I want to live on campus. What do I do?

Your application will be moved to the 2007-08 missed reapplication period when the process ends.

E-mail housing@umn.edu and we will provide further instructions. You will be able to apply on-line for a non-guaranteed space for 2007-08.

What if I get an error message when I access Room Reapplication?

First check your e-mail to find out if we have provided information. If there is no message, send an e-mail to housing@umn.edu, including the text of the error message.

What do I do if my credit card is rejected?

Either pay with a different credit card or pay with a check or money order at your current hall/apt. business office.

Who do I contact if I need special assistance with the reapplication process?

Students with disabilities or who need special assistance with Room Reapplication please e-mail housing@umn.edu or call (612) 624-2994 by January 22, 2007.

Studying Abroad?

If you are studying abroad for the fall semester or the fall and spring semesters and you would like housing when you return, e-mail housing@umn.edu by January 22, 2007.

What are the next steps after I complete the room reapplication process for a residence hall room?

You will receive confirmation statement the week after spring break that will include a billing statement for \$250 housing guarantee payment. You can submit this by check and new this year you will be able to pay by credit card. Students will also be given the option to complete paperwork to request a guarantee payment extension.

When will I know the housing rates?

The tentative housing rates will be posted on the housing website by April 15, 2007. The last few years the rates have risen 3.5-5%. The current rates can be found at <http://www.housing.umn.edu/costs/index.shtml>.

Room Selection

I am not sure where I want to live next fall. What should I do?

- It is to your advantage to participate in Room Reapplication and sign-up for a room in a residence hall to secure a spot in University Housing for 2007-2008.
- If you cancel your 2007-2008 application-contract for a residence hall space on or before May 1, 2007 you will not have to submit a \$250 Housing Guarantee Payment. Cancellations must be completed in writing and must include the student's full name, student id, and the application period being cancelled (i.e. 2007-2008 Returning Resident). Cancellations may be sent to: housing@umn.edu or Housing & Residential Life - Cancellation, Comstock Hall-East, 210 Delaware St. S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55455. It is recommended that you keep a copy of your cancellation request.
- To maintain your residence hall room reservation, the Housing Guarantee Payment of \$250 must be postmarked by May 1, 2007 for all residents who complete reapplication for a residence hall space. After that date, all the payments will be forfeited. Please note that the \$25 application fee is not refundable at any time.
- Apartment Reservations have an immediately binding contract:
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Which apartment complex should I choose to live in?

It depends on what you like. All three (University Village, Wilkins and Yudof/) facilities include individual and shared bedroom spaces as well as are 9 ½ and 11 ½ month contract options. University Village and Yudof are larger facilities and therefore have more rooms available for signup.

Can I see a room?

You can view room diagrams (not pictures, diagrams will give you an idea of where the room is located) by going to www.housing.umn.edu and selecting the current resident link. In the self-service links choose floor plans and select the hall you would like to review (in order to access this site you will have to login with your internet ID and password).

The three on campus apartment complexes will host an open house (a tour of most popular room types) on the following days:

University Village Open House, 1/23 from 7:30-9:30pm and 1/25 from 2:30-4:30pm

Wilkins Open House, 1/24 from 3-5pm and 1/25 from 7-9pm

Yudof Open House, 1/25 from 4-6pm and 1/26 from 2-4pm

If I am interested in a single what halls should I consider?

There are singles in available in Centennial, Comstock, Middlebrook, Pioneer and Sanford. Centennial has the most singles of the residence halls followed by Comstock and Pioneer.

Why can't I sign up for my room?

See the "Rooms not available for signup guide". Most likely the room will be part of a reserved space program for the 2007 academic year.

I want to sign up during Final Round 4, the any hall/apartment-any room round, but I want to keep my same room as a "back-up" or second choice. What should I do?

Since the sign-up for the same building-same room/apartment is first, sign-up during Round 1. This will secure a spot in your current room. Then, go back to the web during Round 4 and see if the room/apartment you want in a different hall/apartment building is available. If it is, accepting this room will CANCEL your reservation from Round 1 for your current room.

