

HOST Fall 2017/Spring 2018

Housing Options Selection Time

If you wish to reserve housing in an on-campus apartment or residence hall room for Fall 2017/Spring 2018, **you must complete steps 1, 2 and 3 below at the scheduled times:**

Complete these three steps:

MISS A STEP = NO HOUSING!

1. **ApplyOnline:** Complete the **FALL/SPRING Academic Year (Current/Returning Housing App)** in ApplyOnline between December 1, 2016—January 31, 2017. This is your contract and commitment to campus housing. If you do not complete ApplyOnline by January 31, 2017, you will not be offered housing. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** **This step is not first come/first served** but must be completed by January 31, 2017. **ONLY** students who complete Step 1 will continue to receive information and instructions about how to select their room or apartment during the selection dates in February 2017.
2. **Roommate Requests & Personal Preferences:** Enter Roommate Requests and complete Personal Preferences in MyHousing between December 1, 2016 through the date you select your apartment or room. **This step is not first come/first served** but must be completed by the date you actually select your room or apartment in February/March. You will not be able to enter roommates until you first complete ApplyOnline in Step 1. You **must** request enough roommates in MyHousing to completely fill the room or apartment you want to live-in by the selection date. You may only request students who currently live on-campus and have also completed Step 1 by the January 31 deadline. You will be able to select a Dining Plan for Fall 2017 in MyHousing beginning in March 2017.
3. **Room/Apartment Selection:** Finish the HOST process by selecting your room or apartment in MyHousing during the selection dates in February/March. One person in your fully matched roommate group will select the residence hall room or on-campus apartment you want to live in and place each roommate in the specific bedroom that the group decided on beforehand. In order to retain a specific room or apartment, you must **select that room or apartment during designated times** which can be found on the HOST schedule (posted soon) at <http://reslife.bloomu.edu/host.php>. This step will occur in February/March and **is first come/first served by credit and current housing location**. There will be specific dates assigned to select your housing depending on where you currently live, how many credits you have earned and then first-come/first-served. Only students who completed ApplyOnline by January 31, 2017 will be notified of and eligible to complete this step and secure housing.

* More specific instructions regarding each step will follow throughout the fall and early spring semesters.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Full Academic Year Agreement:** Your housing agreement is for the full Fall 2017/Spring 2018 academic year. We **WILL NOT** release students to move off-campus after the start of the academic year. Review the Housing Release Request Grid at <http://reslife.bloomu.edu/notice-release-offer.php> for information on what to do if you no longer need on-campus housing and whether or not you will be released and if so, at what cost.
- **Winter Session & 12-Month Hall** ~ Winter Session, 12-month Housing and Interim Housing, are not included in your Fall/Spring housing agreement. Students who anticipate taking a face-to-face Winter Session course or need housing over breaks (i.e. international students, winter sports) must sign up for a campus apartment in MPA, MOA or JKA or Elwell Hall, which is the 12-month residence hall. Students who need year-round housing must sign up for Elwell Hall. **There will be an additional charge for Winter Session and 12-Month Housing applied to your account at that time.** You will need to submit an Interim Housing Request Form closer to the start of that session. Students not living in MPA, MOA, JKA or Elwell Hall will not be permitted to stay on-campus during Winter Session, Thanksgiving break, Spring break or at the close of the academic year. We will not move students to these locations during Winter Session.
- **Students with Hearing Impairment** must select housing equipped with a visual fire alarm. This is noted beside the room listings in MyHousing so be sure to select the room that you need. Please make sure you accurately answer this question in the Personal Preference section in MyHousing.
- **Need Air Conditioning?** Simply select a campus apartment, Elwell Hall or your current air conditioned room or bring your own **floor model-only** unit not to exceed 10,000 BTU's.
 - Elwell Hall and all residence hall rooms with wall or permanent-window air conditioning units will be billed at a slightly higher rate than regular non air conditioned rooms. You do not need to submit an AC Request form or doctor's note to sign up for one of these rooms. All students living in a room with a wall or permanent-window air conditioning unit will be billed the same Air-Conditioned Room rate regardless of need or request for air conditioning.
 - If you need air conditioning and do not select appropriate housing, **a window unit will not be installed.**
- The **Trinity House** apartments will no longer be part of our on-campus housing inventory. Students currently living in the Trinity House apartments can complete the **HOST** process to be eligible for on-campus housing.
- **Northumberland Hall** has a gender neutral bathroom on 2nd floor East (Navy Hall side). Gender neutral means the bathroom is available for both male and female use at the same time. There is also a female bathroom on 2 East and male and female bathrooms on 2 West.
- The **new residence hall** will open Fall 2017 and will offer suite style housing ranging in size from 1-person to 4-person, single-bedroom-suites. Current on-campus residents will have the first opportunity during the **HOST** process to secure a suite in the new residence hall. The selection process will be based on credits earned. Residents of each suite will share 1 or 2 bathrooms per suite depending on the number of bedrooms. The residence hall will have in room heat and air conditioning temperature control. The only common area furniture provided in each suite will be a refrigerator, microwave, dining table and chairs. There will be no cooking facilities. Students living in the new residence hall are required to select either the A, B or C dining plan. Each bedroom will be provided a bed, desk and chair, wardrobe, 2 double stackable drawers and 1 single drawer. The bed will be height adjustable so that drawers can fit underneath, if desired.

