Continuing Student Housing Application and Room Selection Lottery
College, Housing and Educational Services
2024-25 Continuing Student Housing Process Timeline

Housing Application Period
February 26 - March 4

Room Selection Lottery
April 9-18

Waitlist
● Spaces re-assigned as they become available
● Waitlist students actively seek off-campus housing

Room and Roommate Info Available
mid-August

April - May - June - July - August - September

Instruction Begins
September 26

Housing Move-in
September
Changing from a priority-based system to a lottery system. Continuing students living in university housing during Winter & Spring 2024 who reapply during the Feb. 26 - March 4 application period will be eligible for the lottery.

The application period and room selection process are being held six weeks earlier. This means students can know sooner if they’ve secured on-campus housing or if they are on a waitlist and need to consider off-campus options.
Before the Room Selection Lottery, housing staff will assign:

- students with DRC accommodations for specific housing
- students accepted into campuswide theme housing
- Resident Assistants (RA) and Neighborhood Assistants (NA)

The 2024-25 Room Selection Lottery will take place in a series of passes. Randomly generated lottery times will be emailed to eligible students in advance of each pass.
Roommate groups who can completely fill an apartment or residence hall room will have the earliest opportunity to select a space. The process also gives precedence to students who apply to live at their affiliated college.

The Room Selection Lottery is based on availability at the time a student logs in, with spaces becoming more limited as other students complete their selections. Unfortunately, space availability is not certain.
Housing Application Period

February 26-March 4

- Apply in the Housing Portal studenthousing.ucsc.edu
- Apply anytime during this 8-day period, as long as you complete your application by March 4 (11:59 p.m. Pacific Time, deadline strictly enforced)
On your application...

- **Select the one college or community** you wish to apply to
- **Roommate groups**: coordinate with any friends you hope to live with — you all must apply to the same community.
- **Room Selection Lottery reminder**: For 1st Pass, lottery times will only be issued to eligible students who applied to live at their affiliated college, University Town Center, or The Village.

**Housing Application Period**

**February 26-March 4**
If you are not eligible for the lottery:

- You can apply, however your application will be on the **waitlist**
- Unfortunately, we do not expect to be able to accommodate all interested students
- We strongly encourage you to also **actively pursue off-campus housing**
Housing Options
College Housing

- More information about housing options at each college is available on the college website or by contacting the Housing Coordinator.
University Town Center

- Located in downtown Santa Cruz amid all that downtown has to offer. Riding the Metro buses or UCSC bike shuttle makes getting to campus easy.

- Double and Triple occupancy studio apartments with private bathrooms and kitchenettes.

- No meal plan required.

- Large TV lounge, computer/study area, and laundry room available.

- Available to students of all college affiliations.

- Learn more: housing.ucsc.edu/utc
The Village

- Located near the East Field/East Remote Lot, and the Music Center.
- Each building has a **combination of 4 single and 5 small double rooms**, three bathrooms, and one kitchenette.
- **No meal plan** required.
- Available to students of all college affiliations.
- During the Room Selection Lottery students may participate individually or as a 2-person group to select a room.
- Learn more: [housing.ucsc.edu/village](http://housing.ucsc.edu/village)
Campuswide Theme Housing

- ABC Themed Housing
- International Living Center (ILC)
- Trans-Inclusive Housing
- Substance Free Recovery Housing

Supplemental application required. Students accepted into these options will be assigned by housing staff prior to the Room Selection Lottery.
ABC Themed Housing

- Located at Cowell College, Stevenson College, Oakes College, Rachel Carson College, College Nine, and John R. Lewis College
- For students whose interests span historical, present-day, and future experiences of predominantly African, Black, and Caribbean peoples
- Available to students of all college affiliations
- Learn more: housing.ucsc.edu/abc-theme
International Living Center

- The International Living Center (ILC) is a **thriving community of residents from around the world** (approximately 40 different countries).
- Founded on the belief that the best way to foster international understanding, is through working, living, studying, and socializing with people from different backgrounds.
- **Located in the College Nine and John R. Lewis College apartments**
- Available to students of all college affiliations
- Learn more at: collegenine.ucsc.edu
Trans-Inclusive Housing

- Intended to create a safer/supportive living space for transgender, nonbinary, or different gender identity, and their allies, as well as students questioning their gender identity.
- Located in the Redwood Grove apartments.
- Available to students of all college affiliations.
- Learn more: housing.ucsc.edu/trans-inclusive
Substance Free Recovery Housing

- UCSC’s Substance Free Recovery Housing offers students in recovery, and 100% committed to living completely substance free, the opportunity to live together in community.

