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Roommate Success

Roommate Assignments

All first-year students are required to live in the traditional residence halls. Exception are made for in-state students who who live with their parents or spouse. The Department of Residence Education and Services will consider exceptions to this upon receipt of a written request. Housing assignments for first-year students are made at random. Reciprocal roommate requests and requests for non-smoking roommates are honored whenever possible.

Once you have completed and mailed us your application along with your non-refundable $200 room deposit, we will assign you a room and a roommate. If you already know each other, be sure to discuss what items each of you will bring. This will allow you to make best use of the space in your room. We discourage students from pre-selecting a roommate for several reasons:

- Students who were friends before college most likely have never LIVED together. Living with a roommate is a very different relationship than that of a friend or acquaintance. Often pre-selecting a roommate results in unrealistic expectations of each other.
- Students who are friends are able to widen their circle of friends by living in different rooms and residence halls.
- One of the greatest opportunities for a new college student is to learn how to live and build mutual respect with someone who is different from them.

First-year students who wish to live together may make that request either on their housing contract or by contacting the Department of Residence Education and Services at (302) 857-6326 by May 1 before their first year. We make every attempt to pair mutual roommate requests. The two students who request each other must also request the same options on the housing contract (living community, smoking, etc.).

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