Upper-Division (JR/SR) Housing Assignment Process 2019-2020

University of Dayton

Upper-Division Housing Overview

- Rising JR/SR students who wish to reside on-campus for the 2019-20 academic year
- Each student must complete an individual application online via housing portal
    - Students can elect to join a group as part of the application
    - Groups can only be assigned into housing that is equal in size (# of beds) to the size of the group
    - Students do not have to be part of a group to receive a housing assignment
- Transfer students are eligible to participate following completion of the enrollment confirmation process and receipt of their University log-in credentials.

What is of Note/New for 2019?

- ~20 Additional Bed Spaces – JR/SR students have additional options in the neighborhood.
- Laundry service costs included in standard housing fee (all resident students have access to laundry facilities on-campus at no additional charge)
- Expanded Price Point Options – all inclusive pricing at three price points determined by facility/living options
  - Traditional – Rate for apartment complexes and standard neighborhood houses
  - Updated – Rate for houses with updated kitchen and bathroom facilities, and in-house laundry facilities
  - New/Renovated – Rate for houses with new construction or renovated open floor plans, updated facilities, and in-house laundry facilities.
- 12-month Housing Option – students can elect a year round housing option in Irving Commons. This year round option will provide flexibility for students with need to remain on or near campus during break periods. This option will be available at no additional charge (Fall/Spring/Summer term housing fees apply).

Timeline

Information Sessions

- Wednesday – Feb. 20 @ 9PM – VWK Plaza Room
- Thursday – Feb. 21 @ 7PM – Adele Center Meeting Room
- Monday – Feb. 25 @ 3PM – 461 Kiefaber ST (Neighborhood house)
- Wednesday – Feb. 27 @ 9PM – Campus South Conference Room

Application information

- March 1, 2019 – Deadline to verify PATH credits/submit request for review (see 1850.udayton.edu for details)
- March 4, 2019 – General Application Opens
- March 22, 2019 – General Application Closes
- April 16, 2019 – Assignment notifications are distributed

Assignment Process

- Groups / Individuals are processed based on the number of people in their group.

- A group / individuals priority is based on:
  - PATH Points
  - In Event 2 groups are equal (Tie Breakers)
    - Credit Hours Completed as of January 1, 2019
    - Random Number

- PATH Credits earned between August 2018 and the end of February 2019 are included in determining group rankings.

- The process begins with completing an application via the student housing portal (https://myhousing.udayton.edu).

- Students applying as part of a group must select a group leader who will be responsible for specifying the group's preferences.
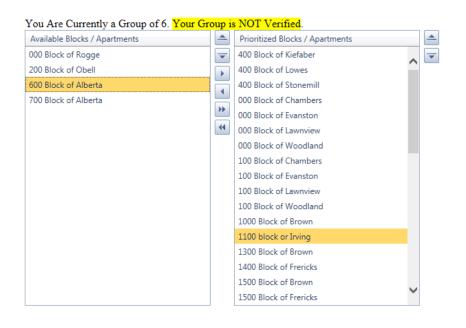
Assignment Process

- Group leaders prioritize housing choices (block rankings and any sort preferences), these will be used to assign students their first **available*** choice. (available - *spaces available for assignment at the time group is eligible for and receiving assignment*)
- The more blocks a group leader includes in the list, the more likely the group is to receive housing.
- The list of prioritized blocks can be adjusted and re-ordered at any time while applications are open (3/4/19 – 3/22/19).
- The prioritized list will be saved to the group leaders' application. The order will represent the selection for the entire group.
- Only the Group Leader will be able to prioritize blocks. If the student is not a group leader, the page to prioritize housing options will not be displayed. Group members have access to see a feedback page indicating preferences given by group leader and other useful information (this is available during the last week of the application).

Choosing your Housing – Block Order

- Group leaders have the opportunity to include/exclude and rank order all available blocks/complexes.

- Blocks not selected are shown in the left hand box. Blocks **selected** are shown in the **right hand box** (along with their rank order).

- A feedback tool which shows real-time comparisons will be enabled once a significant majority of applications are received (once data is complete enough to be helpful).

Choosing your Housing – Property Type and Advanced Sort

Property Type

- All students must select the type of properties they are interested in as part of their individual application.
  - Traditional
  - Updated
  - New/Renovated
- All group members must opt for a specific property type for it to be included as a possible assignment option.

