



2020 — 2021

UMBC HOUSING
SELECTION GUIDE



AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...

HOUSING SELECTION IS HOW RETURNING STUDENTS CAN SELECT THEIR ROOMMATE(S) & ROOM FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

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APPLY

BY APRIL 7, 2020 AT 11:59PM

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FORM A ROOMMATE GROUP

BY APRIL 12, 2020 AT 11:59PM

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SELECT YOUR ROOM

TIMES WILL BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL



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APPLICATION & LICENSE

**APPLY BY APRIL 7, 2020 AT
11:59PM**

Students who complete the application & license in the housing portal are committing to the financial obligations & terms for the *entire* 2020-2021 academic year.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Current residents or current commuters who have been *pulled-in* by a current resident by completing the "Commuter Pass" available by electronic request from Residential Life.

Please note: Students with account holds (\$2000+) must clear their holds with Student Business Services, and then request access to the application(s) at Residential Life by the deadline in order to participate.

APPLICATION TYPES

RESIDENTIAL LIFE APPLICATION

- Available to undergraduates during their first 4 years
- Current commuters & WAA residents are required to pay a \$200 deposit

WALKER AVENUE APARTMENTS APPLICATION

- Available to undergraduates with 39 completed credits
- Fifth year+ & graduate students are *only* eligible to complete a WAA application
- Current commuters & WAA residents are required to pay a \$200 Reservation Fee

ROOMMATE GROUP FORMATION

FORM YOUR ROOMMATE GROUP ONLINE BY APRIL 12, 2020 AT 11:59PM*

Students must form groups in the housing portal by the deadline. Groups that do not meet the requirements listed below will be separated by the Residential Life staff.

*Due to system limitations, students in **Gender Inclusive** groups should form their groups between April 9-12, 2020.

GROUP REQUIREMENTS

- You may form groups of 1, 2, or 4 with students who submit the same application type.
- Groups seeking a 3-person (triple) bedroom should email reslife@umbc.edu prior to the deadline.
- Groups of 3 interested in Walker Ave. should visit the Walker Ave. Management Office.

FIND A ROOMMATE

SEARCH PROFILES ON RESIDENCE | MARCH 9- APRIL 8

The Roommate Module in the housing portal allows you to search profiles of students with the same sex. You can filter based on sleep habits, room condition, allergies, and more.

You may choose to hide your profile by going to My Account > Matching Profile Visibility to "Hide".



SELECT YOUR ROOM

SELECTION DATES & TIMES

RESIDENTIAL LIFE SELECTION | APRIL 20-22, 2020

WALKER AVENUE SELECTION | APRIL 29-30, 2020

Your group's selection time will be sent to your UMBC email at least two days before the start of the selection period.

Selection times are assigned based on your group's average completed credits and the selection process in which you are participating. Times are not prioritized by group size or class year.

HOW TO SELECT

The group leader must log into the housing portal during the assigned selection time to pick a room from the available inventory. Groups that fail to select by the end of the Housing Selection period are still guaranteed housing, and will be assigned by Residential Life over the summer.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE HALLS & SUITES

COMMUNITY	9-MONTH	QUIET LIFESTYLE	SINGLE BEDROOMS*	TRIPLE BEDROOMS*	REQUIRED MEAL PLAN
Chesapeake		3rd West	X	X	X
Erickson		4th South			X
Harbor	1st North, 1st-3rd West, & 2nd-3rd South	4th South	X		X
Patapsco		Basement East	X	X	X
Potomac	X	Basement South	X	X	X
Susquehanna			X	X	X

*Single & triple bedrooms are available in these communities, but may be limited based on inventory.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE APARTMENTS

COMMUNITY	9-MONTH	QUIET LIFESTYLE	SINGLE BEDROOMS	REQUIRED MEAL PLAN	Visit walkeravenueapts.com to explore WAA housing options!
Hillside	X	Elk	X		
Terrace	X	Chincoteague	X		
West Hill	X	Wye	X		

GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING

Gender inclusive housing is available in all communities. 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. That strain has contributed to roommate conflicts in the past.

Learn more about forming Gender Inclusive groups under Roommate Group Formation.


MEDICAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are currently in housing and have a disability or other medical accommodation, you still need to submit your application and housing license by the deadline. You should contact Wendy Crowe (crowe@umbc.edu | 410-455-8832) to discuss housing placement for the upcoming academic year.

SAVE THE DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT HOUSING SELECTION DATES

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8	9 APPLICATION AVAILABLE	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SPRING BREAK						
22	23	24	25 ONLINE INFO SESSION @ 12PM	26	27	28
29	30	31	 If you miss the Housing Selection Application deadline, you are welcome to complete the General Application starting April 15, 2020. You will not be eligible to participate in Housing Selection. Instead you will be added to the Housing Wait List and issued a housing offer, if and when space becomes available.			

