

2026-2027 Academic Year

Welcome Residential Retriever

Next Steps for On-Campus
Residents



What's Next?

May 16, 2026*

Roommate Search & Formation opens in the Housing Portal for students with guaranteed housing.

May 22, 2026

Living Learning Community decisions communicated to applicants.

June 15, 2026

Roommate Search & Formation opens in the Housing Portal for students with guaranteed housing.

June 17, 2026

Room Selection Information Session

June 23-26, 2026

*Room Selection for students with guaranteed housing.
Meal Plan Selection opens.*

July 15, 2026

Room & Roommate Information available in the Housing Portal for students with guaranteed housing.

Living Learning Communities

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) exist as floors in our halls and suites, and connect students with **live together** in a community and **participate in academic and community programming** especially designed for them.

Timeline

- **May 15** - LLC Coordinator Selection Day
 - **May 22** - Decisions communicated via UMBC email; statuses include: *offered, alternate, not selected*
 - **May 29**- Deadline to accept or decline your LLC offer
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Special Notes

- LLC Applicants will not be able to form roommate groups until they accept or decline their offer in the Housing Portal
- LLC Applicants who accept their offer can only form roommate groups with other students who have been offered the same LLC placement



Form a Roommate Group

The deadline to form a roommate group in the housing portal is June 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.

This step is optional.

You may form groups of 2 or 4.

Groups of 4 will receive priority in room selection.

You can only form a roommate group with those newly admitted students who have completed the RL application.



Formation Considerations

Gender Inclusive Roommate Formation

LLC Placements

Requests for Triple Bedroom

Students with accommodations





[Roommate Search Portal Instructions](#)



Accommodation Process

Medical Accommodations

The first step in the accommodation process is to work with the office of Student Disability Services (SDS)

Students should indicate need on the housing application, but formal approval comes from SDS. Priority consideration before **June 23, 2026**.

Religious Accommodations

Students who anticipate needing religious accommodations for housing should submit a request to the Dean of Students.

Similar to the medical accommodation process, students should indicate need on the housing application, but formal approval comes from the Dean of Students Office. **Priority consideration before June 23, 2026.**

Cancellation

Contractual Obligation

The housing contract is for both the fall & spring semesters.

Release from the contract after the start of the Fall term is not guaranteed.

Cancellation Requests

Requests must be submitted online through the housing portal.

Notice to another department does not suffice for cancellation of the contract.

Cancellation Fees

Students who contract and cancel will be assessed a \$500 or \$700 fee based on timing of the cancellation request and/or approval.

Waitlists

Students who miss the open contracting period are not guaranteed housing.

Waitlist offers are made via UMBC email over the summer as space becomes available.

Offers are typically issued on Monday and expire on Sunday.

Stay connected over the summer



June-July | See you at Orientation!

June 17, 2026 at 12 p.m. | [Room Selection Info Session](#)

July 29, 2026 at 12 p.m. | [Preparing for Move-In Day](#)

August 21, 2026 | New Student Move-In Day

For a complete list of deadlines & dates visit
reslife.umbc.edu/apply/new-student/

Questions?

HOUSING PORTAL
UMBC.EDU/GO/HOUSING

reslife.umbc.edu/contact-us

410-455-2591

FAQs

When and how do you get housing details, billing & assignments?

- Room and roommate info is available around July 15 (if not self-selected in June).
- Billing is added to your account by the August 1 e-bill; you can view estimated room and board rates at <https://reslife.umbc.edu/communities/housing-rates/>

What housing options are available for new students?

- Incoming freshmen can only choose residence halls.
- Suites are not available to freshmen, unless they have been selected to be part of a Living Learning Community (LLC) located in a suite community.
- Transfer students with 30+ completed credits are eligible for suites.
 - Transfer students with 50+ completed credits are eligible for apartments.

How do I request a roommate and are requests guaranteed?

- Roommate group formation happens in the housing application starting May 16.
- If you don't know a roommate, you can use the roommate search tool.
- Two and Four person groups formed in the housing portal by June 15 will be honored, unless there is a concern (ex. 3-person group, LLC placement conflict, etc.).

Other Takeaways

- **Bedroom sizes vary by type** (double, single, triple), but singles, triples, and quads are rare; you can find standard dimensions on our website: <https://reslife.umbc.edu/communities/halls/>
- **Gender-inclusive housing** only applies if you opted in.
- Medical **accommodation requests** must go through Student Disability Services (sds.umbc.edu).
- List of **recommended items** can be found on our website: <https://reslife.umbc.edu/apply/umbc-packing-list/>