The room that I wanted was already taken. Can I get on the Waiting List to change to a different room/apartment after the room/apartment reapplication period has ended?

You should reserve a space in a residence hall as a back up during your eligible rounds. After March 6, 2007 you may request a transfer online at www.housing.umn.edu/applying. Doing so places you on a waiting list. If your room request becomes available (due to cancellation) spaces will be reassigned to those on the waiting list on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that we will

try to accommodate your request, but as space is very limited, we are unable to honor all requests. Should we be able to make changes to your assignment, the change will be reflected at www.housing.umn.edu/applying.

Can athletes in apartments sign-up for their current room or another apartment?

Athletes in University Village and Wilkins Hall are in reserved spaces, and cannot reapply for their current room. As with other reserved space programs, the program sponsor (in this case, Intercollegiate Athletics) assigns students to their reserved space in the apartments. The agreement between Housing & Residential Life and Athletics states that athletes can only live in reserved spaces in University Village and Wilkins Halls; however, athletes can sign-up for any other available residence hall or Yudof Hall space. Athletes on scholarships, with restrictions on housing type, are responsible for signing-up for a space that adheres to their restrictions.

I am currently a Community Advisor (CA) or I am applying to be a CA, but am not sure if I am going to be a CA next year.

Should I go through the Room Reapplication process? Yes, if you wish to live in the residence halls next year. If you are chosen as a CA, you will be reassigned to the appropriate room and hall. If you are not hired as a CA and do not wish to live in University Housing for 2007-2008, you need to cancel your application-contract for a residence hall space before May 1, 2007.

Roommates

How do I request a roommate?

- Be sure that you and all your prospective roommates have completed the application fee payment and indicated your preferences. The person with the earliest date and time should make sure that they have the correct Internet IDs for all the roommates in the group, then log in at the specified date and time for reapplication, select the desired room/apartment and request the roommate(s) for the group.
- You may request one, two or three roommates depending upon the type of room/apartment that you choose (e.g. double, triple, or 4 person suite). Requested roommates must be current University housing residents and must be the same gender. Your requested roommate(s) will receive an e-mail instructing them to accept or decline your request by the date and time stated in the e-mail. It is advisable to call the person(s) you have requested as roommate(s) and remind them to log on to the website and accept the request. There is a very short window of time in which to do this.

What if my prospective roommate(s) and I sign-up for different rooms, but still request each other as roommates?

If you sign up for different rooms, it is possible you will be assigned to different rooms. Send an e-mail to housing@umn.edu and identify which rooms you would like to share, there are no guarantees that you will be placed together.

What if I want to live with someone who isn't a current resident? (i.e. an incoming freshman)

Returning residents have first priority when choosing rooms/apartments, therefore students who are not current residents are not permitted to use the online reapplication process or to be chosen as roommates during the online process. You should still select a room/apartment using the online reapplication process, and then at the conclusion of the online reapplication process, if space is still available in the room/apartment that you have selected, you may submit your roommate request in writing to housing@umn.edu. While we will make every effort to accommodate requests, we cannot guarantee that your request can be honored.

Is there a way I can find out who my roommate will be if I am NOT requesting a roommate?

When you register for your desired room, you will NOT be able to access a listing of the other residents of that room due to privacy reasons. You will receive information about your roommate(s) after room reapplication ends.

A roommate requested me, but I didn't accept my invitation in time. Now what do I do?

You can go online to see if a space still exists in the room during the Final Round 4 Any Hall/ Apartment Building-Any Room/apartment sign-up through Thursday February 22 at noon. If a space no longer exists within that room/apartment, you will need to sign up for a different space. Then request a transfer using the Waiting List, however there is no guarantee that you can still be placed together. It is extremely important that you follow the instructions and pay close attention to the dates and timeline that are included in our e-mails and in this document to avoid problems and disappointments.

Living Learning Community Options available for returning students

The following Living Learning Community will be open to returning students. The Lavender house and Substance Free house will have limited space for returning students. In order to live in the community you need to be willing to be an active member of the community.