APRIL 2020

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5	6	7 APPLICATION DEADLINE	8	9	10	11
				GENDER INCLUSIVE GROUP FORMATION		
12 GROUP FORMATION DEADLINE	13	14	15	16	17 RESIDENTIAL LIFE SELECTION TIMES EMAILED	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 WALKER AVENUE SELECTION TIMES EMAILED	25
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26	27	28	29	30	17	18
			WALKER AVENUE SELECTION			

FAQS

FOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSING SELECTION PLEASE COMPLETE AN MYUMBC RT HELP TICKET, ATTEND THE INFORMATION SESSION ON MARCH 25, 2020 AT NOON VIA WEBEX.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

WHY CAN'T I SEE THE APPLICATION(S)?

Students with student account balances greater than \$2000 will not have access to the Housing Selection Application. Students who clear their financial hold should come to Residential Life, located in Erickson Hall, before 5PM on March 24, 2020 to request access to the application.

Students with less than 39 completed credits do not have access to the Walker Avenue Application.

Fifth year undergraduate students and graduate students do not have access to the Residential Life Application.

Commuters must be part of a current group of residential students. The group should email Residential Life to fill out a "commuter pass" application between March 9, 2020 and April 7, 2020 during normal business hours.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I COMPLETED THE WRONG APPLICATION?

Students who completed the wrong application must contact Residential Life in writing or by phone before the application deadline in order to be reissued the application(s).

WHAT DO I DO IF I MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

Students are welcome to complete the General Application starting April 15, 2020. They will be added to the Housing Wait List and will be contacted with a housing offer, if and when space becomes available. Wait list offers are prioritized based on application date and a student's distance from campus.

SHOULD I APPLY IF I'M STUDYING ABROAD IN THE FALL BUT NEED HOUSING FOR THE SPRING?

No, students approved to study abroad do not need to complete the application. They will be contacted by Residential Life with instructions for securing Spring 2021 housing.

SHOULD I APPLY IF I HAVE A MEDICAL ACCOMMODATION?

Residents with a current accommodation still need to submit the application and license by the deadline. They should email Wendy Crowe at crowe@umbc.edu to discuss housing placement for the academic year.

Students seeking a new accommodation should contact Valerie Valentine at Student Disability Services (valerie@umbc.edu or 410-455-8496). Our office follows all recommendations from SDS.

SHOULD I APPLY IF I AM GOING TO BE A PARAPROFESSIONAL NEXT YEAR?

Students still need to submit their application by the deadline. If applicable, they will be required to submit a paper Roommate Group Formation once they accept the position.

WHEN DO I SELECT MY MEAL PLAN?

Students are asked to identify their meal plan for the upcoming year on the housing application.

They will be billed for the meal plan they select on their housing application. If they wish to change their meal plan after Housing Selection but before July 1, they can contact Residential Life via a myUMBC RT Help Ticket. Meal plan changes after July 1 should be directed to the Campus Card office via a myUMBC RT Help Ticket.

All students living in a residence hall are required to be on a meal plan. If a student does not select a meal plan or they pick an apartment only meal plan option, but are assigned to a residence hall, they will automatically be billed for the 12-meal-a-week plan.

Students living in Potomac and Harbor 9-month housing are required to purchase a winter session meal plan, (minimum \$50 flex plan), even if they will not be on campus during the winter session.

ROOMMATE GROUP FORMATION QUESTIONS

DO I NEED TO FORM A ROOMMATE GROUP?

No, students may apply for housing and select a room as an individual.

WHY DO I NEED TO WAIT UNTIL APRIL 9 TO FORM A GENDER INCLUSIVE GROUP?

Due to system limitations, students have to wait until the profile searching function is disabled for students to request roommates of different sexes, gender identities, or gender expressions.

WHY CAN'T I REQUEST A ROOMMATE, EVEN IF I HAVE THEIR CODE?

Students can only request roommates who have completed the same application type as themselves (ex. if they completed the Walker Avenue Application, they cannot request a person who completed the Residential Life Application).

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

ROOM SELECTION QUESTIONS

HOW ARE SELECTION TIMES DETERMINED?

Housing Selection times are based on the student's cumulative completed academic credits. Selection times are not determined by group size. If they are part of a roommate group, their group's average credits will be used (Ex. Student A has 45 credits and Student B has 15 credits, their Group Average is 30 credits and they will select with other groups/individuals that also have a 30 credit average).

WHY DIDN'T I RECEIVE A SELECTION TIME?

Some students/groups may not receive a selection time if demand for housing is higher than the amount of available spaces. Students who did not receive a selection time but met the other requirements are still guaranteed housing, and will be assigned to housing by the Residential Life Assignments team over the summer. Typically, groups with lower individual or group credit averages may not be issued a selection time.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A ROOM IS 9-MONTH OR QUIET LIFESTYLE?

Rooms are designated in the housing portal. Please make sure the group leader selects carefully and reviews the room description before selecting.

WHAT DO I DO IF I MISS MY SELECTION TIME?

Students have until the conclusion of the selection period to log-in a pick a room. After selection closes, students/groups that did not select will be assigned by Residential Life during the summer.