

COVER YOUR BASES TO PREPARE FOR HOUSING SELECTION

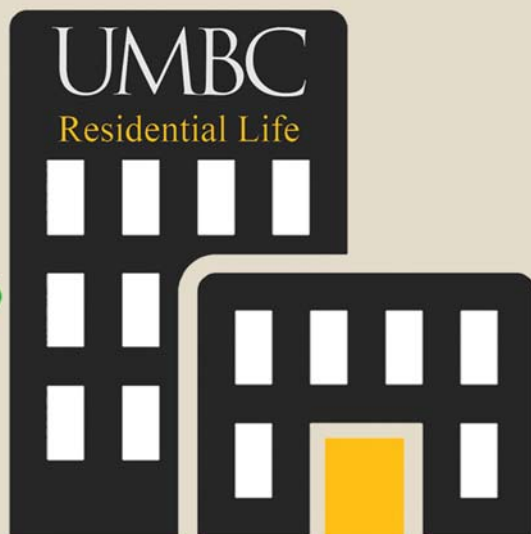
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Current residents must submit the
housing application & license by

March 28th 11:59 pm



Welcome to UMBC Residential Life's 2017 Housing Selection!

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Welcome to UMBC Residential Life's 2017 Housing Selection! This process will allow you to choose a room to live on campus for next year. Our system is fully online and will allow you to participate in Housing Selection using your smartphone, tablet, or any computer. Just apply, connect, and select to cover your bases! First 500 students to apply will receive a Residential Life blanket – wow!

What's New?

- Commuters may participate fully in Selection! Must be part of a group for Residential Life housing – come to the Residential Life office in Erickson Hall 184 with a current residential group member to fill out a “commuter pass” form. May apply as an individual or as part of a group for Walker Avenue Apartments with 39+ credits. To apply for Walker simply fill out the on-line application for Walker.
- No 3-person groups will be able to participate in Selection (except at Walker for 3-bedroom apartments). If you have a group of 3 you will need to find a 4th person through the Roommate Searching feature or by attending one of our Roommate Mixers hosted by the Resident Student Association (RSA). Students seeking to obtain a triple or quad room should stop in at the Residential Life office to make the request at Erickson Hall 184.
- Facebook Live Session to let you get Housing Selection Info any time!
- Remember – as was the case last year 4-person groups do not receive priority for apartments – Housing Selection is based on your academic credits only as of winter session and your group credit average if you are selecting as a group.
- Apartment cut-off Res Life Apartment Hillside, Terrace and West Hill: Many students hope to be able to select an apartment. Remember that the typical apartment cut-off is approximately a 50 credit group average. That cut-off can vary depending on how many students are selecting apartments. So, for example, a group of four students who are freshmen this year who each obtained 15 credits as of winter session has a group credit average of 15. This group should not plan on obtaining an apartment with that group credit average.
- Apartment cut-off Walker Avenue Apartments: Most students with 39+ credits who apply to Walker will obtain an apartment through Housing Selection. Since each member of your group must have 39+ credits to apply for Walker the competition for apartments at that facility is somewhat less. So, for example, a group of rising juniors with 39 credits each as of winter session has a group credit average of 39. This group typically will be able to obtain an apartment if they have applied for Walker Avenue apartments.



Key Dates

February 27 @ 11-1PM - Housing Selection Info Session in Apartment Comm. Center
March 1 @ 7PM – Roommate Mixer in Harbor Hall Multipurpose Room
March 6 @ 12:00 PM - Housing applications and licenses available online
March 8 @ 1:00 PM - Housing Selection Info Session in Apartment Comm. Center
March 13 @ 7PM – Roommate Mixer in Apartment Community Center
March 19-26 - Spring Break
March 28 @ 11:59PM - Deadline for submitting your housing application and license
March 6-28 @ 12:00 PM - Roommate Group Formation and Roommate Search
March 28-30 @ 12:00 PM - Gender Inclusive Roommate Group Formation
March 30 @ 12:00 PM - All groups will lock and will no longer be editable
March 31 - Selection times are assigned and emailed to groups based on group credit average. Your countdown clock begins in your Residence account.
April 5 - Online Room Selection - 80 - 120+ credits as group average
April 6 - Online Room Selection - 40 - 79 credits as group average
April 7 - Online Room Selection - 0 - 39 credits as group average
April 11 – Online Walker Selection
April 12 – Online Walker Selection



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Eligibility - Who Can Participate?

- All current residential students plus students currently living off campus!
- Must apply online and submit online housing license by March 28th at 11:59PM.
- 5th year students and beyond are guaranteed housing at Walker Avenue Apartments. Graduate students are also only eligible to apply for Walker Avenue Apartments Housing. Commuter students with 39+ credits are also guaranteed at Walker Avenue Apartments. All students must meet March 28th deadline.



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Applying - Choose Walker Avenue or Residential Life Housing

Your first decision will be whether you want to live in Residential Life Housing or Walker Avenue Apartments. Starting on March 6th, the following applications are shown when you [login to Residence](#):

- Residential Life Housing Application 2017-2018
- Walker Avenue Apartments Housing Application 2017-2018

PLEASE NOTE – once you click on one choice either RL or Walker the other option will disappear so don't click on it until you are ready!