There will be a cable television jack and network jack in each bedroom and common area. Students wishing to utilize the network jack must submit a Wired Network Connection Request found online at <http://reslife.bloomu.edu/form-lan.php> and will be charged the network connection fee. There will also be visual fire alarms (strobe lights), smoke alarms and sprinklers in each bedroom and common area. ADA bedrooms will have a pillow shaker jack. Students must provide shower curtains and toilet paper. The cost of the new suites will be approximately \$4200 per semester.

- **Montgomery Place Apartments (MPA)** will be converted to 2-person/2-bedroom apartments. Students interested in an MPA 2-person apartment will need to complete the **HOST** process to be eligible to select an available MPA apartment during the selection dates. However, as a precaution, you must also have 2 other roommates who sign up for an MPA 2-person apartment on file with the Residence Life Office. Email their names and BU ID numbers to buhouse@bloomu.edu. Do not enter the 2 extra roommates in MyHousing as this will prevent you from being able to select a 2-person apartment. In the event that the new residence hall suites cannot open in time for the start of the semester, you will be consolidated in an MPA 4-person apartment with the 2 extra roommates you submitted to Residence Life. This will allow us to house the students who originally signed up for the new residence hall suites in the open MPA apartments. If this occurs, Residence Life will pay the cost of your housing until the new hall is open and we return your apartment to a 2-person apartment. As of this date, there is no indication that the new building will not open in time for the fall 2017 semester. Students will also be able to live mixed gender in MPA. If you wish to live with someone of opposite gender email buhouse@bloomu.edu before January 31 for details on how to select an apartment during the selection dates. The cost of the MPA 2-person apartments will be approximately \$4200 per semester plus a \$200 utility charge per semester.

WHAT TO DO NOW

- Prepare for HOST by thinking about **WHERE** you want to live and **WHO** you want to live with. Check out apartment and residence hall floor plans online and look for roommate(s) on the Residence Life site. **START THINKING ABOUT THIS NOW!!**
- Review **ALL** information and instructions as soon as they are sent to you (via BU email) or posted online (Residence Life site or TODAY page) or throughout campus. Check out <http://reslife.bloomu.edu/host.php>.
- If you **do not** want to live on-campus for Fall 2017/Spring 2018, do not complete any of the **HOST** steps.

If you have questions, call Residence Life at 800-287-7543 or email Michele Stout at mstout@bloomu.edu or Mary Prout at mprou3@bloomu.edu