FIRST-YEAR HOUSING 2020-2021
REVIEW BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR HOUSING PREFERENCE FORM!

HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?
Preference forms are due May 4 at 11:59pm ET for the first round of assignments.

There is no priority for submitting earlier between 4/1 and 5/4.

You can submit your form through the Admissions portal.

Those who apply after 5/4 will be assigned on a rolling basis.

Those who do not submit by 6/26 will be assigned the best available space.

Which College House and type of room do I want?
In 2020, there are 9 College Houses and 11 different room types first-years can live in. The full list is available at www.upenn.edu/housing.

Room types fall into three categories:
- SINGLE SHARED: 1 person, 1 bedroom
- SUITE/APT: 2-3 people, 2+ bedrooms
- LOCATED IN:
  - Fisher Hassenfeld
  - Riepe
  - W.E.B. Du Bois
  - Gregory
  - Kings Court English
  - Hill

Each preference on the request form consists of a College House and a room type. You must request 6 preferences on the form (in addition to optional Program Community requests).

Only 3 of your preferences can be in the Quad (Fisher Hassenfeld, Riepe, Ware). Only 1 of your preferences can be in Lauder College House.

Try to vary your requests to increase the chance of getting one of your preferences.

THINGS TO NOTE
Each program’s House Dean reviews applications and determines a student’s acceptance/room assignment.

If you are not accepted to your first program, you are considered for your second program request, if you have one.

If you are not accepted into either program, you will be included in the general preference form pool.

Applying to a program doesn’t increase the chance of getting into a given College House.

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HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO REQUEST?
CONSIDER:
Do I want to live in a Program Community?
In 2020, there are 22 Program Communities available to first-years. About 21% of first-years apply to a Program Community. Around 75% of those who apply are accepted into a program.

Do I want a roommate?
You are not required to find a specific person to live with - in fact, most people don’t! About 35% of first-years request a specific person as a roommate. You can request 1 roommate on the form.

In a Program Community, roommate requests are optional, so you can copy and paste it from another document.

You and your roommate must request each other and select the same preferences. If you want to be assigned a roommate, you must request a specific person. If you want a roommate but do not request a specific person, the computer will assign you one based on your room preferences and your lifestyle responses.

About 35% of first-years request a roommate regardless of sex assigned at birth or gender identity, you can select Gender Inclusive Housing.

Students who require an accommodation for a medical need must fill out a Housing Accommodation Request Form, found at www.upenn.edu/housing, to be approved by Student Disabilities Services.

There are a small number of triples in Fisher Hassenfeld (3 rooms) and W.E.B. Du Bois (2 rooms). If you and two roommates would like to request one, each person must email living@upenn.edu.

How am I assigned a room?
Forms of students not in a Program Community received between 4/1 and 5/4 are randomized.

A computer goes down the randomized list and matches students by first preference. Whichever roommate has a higher number will pull the other person in.

Students whose first preference was not available are moved to the second round in the same randomized order. The computer tries to match by second preference and the process continues until all preferences are considered.

Due to popularity and limited availability of certain rooms, you may not be assigned to one of your preferences.

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