Lavender House – Comstock Hall rooms (E618-E656)

Lavender House is open to any and all students who are interested in issues of gender identity and sexual orientation. In this community, students can explore and express who they are in a safe and affirming environment.

Students learn about the history and culture of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied communities, and are encouraged to participate in programs and classes offered by the Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies and the GLBT Programs

Office. Students will also connect with the larger Twin Cities GLBT and allied community through social events, service opportunities and guest speakers.

Lavender House, a Living & Learning Community within Comstock Hall, would be ideal for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, friends of GLBT students, students from GLBT families, and students who are queer, genderqueer, or questioning.

Second Year Experience-Comstock Hall rooms (W600-W656)

Substance Free House-Middlebrook Hall rooms (231-249) and Pioneer Hall rooms (B86-B94 and S164-S192)

MISSION:

The Second Year Experience program seeks to assist second year residential students in further transitioning into positive connections with the University. Students will be exposed to programmatic and experiential opportunities to ensure their retention and developmental progress both personally and academically.

GOALS:

- Build connections for second year students
- Provide avenues for second year students to engage in-depth with critical University components
- Educate second year students regarding the paths of engagement that will assist them towards graduation.
- Talk to second year students in our communities to find out what their needs are. Address those needs.

BACKGROUND:

Research has proven that second year students face a variety of challenges related to transitioning out of a first year filled with many support mechanisms (Convocation, first year programs, living/learning communities, courses in common, targeted academic advising) into a year when there are higher expectations for autonomy and fewer direct support systems tailored to their needs. Additionally, second year students face the challenge of gateway or entry-level courses for their major and the establishment of deeper interpersonal relationships as they shift away from the communities supported by their first year and into a more isolating social and academic environment.

Second (or Sophomore) Year Experience programs across the country are being developed to provide a bridge for students between the support of the first year and the major- and career- focused junior and senior years. These programs are often designed to build and reinforce connections among students, build leadership experiences, allow sophomores to reinforce their confidence level, develop career skills that will be needed in the upper-class years, and engage with community service and civic engagement programs to help sophomores shift from an internal focus to an orientation based more on community-based action.

ACTION:

This will be a mixed gender community overseen by a Community Advisor who is beyond their second year at the University of Minnesota and has at least one full year of CA experience in the HRL system.

Potential program partners that **MAY** yet be involved with the coordination of a specific SYE program include:

- Learning and Academic Skills Center
- Leadership Minor
- Career and Community Learning Center
- Learning Abroad Center
- Student Council on Public Engagement
- Center for Democracy and Citizenship
- Student Unions & Activities

Specific program components are still being developed in conjunction with a series of ongoing Second Year Experience focus groups, but **POSSIBLE** program components include:

- ✓ Academic Advisor Meetings
- ✓ Re-Orientation to Library Resources
- ✓ Focus on Career Goals/Aims
- ✓ Goal Setting
- ✓ Resume Building Workshops
- ✓ Interviewing practice sessions
- ✓ Participation in Recognized Student Organizations (RSO)
- ✓ Participation in Hall Councils
- ✓ Aiding in CA Programming
- ✓ Participation in First Year Experience (FYE) member Role Modeling
- ✓ Off Campus Housing Workshops (teaching how to live off campus successfully)

- ✓ Good Citizenship Seminars
- ✓ Stress Management 201
- ✓ Etiquette
- ✓ Participation in Diversity Seminars/Events
- ✓ Reflection on their experiences as SYE
- ✓ Health/Safety Workshops
- ✓ Participation in Study Abroad Info Sessions
- ✓ Use of Facebook.Com for SYE members
- ✓ Exploration of Leadership Minor
- ✓ Participation in or facilitation of Lead On events
- ✓ Participation in Social Justice Leadership Retreat
- ✓ U-Crew peer mentors
- ✓ Civic engagement program
- ✓ Volunteer or service-learning opportunities
- ✓ Financial management training sessions