# 2024-2025 Continuing Student Housing Selection

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Continuing Student Housing Selection Guide. This guide contains important information for the selection process. Be sure to read this guide carefully. If you have follow-up questions, contact a member of the Residence Life Staff below for more information.

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- To participate in Housing Selection, you must submit your application before February 9, 2024 at noon. Students that do not have a housing deposit on file will need to place a deposit after selecting their room.
- Selection times will be assigned randomly giving priority to those with the fewest numbers of semesters lived on campus. For more information about the assignment philosophy, please visit <a href="http://www.ut.edu/residencelife/housingphilosophy/">http://www.ut.edu/residencelife/housingphilosophy/</a>.
- Check your UT email for updates about the process.
- When considering your housing options for next year, remember that all residents must select a meal plan. Meal plan options may be reviewed at <a href="http://dining.ut.edu/my-meal-plan">http://dining.ut.edu/my-meal-plan</a>. Only residents in Palm Apartments, Straz Hall, and Urso Hall may select the 7 meal plan.



We realize this is a lot of information, so please, read the helpful FAQs or reach out if you have more questions. Be sure to contact your Area Coordinator, stop by the Office of Residence Life in Vaughn 213, or send an e-mail to reslife@ut.edu if you need additional assistance. Once selection begins, due to a high volume of inquiries, there may be a short delay in our responses. However, we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our website will have the most current information about the process: http://www.ut.edu/housingselection/. Housing Selection will take place in our software, Residence by Symplicity, which can be accessed through MyUTampa.

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Application Due in Residence by Symplicity

Selection Times Released

Selection Process in *Residence by Symplicity* 

Off-Campus Housing Fair

Deadline to cancel (requests submitted in Symplicity by the deadline will be automatically released from housing agreement) June 1

Deadline to be registered as a full-time student

Residence Halls open for Continuing Students for Fall 2024

**February 9 by Noon** 

February 16 February 20 – 23

February 28, 11am-1pm

June 1

August 23-25

We wish you success in your housing choice for next year! Review the guide, ask our staff your questions, and select your room! - Office of Residence Life

# **IMPORTANT FAQs**

## Will Residence Life select a space for me? Even if I miss my selection time? Even if I completed an application?

No. You or your group leader must select your room. The Office of Residence Life will not assume that you intend to select a space even if you submit an application.

#### Who is eligible to participate in housing selection?

Spring 2024 full time, on-campus residential students and students currently in study abroad and approved UT internships are eligible for Housing Selection. Students living off campus are not eligible for this process.

#### If I am a commuter right now, can I participate in Housing Selection?

If you are currently commuting to campus, you are not eligible to participate in Continuing Student Housing Selection. If you would like to live on campus for Fall 2024, you should fill out the No Guarantee Wait List on or after February 9th.

# What will happen if I do not participate in Housing Selection for 2024-2025?

On-campus housing is limited. If you do not select housing when you have the opportunity, you will not have an assignment for the 2024-2025 academic year. The No Guarantee Wait List will be your only option. If you are interested in off-campus housing resources, please review our site at https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing

### What if I don't know if I will need fall housing right now?

We recommend that you participate and select a housing assignment, even if you are not sure. Please pick a room as soon as your selection time comes. The process will move fast. You can cancel your housing agreement using the cancellation request form in <a href="mailto:Residence by Symplicity">Residence by Symplicity</a> or by emailing <a href="mailto:reslife@ut.edu">reslife@ut.edu</a> through June 1 without a cancellation fee.

#### Can I cancel my housing assignment? How long does the housing agreement last?

The housing agreement is for the full academic year including Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. You can cancel without question or cancellation fee through June 1. After June 1, your release is not guaranteed. Signing another contract or lease does not absolve you from your housing agreement. You are responsible for paying for campus housing until your agreement is cancelled in writing.

#### Am I guaranteed to get into the hall/type of room I want for 2024-2025?

Each year the demand varies for spaces on campus. We offer continuing students a variety of great spaces in a range of price points — from doubles and singles to apartment-style rooms. However, we cannot guarantee space availability, which will vary depending on your individual or group selection time. A room change waiting list will be available after housing selection ends.

#### What happens if I miss the application deadline?

You will not be able to apply late and participate in the process for 2024-2025. The application will no longer be available after 12:00pm on February 9, 2024.

## I have class during my selection time. What do I do?

You may log in after your assigned time and select your space prior to the selection process closing. If you are in a roommate group, your group leader will select your room for you. If that person is unavailable to select during your group time, then you may want to change group leaders.

#### What if the number of semesters (fall and spring) that I have lived on campus is incorrect?

If you believe there is a mistake with the number of semesters you have in our system, please contact us immediately. If the error originated with us, we will fix it.

## How do I get a single for next fall?

At your selection time, log in and view available rooms. You can filter available rooms by room rate code (double, single) using the drop-down menus. Spaces in all buildings will be made available for individual residents, even if they are not members of groups. If none are available, select an available space and then place yourself on the room change waiting list for a single.

