

2025-2026 Returning Resident Room Selection

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Returning Resident Room 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 Room Selection, **you must submit your application before February 7, 2025 at noon.**
- Selection times will be assigned randomly giving priority to those with the fewest numbers of years lived on campus. For more information about the assignment philosophy, please visit <http://www.ut.edu/residencelife/housingphilosophy/>.
- 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 <http://dining.ut.edu/my-meal-plan>. **Only residents in Palm Apartments, Straz Hall, and Urso Hall may select the 7-meal plan.**

Please read the helpful FAQs or reach out if you have more questions prior to the start of the process. 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/>. Room 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)

Deadline to be registered as a full-time student

Residence Halls open for Continuing Students for Fall 2025

February 7 by Noon

February 14

February 18 – 21

February 26, 11am-1pm

June 1

June 1

August 22-24

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 Room Selection?

Spring 2025 full time, on-campus residential students and students currently participating in study abroad and approved UT internships are eligible for Room Selection. Students living off campus are not eligible for this process.

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

If you are currently commuting to campus, you are not eligible to participate in Returning Resident Room Selection. If you would like to live on campus for Fall 2025, you should fill out the Standby Waiting List on or after February 7th.

What will happen if I do not participate in Room Selection for 2025-2026?

On-campus housing is limited. If you do not select housing when you have the opportunity, you will not have an assignment for the 2025-2026 academic year. The Standby Waiting 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 [Residence by Symplicity](#) 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 two semesters: Fall 2025 and Spring 2026. You can cancel without question or cancellation fee through June 1. After June 1, your release from the agreement 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 2025-2026?

Each year the demand varies for spaces on campus. We offer returning residents 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 times. A room change waiting list will be available after room selection ends.

What happens if I miss the application deadline?

You will not be able to apply late and participate in the process for 2025-2026. The application will no longer be available after 12:00pm on February 7, 2025. If you miss the deadline, you can complete a Standby Waiting List application. Standby requests for housing are not guaranteed and offers are typically made in the summer if space exists.

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.

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. If no gender-inclusive rooms are available, please contact the Residence Life office. We can make specific apartments & suites gender-inclusive by request.

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 at the start of the process. 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 have their housing and meal plan cancelled immediately. 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 except for the Barrymore Hotel will be open for winter break and winter intersession 2025 – 2026. Any changes will be communicated to students by December 2025.

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

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

If I have a housing accommodation from SAS will I be prioritized during Room Selection?

Students with certain room type accommodations will be provided with an on-campus assignment prior to the start of the selection process. You will need to complete their Returning Resident Housing Application by the deadline to be eligible for this. If you are satisfied with the assignment provided, no further action will be required. If you are interested in a different room that was not pre-assigned, you have the option to participate in the Room Selection process. Students will not be given an earlier selection time if they choose to pick their own room during the selection process or if they choose to join a roommate group.

What happens if I have a housing accommodation but I am not able to pick a room that works with my accommodation through Room Selection?

If you decide to opt out of your pre-assigned room and pick your own room as an individual or part of a group, **you accept that you may not immediately receive a room that will work with your accommodation.** If this occurs, you can complete the Room Change Waiting List form in Residence by Symlicity. The form will open on February 28 at 1p.m. When the Office of Residence Life receives cancellations over the summer, room changes will be provided for those that have selected a space, but did not have their accommodation(s) met through the selection process.

How do I start the Room Selection Process?

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

Dec 1 - Feb 7: Complete your application in [Residence by Symlicity](#). Form roommate groups throughout the process.

Step 2 REVIEW YOUR SELECTION TIME, via email

Feb 14: Selection times will be assigned randomly giving priority to those with the fewest numbers of years on campus. You can also make or edit your roommate group at this time.

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

Feb 18 – 21: Select your space in [Residence by Symlicity](#) 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 26: 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 2025 to keep your room on campus.

Step 6 CHECK IN

Aug 22-24: Residence Halls open for continuing students starting on **Friday, Aug 22, 2025**. This may be adjusted if there are changes to the academic calendar. Deadline to arrive, check in, and claim your room key is August 24. Your space will not be held beyond August 25 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 2025/Spring 2026.

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 Room Selection ends for those who selected a room during the process.** The waiting list to change rooms will be reviewed through the summer.

Continuing Student Standby 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 continuing student standby waiting list. While the Office of Residence Life strives to accommodate students on the 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 26, 2025, by visiting our website: <https://www.ut.edu/campus-life/residence-life/off-campus-housing> or by contacting our preferred, off campus housing property, [The Henry](#).