Advanced Sort (Optional)

- Group leaders are able to elect advanced sort options that will override standard block rankings
- Few groups elect to utilize this option
- Option allows groups to refine preferences, and change the default sort/assignment order based upon specific amenities.
- Groups are encouraged to meet with housing staff to review application if electing this option. (It is a powerful tool that can have positive or negative outcomes depending upon how well it was used.)

Responsibilities: Group Leader vs. Group Member

Group Leader

- Complete housing application prior to other group members
- Create roommate group and select a group password when completing application (share with group members)
- Select and prioritize blocks and apartments
- Make decisions/represents as needed on behalf of group
- Serve as primary contact for group (primary point of contact for group)

Group Member

- Complete housing application after group leader
- Join roommate group created by group leader
- Provide feedback to group leader regarding block rankings

Note: Students applying for a single apartment can create their own individual group (for just themselves) and access the block rankings page to specific preferences.

Locations Available

Property Viewer

- The property viewer is a tool which allows you to search and review available properties.

- https://studev.udayton.edu/hrl/property/

Junior /Senior Choices for Properties/Locations			
Neighborhood College Park	Neighborhood North	Neighborhood South	Apartment Complexes
Brown ST	Alberta ST	Evanston AVE	Lawnview Apts.
College Park AVE	Chambers ST	Frericks Way	Adele Center
K ST	Obell CT	Irving AVE	Caldwell Apts.
L ST	Rogge ST	Kiefaber ST	1054 Brown ST.
	Woodland AVE	Lawnview AVE	1806 Brown ST.
		Lowes ST	739 Irving Avenue Apts.
		Stonemill RD	755 Irving Avenue Apts.
		Trinity AVE	

Tips for a Successful Application

- Prioritize all blocks! – Only blocks listed under "Prioritized Blocks" (right hand side) will be considered when making assignments. When you exclude a block, you are communicating that you would rather receive no assignment than that assignment.

- Check your block rankings and be certain to 'save' after making changes. You can update and modify anytime the app is open.

- Apply early. The feedback tools are enabled after receiving most of the anticipated applications. This helps ensure the data provided is useful to groups. The earlier you and others apply, the sooner we can enable the tool.

- Use the provided feedback tools to better understand your likely outcome. Once enabled, the feedback tools give real-time data comparing your group with other similar sized groups. You will be able to get a sense of where you rank in comparison and what this means for your assignment.

- Be prepared to change group size and priority of blocks. If it looks like you will not get a property, consider changing group sizes – your PATH credits and the preferences of your peers determine outcomes. This means there can be significant differences regarding availability depending upon group size.

- Be careful if using the advanced sort option. While powerful, the tool can result in undesirable outcomes. For example, if you rank your top priority is for a newer house, you might receive a newer house on your 54th block even though a traditional house was available on your 1st ranked block. It is what you communicated with your application, but it may not have been your intent. Consider scheduling a consultation with housing staff to review your application and ensure it communicates your true intention/desires.

- Consultation can be key. Who better to help with questions or review your application with you than the individuals who process assignments. Each year, housing assignment staff are available for individual and small group application consultations. They can help you with advanced sort, review your app with you, look over PATH standing, and give you an idea of what others are applying for. You can set-up an appointment by contacting our office or visit for a walk-in session (just bear in mind you may have to wait a bit if we are with other students).

What happens on/after April 16?

- April 16 is the scheduled date for housing assignments to be distributed.
- Groups who <u>received</u> an assignment based upon their preferences can opt-in to the waitlist for their size/preferences in the event a property ranked higher becomes available over the summer months. Information will be contained in your assignment notification.
- Groups who <u>did not receive</u> an assignment based upon their preferences will automatically be added to a waitlist for their size/preferences. Any properties that become available are offered to the appropriate waitlist.
    - Students will receive an individual assignment offer based upon any space remaining at the conclusion of the assignment process.
    - If space is exhausted, students will receive a placement on the individual waitlist along with information regarding date we anticipate being able to offer a placement (based upon past history).
    - Individual assignments do not impact your group waitlist standing as long as you remain assigned or eligible for assignment (you would still receive a group based offer if a property is available to offer your group).
    - If you decline an assignment offer, you are opting to cancel your housing application. Cancelling your housing application would impact your group waitlist standing. (If you were part of a 6 person group, when you cancelled only 5 members remained and so the group would be reclassified as a 5 person group – 5 individuals eligible for assignment).