#### How do I find a gender inclusive room?

On the room selection page in Residence by Symplicity, you can click on a room which will show if the space is "mixed/no restrictions" which means it is gender inclusive and open to all students.

#### What if we want to select a suite/apartment but have only 2 or 3 in our group?

You will be able to form and reform groups throughout the selection process. Spaces will be held in all buildings for groups of any size. For example, a group of 2 can select a Straz apartment and then another group of 2 can select the remaining spaces or a group of 3 can select a 5-person apartment in Jenkins and 2 individuals could select the remaining spaces. The group selection time is the median best (or middle best) number of its members. Adding or removing members may impact the group selection time.

#### Will I lose my housing if I am dismissed for academic or student conducts reasons but submit an appeal?

Students who are dismissed immediately have their housing and meal plan cancelled. If/when your appeal is approved; you may request reassignment in writing. The Office of Residence Life will attempt to reassign you to your previously selected space. If that space is no longer available, you will be placed in the next available space at the time your request is received.

#### What if I am not a full-time student for the fall term by June 1?

Your housing and meal plan may be cancelled. If/when you are registered as a full-time student and you request reassignment in writing, the Office of Residence Life will attempt to reassign you to your previously selected space. If that space is no longer available, you will be placed in the next available space at the time your request is received.

#### I am an athlete or resident who will need to stay on campus over winter break. Which halls will be open?

At this time, all halls with the exception of the Barrymore Hotel will be open for winter break and winter intersession 2024 – 2025. Any changes will be communicated to students by December 2024.

# I would like to stay in the same room from Fall to Spring. How can I do this?

When you select a room during Housing Selection, that space is typically reserved for you for both Fall and Spring terms. Students that select a space in higher floors of the Barrymore Hotel may be consolidated to lower floors throughout the year as required for best use of space.

#### How do I start the Housing Selection Process?

#### Step 1 COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION, https://utampa.okta.com/

Dec 1 - Feb 9: Complete your application in *Residence by Symplicity*. Form roommate groups throughout the process.

#### Step 2 REVIEW YOUR SELECTION TIME, via email

Feb 16: Selection times will be assigned randomly giving priority to those with the fewest numbers of semesters on campus. You can also start creating roommate groups at this time.

#### Step 3 SELECT YOUR SPACE, https://utampa.okta.com/

Feb 20 – 23: Select your space in *Residence by Symplicity* at your assigned selection time.

You may select a space either by yourself or with other students. The group selection time will be the median best number (middle best number) of its members. Adding or removing members may impact the group selection time. Spaces will be available in Barrymore Hotel, Brevard, Jenkins, Palm, Straz, and Urso.

#### Step 4 OFF-CAMPUS FAIR, www.ut.edu/residencelife/offcampus

Feb 28: We encourage you to explore off-campus housing options during the Off-Campus Fair. More information about this event will be available via our website in the spring term.

#### **Step 5 CANCELLATION & IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

Jun 1: **Deadline to cancel**. Requests submitted by the deadline will be released from the housing agreement.

Jun 1: **Deadline to register for classes**. You must be registered as a full-time student for Fall 2024 to keep your room on campus.

# **Step 6 CHECK IN**

Aug 23: Residence Halls open for continuing students starting on **Friday, Aug 23, 2024**. This may be adjusted if there are changes to the academic calendar. Deadline to arrive, check in, and claim your room key is August 25. Your space will not be held beyond August 26 without prior written notice providing your anticipated date of arrival.

#### **Selection Options**

We offer continuing students a variety of spaces in a range of price points — doubles, singles, suite-style and apartment-style rooms. However, we cannot guarantee space availability. Spaces will be available in Barrymore, Brevard, Jenkins, Palm, Straz, and Urso for Fall 2024/Spring 2025.

# **Room Change Waiting List**

If you were not able to secure the ideal space for yourself or your group, please select a space and then place yourselves on the room change waiting list. **This list will open after housing selection ends for those who selected a room during the process.** The waiting list to change rooms will be reviewed through the summer.

# **No Guarantee Waiting List**

If you do not participate in the selection process and select a space, you cannot be on a waiting list to change rooms/buildings. Your only option is the no guarantee waiting list. While the Office of Residence Life strives to accommodate students on the No Guarantee Waiting List, there is no guarantee you will be offered on campus housing.

# **Off-Campus Housing**

We encourage you to explore off-campus housing options by attending the Off Campus Housing Fair on February 28, 2024, by visiting our website: <a href="https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing">https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing</a> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property, <a href="https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing">https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing</a> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property, <a href="https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing">https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing</a> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property, <a href="https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing">https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing</a> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property, <a href="https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing">https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing</a> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property, <a href="https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing">https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing</a> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property.