Special Interest Housing
Room Selection Instructions for:
Africana House, Modern Language Houses, & Mosaic House

General Information

- Special Interest Housing Room Selection is only available to students who completed the Housing Contract by the published deadline and who have been selected by their program to live in the house for the upcoming academic year.
- Only students who are on the official house roster will be able to pick a space in the specific house they have been approved for. All others should follow up immediately with their program to inquire about being added to the roster.
- All Special Interest Housing assignments must be completed in the W&M Housing Portal by 5pm Williamsburg, VA local time on the designated day.
- Students studying abroad or not able to attend a housing selection gathering will be able to select a space on the housing portal on-line but may not be able to meet their roommate beforehand if they are not already part of a roommate group.
- Gender Inclusive Housing is available to students who are interested and can process their request for Gender Inclusive Housing within the Housing Application on the W&M Housing Portal before making their selection.
- Floorplans are located on the individual building pages and can be viewed at: https://www.wm.edu/offices/residencelife/housing/halls/?filter=returning-undergraduate - this will give the group an idea of where the spaces within the house are located.
- We recommend that all students complete steps 1-4 before their time slot opens so they can start their search when their time slot opens.
- Steps 5-9 will be available when their time slot opens.
- Review the Room Rates page as some buildings are billed at a higher rate.
- Students who have difficulty on their special interest room selection day can come to the Residence Life office (230 Gooch Drive) the afternoon of their selection day between 1pm-5pm for assistance.
- REMINDER: All personal belongings must be removed at check-out in May.

- Africana House – Located on Landrum 1st Floor – all double/double suites
- Mosaic House – Located on Hardy 2nd Floor – mix of double/double suites, doubles, and singles
- German & Russian Language Houses – Located on Hardy 2nd Floor – mix of double/double suites and doubles
- Hispanic, French & Italian Language Houses – Located on Hardy 3rd Floor – mix of double/double suites and doubles
- Arabic, Chinese, & Japanese Houses – Located on Landrum 2nd Floor – all double/double suites
1. Log into the W&M Housing Portal at: https://wm.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortalX/F13DA9C1/22/252/Student_Login-Student_Login

2. Click on “Housing Application”.

3. Click on “Start Form” or “Continue” in the Form Selector page.

4. These pages should already be done before your time slot opens:
   b. Personal Details
   c. Contract
   d. Contract Request to Cancel Housing
   e. Accommodation Requests
   f. Residence Hall/Building Information
   g. Lifestyle Questionnaire
   h. Gender Inclusive Housing
      i. Gender Inclusive Agreement if requesting Gender Inclusive Housing
      i. Roommate Group (see Roommate Group Instructions guide for assistance)
         i. The Roommate Group Leader must be the person with the Early Room Selection time slot.
            ii. Select “Save & Continue at the bottom of the page if not joining a roommate group.
   j. Additional pages may also appear based upon your student classification (New Student, Returning Student, Graduate Student, etc.).
   k. Next Steps page (last page before room selection process)
5. When the student’s time slot opens they will access the Early Room Selection page in their Housing Application on the Housing Portal to make their (and their roommate group members’ if applicable) room selection. If they were in the Housing Portal before their time slot opened, they may need to log out/log in to access this page.

6. On the Early Room Selection page you will see all currently available spaces that you can select into (see next page for graphic). The example here on the next page is of a roommate group of 2 persons.
   a. You can narrow down your search by building and room type.
   b. You may need to click on subsequent page numbers at the bottom to view all of your options.
   c. When you choose a space by clicking “Add to Cart” the system will auto select the connected rooms (if applicable), place them in your cart, & the system will auto advance you to the next page.
   d. If you have accidently clicked “Add to Cart” and want to change your selection, click the browser’s “Back” button to get back to the Room List screen and click “Removed from Cart” on the rooms you mistakenly selected.
   e. If the screen does not auto advance you to the next page after you have clicked “Add to Cart” for the correct space, click “Save & Continue” at the bottom of the screen.
7. Assign yourself to a bed space from the drop down list.

8. Assign your roommate’s or roommates’ bed space(s) and then click “Assign Beds”.

9. You will get a new Confirmation Screen that lists the assignments you just made. Click "Save & Continue".
10. When the room assignment has been made you will end the process by reviewing the Application Status Screen at the bottom then STOP. This is your final, official Housing Assignment. No further action is needed.
   a. **Non-group leaders** should also log in or refresh their screen to access the Application Status page at the bottom of their application to view their room assignment after the Roommate Group Leader has selected bed spaces for the group.
   b. You can send a message to your other roommate/suitemates/apartment-mates from this page.
   c. You will only see the list of students in your Unit on this page if more than one student is already assigned into the space if everyone in the unit has given their FERPA consent to allow roommates to see their information.
   d. **LOG OUT OF THE HOUSING PORTAL ONCE YOUR ROOM SELECTION PROCESS ENDS FOR THE DAY**