- Located in the Cowell College apartments

- Available to students of all college affiliations

- Learn more: housing.ucsc.edu/substance-free-recovery
Residence Hall Options
Continuing Student Areas

Residence hall rooms are configured primarily as triples, with a limited number of other room types (singles, doubles, quads, quints, etc.)
Residence Hall Meal Plans

Students living in residence halls are required to have one of these plans

**Blue Meal Plan**
- The minimum required plan for students living in residence halls.
- Meant to cover about 10 meals/week.

**Gold Meal Plan**
- Ideal for students who want to eat most of their meals at UCSC Dining locations.
- Meant to cover about 14 meals/week.

**Banana Slug Meal Plan**
- Intended for our Banana Slug students who plan to visit campus Dining Halls for 3 meals/day, 7 days/week, or want greater flexibility to get food from other UCSC Dining locations.
Meal plans can be used at all UCSC Dining locations:

- dining halls
- cafes and restaurants
- Perk coffee bars
- markets
Apartment Options
Apartment Configurations

- More information about housing options at each college is available on the college website or by contacting the Housing Coordinator.
Room Selection

Lottery
Before the housing lottery begins, housing staff assign the following students:

- Resident Assistant (RA)/Neighborhood Assistant (NA)
- Students accepted to a campus-wide theme (ABC Themed Housing, ILC, Trans-inclusive housing, Substance Free Recovery Housing)
- Students with a documented disability-related accommodation for a specific type of housing (must be renewed annually!)
Room Selection Lottery

for continuing students

- Students living in housing continuously through Winter 2024 and Spring 2024 quarters and who apply for housing during the Feb. 26 - March 4 application period are eligible for the Room Selection Lottery.

- Students can participate either as an individual or as a member of a group with other students who are eligible for the Room Selection Lottery.
# Room Selection Lottery

## Who is Eligible for a Lottery Time?

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- During 1st Pass, a student/group must be able to fill all available spaces in a residence hall room or a full apartment to complete a selection.

- *All passes may not take place at every college/community.
For each pass, the order by which eligible students can access the Room Selection process will be determined by a randomized lottery.

The randomly generated lottery times will be emailed to eligible students in advance of each pass.
Room Selection Lottery
for continuing students

Important!

- Remember, depending on space availability, all passes may not take place at every college/community.

- The Room Selection Lottery is based on availability at the time a student logs in, with spaces becoming more limited as other students complete their selections. Unfortunately, space availability is not certain.
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Roommate Groups

- Students must apply for the **same community** in order to **form a group**.
- To form a group, or to make changes to your group, access the **Roommate Request** process in the Housing Portal.
If you are a member of a group, designate the person in your group with the **earliest lottery time** as your group leader.

By joining a roommate group you are authorizing the group leader to select your housing and agreeing to accept that person’s decision as final.
Room Selection Lottery

Roommate Groups

• **Have a plan—and backup plans!** Talk to your group ahead of time about what types of rooms each person is willing to accept and who will share a room with whom.

• Some room types are highly sought after, but have limited availability, such as apartments and single rooms. **If your preferred space isn’t available, move on to your backup plans.**
A student’s gender designation in the MyUCSC portal plays a role in determining their room and roommate(s) assignment.

In most cases, students are assigned roommates of the same gender.

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Room Selection Lottery

Gender and Room Assignments

- Students may view and update their gender information through MyUCSC (my.ucsc.edu). Changes made in MyUCSC are updated in the Housing Portal within 24 hours.

- **Important:** During the Room Selection Lottery, if you are having difficulty completing a selection because of a gender designation issue, please contact your Housing Coordinator for assistance.

- For more information, visit: housing.ucsc.edu/gender
Room Selection - 1st Pass

Who will receive a lottery time for 1st Pass?

- Eligible students who applied to live at their affiliated college, University Town Center, or The Village.
- College affiliates can pull non-affiliates into their group if they applied to the same college. However, only the affiliates will receive lottery times.
- **Important:** During 1st Pass, a student/group must be able to fill all available spaces in a room or apartment to complete a selection.
Room Selection - 1st Pass

Which housing spaces are included in 1st Pass?

- Available spaces at the college/community you applied to (i.e., your affiliated college, University Town Center, or The Village).

- **For groups:** Any available space that exactly matches the size (and gender makeup) of your roommate group. For example, a 6-person apartment for you and five housemates.

- **For individuals:** Any available single residence hall room.

If you receive a lottery time for 1st Pass, but don’t select a space: You will receive a lottery time for 2nd Pass if spaces remain available for the Room Selection Lottery (can vary by college/community).
Room Selection - 2nd Pass

Who will receive a lottery time for 2nd Pass?

