How to obtain campus housing for next year with a group

Here’s how the updated process will work this year:

1. Each student signs the Housing License Agreement by April 20.

2. One person from each roommate group should fill out the Sign My Group Up form by April 20. This form allows you to submit your roommate group’s names and multiple placement preferences. One group representative should fill this out for the entire group. Each member of the group should indicate their representative in the proxy section of their Housing license agreement. If you have already submitted the License Agreement, you can re-submit it to add your group representative as your proxy.

3. Residence Life will assign your group based on your best lottery number, preferences, and availability. Though done internally this year, juniors and seniors will still be assigned a number that is better than sophomores, and the Village is still dedicated for juniors and seniors. Each student will still have a number dedicated to them, and our office will continue to use the best number of anyone in the group. Your living area and room number will be emailed to you at a later date.

4. The Housing Renewal process is now available online and due by April 14. Be sure to add the group representative’s name in the proxy section of the license agreement and submit forms by April 14.
Frequently Asked Questions

Why the changes?
Due to COVID-19 and the closing of campus housing for the remainder of the spring semester, our process is no longer available in-person. We are committed to return self-selection in 2021-22 either in person or online.

Who can participate?
This process is for current undergraduate students who will be sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the fall. Groups must fill the entire unit at its designated capacity.

How do I set up my roommate group?
One-bedroom units will house two students; however, students may choose a group of three (tripling) and save money on housing costs. All two-bedroom units will house four students; however, students may choose a group of five (quintupling) and save money on their housing costs. Since this is a voluntary option, these tripled and quintupled students will receive a discount on their housing costs only for the time their unit is actually tripled or quintupled. If a student moves out for any reason, the rates will be pro-rated/adjusted for the remaining students (see the housing policies for more information). Groups must fill the unit at its designed capacity.

Can I sign up alone?
No. Students may not sign up alone using the group process. Students who are not part of a group may submit a Request for Campus Housing Assignment form beginning April 21. These students will be notified of their assignment over the summer. There is no guarantee that area or roommate preferences can be met.

What if I cannot find a roommate?
Students may use the Roommate Resource Google site as a tool to connect with others. Those who are not able to form a group may submit a Request for Campus Housing Assignment form beginning April 21.

Can a sophomore or transfer be part of my group?
A future sophomore may join a junior/senior group, but only as the third roommate in a Village one-bedroom unit or the fifth roommate in a Village two-bedroom unit. This helps to preserve as much Village space as possible for juniors and seniors who wish to live on campus. Juniors and seniors may live with multiple sophomores if they choose to live in Bowles, Shire, or UP. Incoming transfers may not sign up using this process.

How do I get a housing lottery number assigned to me?
Complete the License Agreement online by April 20. The license agreement does not take effect until you receive an assignment. Each group member should complete the License Agreement and put your group representative’s name in the proxy section.

How does my lottery number work?
The lottery number will be assigned to you by Residence Life and used internally by our office when your group’s housing is assigned. Unfortunately, you will not see this number personally this year, but our office will assign groups in order based on the random draw for each student. The best number of all group members will be used for the group. Due to recent Coronavirus precautions, there will be no in person process for 2020-21 for self-selection. APU does plan to bring self-selection back for 2021-22, either in person or online.

Options:
Click on the links below for floor plans, pricing, and other info!

Village (juniors and seniors only)

Bowles (soph, juniors, & seniors)

Shire Mods (soph, juniors, & seniors)

University Park (soph, juniors, & seniors)

*Alosta Place is not an option for 2020-21
How will Residence Life make the assignments?
Student roommate groups will have until April 20 to complete their Housing License Agreement and the Sign My Group Up form. Every student must sign the license agreement, while only one member of each group will represent the group and complete the Sign My Group Up form. This form will allow a group to add the names and ID numbers of the members of your group. Groups will also be able to let us know their preferences of living areas, room types (one-bedroom, two-bedroom one bath, two-bedroom two bath), upstairs or downstairs, general location of a complex, summer housing participants, and even specific room numbers (if available), etc.

After April 20, Residence Life will make assignments based on the information provided by groups on the Sign My Group Up form and in the order that is randomly drawn for them internally. Juniors and seniors will still have better numbers than sophomores.

Every member of the group must indicate their group representative’s name on their Housing License Agreement as their proxy.

Is this a commitment?
Students who receive an assignment through this group process and check-in to campus housing make a commitment to campus housing (and its associated costs) for the entire academic year per the Housing License Agreement. Students who allow a proxy to represent them are making the same commitment. Campus housing should not be used as a “back-up plan.” There is no commitment for filling out the License Agreement, however, once you check-in there is a commitment.

How likely am I to get my preferences?
This is difficult to predict. Our team will do everything we can to give you your preferences based on the information you provide and your group’s best internal lottery number. While we can guarantee that you will receive an assignment, we cannot guarantee preferences.

Does my class registration affect my housing assignment?
Yes, you must register for at least seven (7) class units for fall 2020 by the add/drop date. If you are not enrolled at this time, your housing may be dropped. If this happens, you will have to re-apply for housing after you register.

What if I need housing this summer?
Information on Summer Housing is forthcoming as we wait to see how the impact of COVID-19 affects our community’s decisions. For the time being, students who wish to return for summer housing should mark that as a preference on their Sign My Group Up form. This is not an official request or application for summer housing, but will give our office some idea of interest in the summer program.

Questions?
Residence Life would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the revised process for obtaining housing for next year. Please feel free to email housing@apu.edu or call our office at 626-812-3056.