Block Housing – Important Information

This document contains an anticipated listing of apartment units available for Block Housing Selection. The availability of these rooms are subject to change at any time. Once Block Housing selection begins on Wednesday, February 26, the availability of the listed units will continually decrease, as each group selects. Updated availability listings will be posted to the Room Selection website by 6 p.m. of the first day of Block Housing Selection.

The “Spirit” of Block Housing:
Block Housing was designed so that groups of friends could select a group of apartments in close proximity to each other. Block Housing is NOT meant to be used as a means of “priority selection” for certain buildings or to get specific room types (i.e. one-bedroom apartments) spread all throughout the building. As such, the following rules will be enforced by Housing Services when Block Leaders are selecting.

Rules:
- All bed spaces within an apartment must be completely filled by the block group. For example, a group cannot select the single room within a 2 bedroom apartment, without also filling the double in that unit. Likewise, a group cannot request to assign one person into a completely empty double apartment – they would need to use a “pick-up” space.
- Groups cannot “skip” more than one available room in a cluster of rooms (see examples on the next page); remember, the point is to live close to each other.
- Groups are not permitted to select rooms on different floors, unless there are no options to accommodate the full group on the same floor within the desired building.
- For Morewood Gardens, groups will be required to fill a “suite” (two adjoining rooms that share a bathroom) before being permitted to start a new suite.
- Semi-Suite Single rooms are NOT available in Morewood Gardens through Block Housing – only double and triple rooms are available to Blocks.
- Blocks cannot split up because of requests for specific apartment types. For example, a group of 6 cannot request 3 one-bedroom apartments spread out across a floor, simply so that all residents can have one-bedroom apartments. Remember, the point of block housing is to allow groups of friends to live close to each other. Groups should be prepared to split up into a variety of different room types.
- Housing Services will enforce all of the rules stated above, and make all final decisions regarding Block Housing assignments; groups that are not happy with those decision can opt into General Room Selection instead.
Things to Keep in Mind:

- Groups should discuss and be prepared to be assigned to a variety of room types.
- The Block Leader will be required to select a block of rooms, and then assign the Block Members to those rooms, including determining roommate pairings – be sure to discuss beforehand who will be living with who.
- Fairfax Apartments has limited options for odd-numbers sized groups. If you are a group of 7, 9, or 11, and wish to live in Fairfax, you may need to use a “pick-up” space.
- “Pick-Up” spaces are spaces in rooms that are already half-filled, either due to someone who retained but didn’t pull in a roommate, or as the roommate of a Resident Assistant. Pick-Up spaces will be available in most buildings.
- Blocks are not permitted to add any new members to their group; however, group members can choose to leave the group and the group can still select as long as they still meet the 6-member minimum.
- Know that Housing Services will keep in mind the groups selecting after you when deciding whether or not to approve your requested rooms; if you request ruins a block for a later group, the request may be denied.
- Due to space limitations, only one other block members may attend the selection meeting with the Block Leader.
- Housing Services works one-on-one with each Block Leader to try to identify a set of rooms for the group; even if your group doesn’t select until the very end, we encourage you to still come and look at your options – you can always opt for General Room Selection if you’re not happy with the Block options!

Block Leader decided not to select?
Groups whose Block Leader decides not to select a block of apartments can apply for General Room Selection after the group declines a Block Housing assignment, and before 12 p.m. (noon) Friday, February 28, 2020.

Each student must individually return to their application, and complete the following steps:
1. Remove themselves from the Block Housing Group
2. Change their selection on the “Process Selection Page” of the application to “General Room Selection”
3. Join a General Room Selection roommate group (optional)
4. Click through the “Confirm Process” step in order for your application to be submitted for General Room Selection

If individual Block Members decide to drop out of the group, the Block can still select as long as they still meet the 6 person minimum.
Examples:
Below are some examples of what will and will not be permitted when selecting rooms for Block Housing. Housing Services reserves the right to make the final call as to whether or not a requested block of room will be permitted to be selected.

Using the example below, a group of 6 could select:
- 822, 826, 827 (3 Apartment Doubles, 1 studio “skipped”)
- 825, 826, 827 (2 Apartment Doubles and 1 Studio Double)
- We would not let a group of 6 select 819, 826, 827 (too many units skipped)

Using the example below, a group of 8 could select:
- 803, 806, 807, 808 (3 Apartment Doubles and 1 Studio Double)
- 803, 806, 807, 809 (2 Apartment Doubles, 2 Studio doubles, one studio (808) “skipped.”)