NOTE: You can select **either** Residential Life OR Walker, **but not both** - so make sure you've decided which option you want BEFORE you click the application. **You will not see the Walker Application if you have less than 39 credits.**

If you are a...	And you are...	Then...
Current Reslife Resident	Staying in Reslife Housing	Submitting a new license by March 28th authorizes Residential Life to roll your housing deposit already on file forward into the next academic year. If you cancel your application at a later date you will forfeit the deposit in addition to incurring cancellation fees.
Current Reslife Resident	Moving to Walker Housing	Submitting a Walker license by March 28th authorizes Residential Life to forward your existing \$200 housing deposit to Walker for the reservation fee. If you cancel with Walker you will forfeit the \$200 you had on file in addition to incurring cancellation fees.
Current Walker Resident	Staying in Walker Housing	You must pay a new \$200 reservation fee to Walker each year.
Current Walker Resident	Moving to Reslife Housing	You must pay a \$200 deposit which will be requested in the month of April.
Current off-campus student Commuter	Moving to Reslife Housing	Must be part of a group of current residents. The \$200 deposit is submitted concurrently with your application. There will be two applications to submit.
Current off-campus student Commuter	Moving to Walker Housing	May apply as an individual or a group and pay the \$200 reservation fee during the application process to Walker.

Roommate Searching Module

Get ready to find a roommate! You can filter for students with similar preferences to find a good match for the next academic year. The roommates module allows you to filter on items such as sleep habits, room condition, allergies, and more. You can send a potential roommate a message through our system. That person will need to accept your Roommate offer before you become a group. You may choose to not have your profile searched at any time by setting your **My Account > Matching Profile Visibility** to “Hide”. You may also form groups with specific roommates you already know by having one person indicate the roommate’s code. You may form groups of 1, 2, or 4. **NO GROUPS OF THREE WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN HOUSING SELECTION 2017 FOR RESIDENTIAL LIFE HOUSING!**

Roommate Mixer – Come to this event to meet a new roommate in person!

Come to this meet and greet on March 13th at 7 p.m. in the Apartment Community Center! Qdoba food will be provided with a great social atmosphere to help you find a great match!

Gender Inclusive Housing

If you are interested in living with students regardless of biological sex you may participate in Gender Inclusive housing. You will form Gender Inclusive (which may include mixed sex groups) between March 28th and March 30th. During on-line Housing Selection you will see spaces that are designated as Gender Inclusive. The same credit process applies for Gender Inclusive housing. Remember the apartment cut-off is typically around a 50 credit group average. **Please also note that Residential Life does not recommend Gender Inclusive housing for students who are in a romantic relationship.** When relationships change this can put a significant strain on the roommate relationship and has contributed to roommate conflicts in the past.

Living Learning Communities (LLCs)

If you’re interested in returning to your same Living Learning Community please fill out — “Living Learning Communities: I am currently living on a Living Learning Community floor/ wing and would like to return to the same community for the 2017-2018 academic year” on your application. You must submit your housing application and license by the March 28th deadline. You should work closely with the Program Coordinator for your floor to determine if you are eligible to return to the floor. If you cannot return to the floor, you’ll need to make another choice during Housing Selection.

9-month, Continuous Occupancy Housing

If you need housing where you want to live on campus during Winter and Spring breaks you should select from the 9-month housing options which include all apartments on campus: Hillside, Terrace, West Hill and Walker Avenue apartments. Potomac Hall is also a 9-month community as are the following floors in Harbor Hall: 1st North, 1st West, 2nd South, 2nd West, 3rd South, and 3rd West. Please note that students choosing Harbor Hall or Potomac Hall must purchase a minimum of a \$50 flex meal plan for January term as part of the housing license whether or not students plan to reside in housing for the month of January.

Quiet Lifestyle

Quiet Lifestyle floors enjoy extended quiet hours per community agreement. These floors are:

- Chesapeake 3rd West
- Erickson 4th South
- Harbor 4th South
- Patapsco Basement East
- Potomac Basement South
- Hillside – Elk
- Terrace – Chincoteague
- West Hill – Part of Wye

Meal Plans

Please note that you will be billed for the meal plan you select on your housing application. If you wish to change your meal plan you will need to contact the Campus Card office directly after July 1st by sending them an RT ticket from the “help” tab in your myUMBC account. If you do not select a meal plan and you are assigned to a residence hall, you will automatically be billed for the 12-meal-a-week plan. All students living in a residence hall are required to be on a meal plan. **Students living in Potomac and Harbor 9-month housing are required to purchase a winter session meal plan of at least a \$50 flex plan.**

Housing for Students with Special Needs

If you are currently in a space for a disability or medical accommodation, remember to submit your application and housing license by the March 28th deadline. You must work with Valerie Valentine: valerie@umbc.edu or call [410-455-8496](tel:410-455-8496) in [Student Disability Services](#) for any kind of housing accommodation. You will receive communication from Residential Life about how to request your same space if applicable.

Requesting Commuters, Transfers or Incoming Freshmen as Roommates

Due to the different housing selection cycles, current residential students are not able to select incoming freshmen or transfer students as roommates during the Housing Selection process.

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Assignment of Selection Times

Your group selection times are assigned based on the average of your cumulative credits as of the end of the Winter 2017 semester. The order of times is based on that average, and **does not prioritize by group size.**

Making your selection!

Beginning on March 31st you will see all housing selection options that are available to you. The time assigned to your group based on your group credit average will display in a countdown clock. When your selection time is reached, your group leader can select a room from any available space.

Process	Selection Dates	Info
Residential Life Housing Selection	April 5 - 7	Residential Life rooms will be available in a single housing selection process: including single, double, triple and apartment/suite rooms.
Walker Avenue Apartments Housing Selection	April 11 - 12	This option is only available if you and your group apply to Walker Avenue Apartments in March. More information on Walker Avenue Apartments can be found at http://walkeravenueapts.com