- All unassigned students who applied to the college/community (affiliation doesn’t matter). For example, if you are a Rachel Carson affiliate but applied to live at Porter, you could be invited to 2nd Pass.

Which housing spaces are included in 2nd Pass?

- Any available space at the college/community you applied to.

Important: 2nd Pass will only take place at colleges/communities where space remains available after 1st Pass. If held, be aware that only small group and individual spaces are likely to be available.
Room Selection - 3rd Pass

Who will receive a lottery time for 3rd Pass?

- All eligible students who have not yet been assigned housing. Affiliation or where you applied for housing does not matter.

Which housing spaces are included in 3rd Pass?

- Any available space, campus-wide.

Important: 3rd Pass will only take place if space remains available.
Housing Waitlist

- If you did not choose a space during the housing lottery, or if there were not any spaces available to select, your application will be on the waitlist.

- After the lottery, a small number of housing spaces may become available as cancellations occur, though we cannot predict when or how many.
Housing Coordinators will first work to assign any waitlisted Renaissance Scholars, Regent Scholars, and students with disability-related accommodations issued by the Disability Resource Center (DRC).

Additional students will be assigned on a space-available basis, though we cannot predict when or how many. Students on the waitlist are encouraged to also pursue off-campus housing.
Waitlist reminders

- **Be flexible.** The more room preferences in your application, the greater your chance of being assigned housing. Return to the Housing Portal to update the room preferences in your housing application to include *all the room types* you agree to accept.

- **Be patient.** We cannot predict when or what type of spaces may become available, or how many waitlist students we will be able to accommodate.
Waitlist reminders

- **Your waitlist application represents your interest** in being assigned housing.

- **If a space matching one of your room preferences** becomes available, you will be assigned to the space. You will not receive notification prior to being assigned, but a confirmation email will be sent to your UCSC email once you’ve been assigned housing.
Important!

- It is your responsibility to cancel your application via the Housing Portal if you are no longer interested in university housing.
- Cancel immediately if you find off-campus housing, are accepted into an exchange program, or do not plan to attend UCSC.
- There is no fee for cancelling a waiting list application.
- There is a fee for cancelling an assigned housing space.

Cancellation Policy

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Off-campus Housing Resources

communityrentals.ucsc.edu

Take the **Renters Workshop** and learn about:

- Maximizing your search
- Preparing an impressive Rental Application Packet
- Tenants’ rights and responsibilities
- Security deposit do’s and don’ts
- Optimizing your living experience with housemates, landlords, and neighbors
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Housing Search Timeline and Checklist

- Create your search strategy
- Prepare for your search
- Search for housing
- Do these things before you move in

First steps

Create your search strategy
It's never too early to take these important first steps.
- Take the free, online Landlord Workshop and receive a Certificate of Completion to show landlords you are a knowledgeable prospective tenant.
- Familiarize yourself with average rental costs and determine your housing budget.
- Consider where in the Santa Cruz area you want to focus your search, and look into transportation to campus.
- Think about who you want to live with and start networking. You never know who will have information about a place to rent unless you ask!

February – March

Prepare for your search
Very few rental listings will be posted this early, but there's a lot you can do to prepare.
- Create your Rental Application Packet. If you're searching with a housemate group, work on your packet together.
- Submit a Reference Release Form. This quick online step authorizes university housing staff to serve as your rental reference if you have previously lived in campus housing – find the form under "Releases" on the Housing Portal.
- Familiarize yourself with Planet4Rentals, UCSC's rental listings partner.
Off-campus Housing Resources
communityrentals.ucsc.edu

Places4Students.com is UCSC's free rental listing site

What Can I Do On Places4Students?

Search Rental Listings
- Filter your search by number of bedrooms and type of property.
- Map feature shows distance from campus.
- Set up a Smart Search to find listings that match your preferences and get an email when new listings are posted.

Find Roommates
- Post your own Roommate Profile and describe what you are looking for.
- Browse profiles of other UCSC students looking for housemates.
- Find a roommate or a group to search with.

Search for Sublets
- Search spaces available by students, for students, often in a shared living space.
- Need to find housing fast? Search for a short-term sublet available when you need it.
- Have a space available for rent? Advertise your sublet to other UCSC students.
Tips for Students Seeking Off-campus Housing

- **Talk to friends about your plans**... many students find housing by word of mouth!

- **Begin searching listings** on the Places4Students.com rental listing site. You can also create a Roommate Profile and begin searching for roommates using the Roommate Finder feature.

- Additional listings will be added, typically around 30 days before the rental is available for move-in.
Review
Reminder!

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Apply at studenthousing.ucsc.edu
Questions? Contact Us!

housing.ucsc.edu/contact