

Hi! This video is about the new lottery process.

The new lottery structure will continue to prioritize rising seniors, followed by rising juniors, then rising sophomores – hereinafter referred to as seniors, juniors and sophomores.

The FIRST thing you should do is read the educational material on this website. It will explain the process in more detail, provide you with deadlines, lottery dates and more. If you are unfamiliar with all the housing options, visit the Residential Life housing page to learn more about each location and to view blueprints.

When the lottery goes live you can begin forming your roommate groups in our Bricks and Beyond Housing Portal – just login and select lottery.

Your roommate group's points will be the average of everyone in the group. For example, if there are two seniors and two juniors in a roommate group, their group points will be 2.5 and they will not be eligible to select until Round 2. Those seniors really need to like those juniors. Students can confirm their points by checking their Class Standing in Polaris.

The lottery will consist of four rounds. All AVAILABLE rooms will be included in every Round. The first round is only for seniors. We expect that Roommate Groups in Round 1 will range from one person looking to select a single room to a group of 8 hoping to select in Park Row or Harpswell. All senior-only roommate groups, regardless of size, will have the option to select in Round 1. Let's play out one example for you:

A group of 8 seniors create a Roommate Group and confirm their Group Leader will be available to select during the Round 1 Lottery night. They have a low number and by the time they are eligible to select their room on-line there are no options for a group of 8 left. They will not be able to select in Round 1. At that point, four students in the Roommate Group of 8 will leave their group and create a new Roommate Group of 4. So, our group of 8 is now 2 groups of 4 and – if they complete their Roommate Groups by the deadline – are eligible to select in Round 2. Round 2 is for students with 2 or 3 points. Seniors still select before juniors so the first roommate group of four selects a quad on the 14th floor of Coles Tower. The second group of four is selecting 20 minutes behind them, during this time one of them is watching the available rooms report on the Residential Life website to monitor which rooms will still be available and looking at blueprints on-line. Another is skyping with their fourth roommate who is abroad so they can make their housing decision together. When it is time to select, there is an available quad on the 14th floor, the roommate group leader selects that available quad into

their cart and is then able to view who has already selected to live on the 14th floor. They see their friends' names on that floor and then move forward to assign each person a bed and confirm the housing selection for their group.

Here's is another example except this time we have a Roommate Group of two sophomores. They can create their Roommate Group at any time after the lottery opens and before the Round 3 deadline. Round 3 is available to students with 1, 2 and 3 points. Because they are sophomores with 1 point each, they are first eligible to select a room in Round 3. They hope to live in a substance-free building or Chamberlain. When they are eligible to select during Round 3 lottery night, Chamberlain and 52 Harpswell both have doubles remaining. They choose 52 Harpswell and confirm on-line that they agree to the policies for substance-free living being informed that if they are disruptive in the substance-free community they will be moved.

Once both of these groups complete their housing selection they are done with the process and committed to living in the space their roommate group leader selected.

Additional information about the lottery can be found on the Residential Life Lottery website. Still have questions, come to an info session!