# Continuing Student Housing Application and Room Selection Lottery
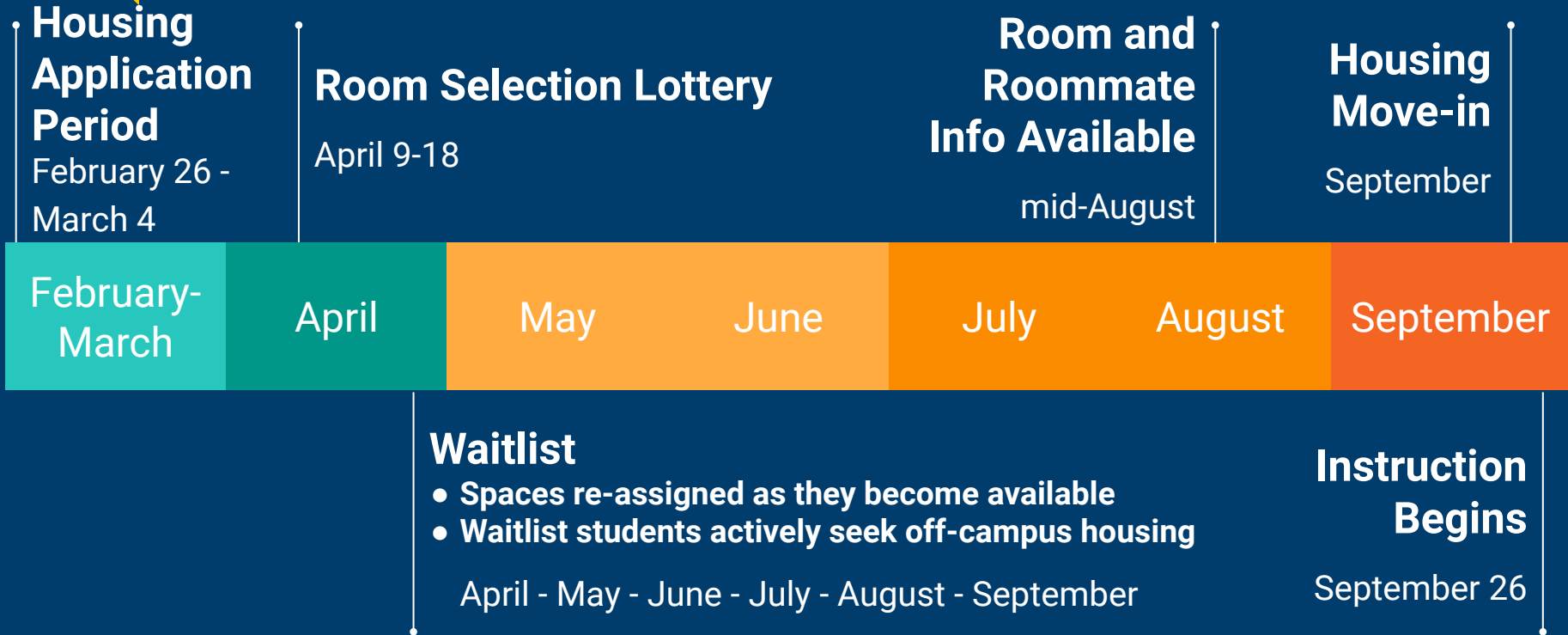
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# 2024-25 Continuing Student Housing Process **Timeline**

**Housing Application Period**
February 26 - March 4

**Room Selection Lottery**
April 9-18

**Room and Roommate Info Available**
mid-August

**Housing Move-in**
September

| February-March | April | May | June | July | August | September |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

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

April - May - June - July - August - September

**Instruction Begins**
September 26

# 2024-25 Continuing Student Housing Process
## What is Changing?



→ **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.

# 2024-25 Continuing Student Housing Process
## What is Staying the Same?

➢ **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.

# 2024-25 Continuing Student Housing Process
## What is Staying the Same?

➢ **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)



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4

# Housing Application Period
## February 26-March 4

**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.

# 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

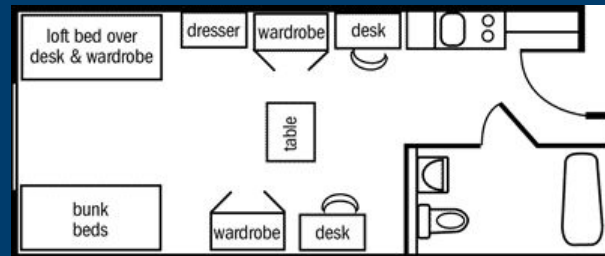- We strongly encourage you to also **actively pursue off-campus housing**

# Housing Options

# College Housing

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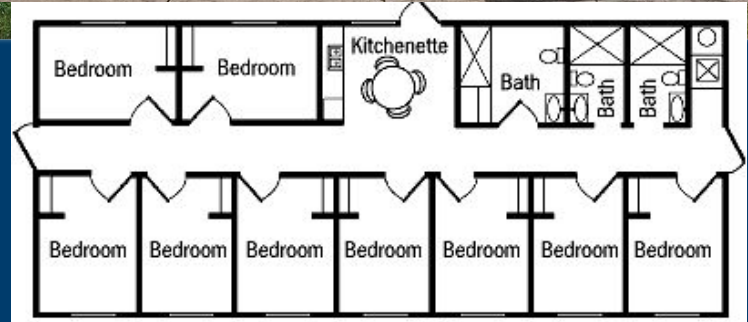
# University Town Center

