Housing Information for First-Year Students

This page includes up-to-date information on housing for first-year students entering Commonwealth Honors College in the Class of 2021.

Housing Assignments

First-year students should receive a housing assignment in early August, 2017.

Housing Options

First-year students entering Commonwealth Honors College students have a range of residential options, including:

- An Honors Residential Academic Program (RAP) in the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community
- Open (non-RAP) living in the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community
A **University Residential Academic Program** in any one of several residential areas of campus (e.g., Central, Northeast, Orchard Hill, Southwest)
- At-large (non-RAP) **living** in any one of several residential areas of campus
- **Defined Residential Communities**
- **Special Housing Options**

**Contact Information**

The Residential Student Services (Housing Assignments) Office is the primary contact for ALL housing-related questions, including questions about living in the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Community. All questions regarding the housing process, including eligibility, application procedures, schedules for room selection, and notification of housing assignments should be directed to the Student Services Office at (413) 545-2100.

**Residential Student Services (Housing Assignments) Office**

[www.housing.umass.edu/assign](http://www.housing.umass.edu/assign)  
(413) 545-2100  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The staff in this office can help students/parents:

- Understand the housing process (what steps are involved, what the timeline is)  
- Access the part of SPIRE where students enter their housing selection information  
- Understand the housing rates and fees  
- Answer any questions about move-in  
- With disability or medical accommodations related to their housing assignment  
- Understand the roommate search program

**Residential Academic Program (RAP) Office**

[rap.umass.edu](http://rap.umass.edu)  
(413) 545-2803

The staff in this office can help students/parents:

- With any problems related to RAP sign up  
- Understand what RAPs are available to students  
- Details of non-honors RAPs  
- (During NSO) with RAP course sign-up

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