- **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**

# 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

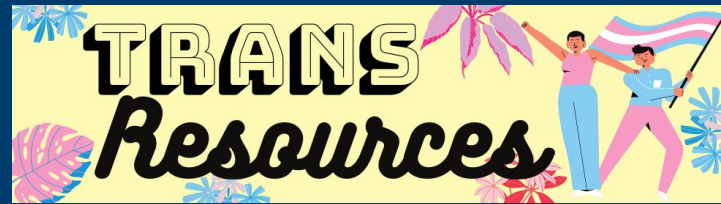- Learn more: **housing.ucsc.edu/abc-theme**

# 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**



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UCSC's Harm Reduction and Recovery Community

# 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

# Preassignment

**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?

| Student in Housing Applies to: | 1st Pass | 2nd Pass* | 3rd Pass* |
|---|:---:|:---:|:---:|
| **Your affiliated college** | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ |
| **The Village or University Town Center** | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ |
| **A different college** | X | ✅ | ✅ |

- *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.*

# Room Selection Lottery
## for continuing students

- 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.
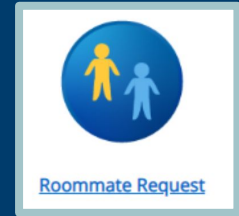
# Room Selection Lottery

**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.

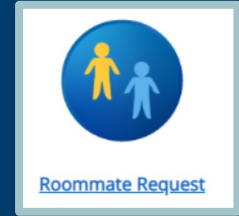# Room Selection Lottery

**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.



Roommate Request

# Room Selection Lottery

**Roommate Groups**


Roommate Request

- 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.**

# Room Selection Lottery

## Gender and Room Assignments

- 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.

| MyUCSC Value | Definition | Housing Portal Value |
|---|---|---|
| **Female** (F) | Female \| Trans Female \| Trans Woman | **Female** |
| **Male** (M) | Male \| Trans Male \| Trans Man | **Male** |
| **Nonbinary** (X)* | Nonbinary \| Genderqueer \| Gender NonConforming \| Different Identity | * In the Housing Portal these values are represented as **Nonbinary/Different Identity** |
| **Unspecified** (U)* | Unspecified \| Decline to State \| Unreported | |

# 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 Waitlist

- 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 <u>will not</u> receive notification prior to being assigned, but a confirmation email will be sent to your UCSC email once you've been assigned housing.

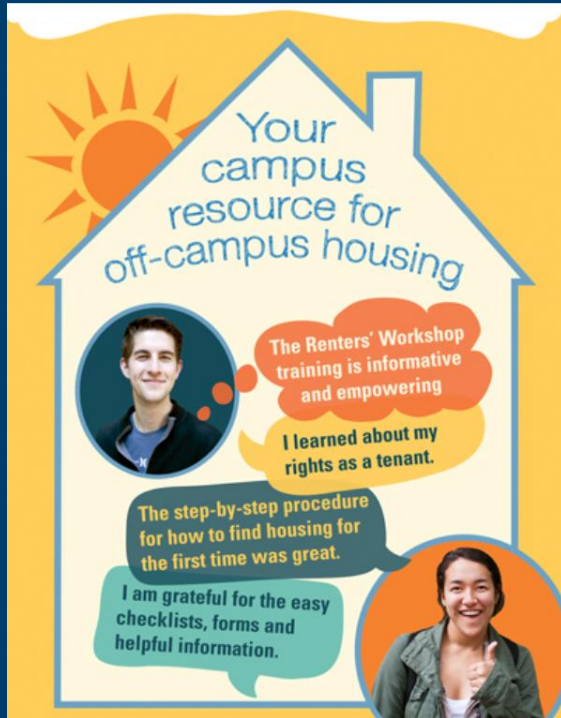# Cancellation Policy

studenthousing.ucsc.edu

## 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 Date | Cancellation Fee |
|---|---|
| On or before July 1 | $150.00 |
| July 2 through August 1 | $250.00 |
| After August 1 | $350.00 |

# 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

# Off-campus Housing Resources

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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 Renters 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 Places4Students, UCSC's rental listings partner.

# Off-campus Housing Resources

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**Places4Students.com**
is UCSC's free rental listing site
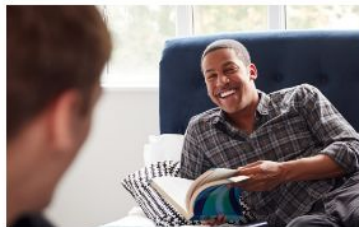
Places4Students.com

## 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
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# Reminder!

## Housing Application Period

**February 26–March 4**

**Apply at studenthousing.ucsc.edu**

# Questions? Contact Us!

**housing.ucsc.edu/contact**

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