Housing Information

Villanova University’s Office for Residence Life strives to create a welcoming residential community while maintaining a comfortable and safe environment for students residing on campus. Our staff oversees campus housing assignments and manages the day-to-day operations of our residence halls. Please read all of the following information carefully before accepting on-campus residency.

Residence Life Fast Facts

- Villanova houses approximately 4,400 undergraduate students in 26 on-campus residence halls located throughout all areas of campus—Main Campus, South Campus and West Campus. There are 18 traditional residence halls and 8 apartment-style halls that are reserved for upper-class students.
- Freshman residence halls are predominantly co-educational and range in size from 50 to 520 residents. Halls may be designated as single-gender depending on the gender distribution of the incoming class.
- Freshman students may be housed in halls on all areas of campus. Most first-year students are normally housed in double or converted triple rooms in Caughlin, Good Counsel, Katharine, McGuire, Moriarty, St. Monica, and Stanford Halls. When housing demand exceeds space in traditional freshman halls, students may also be housed, in Delurey, Fedigan, O’Dwyer, St. Mary’s or Simpson Halls.

Eligibility for On-Campus Housing

Students who are admitted to the University as a “resident” are guaranteed three consecutive years (six consecutive semesters) of on-campus housing beginning with the Fall semester of the academic year of their admission. Students who forego a semester(s) of housing for any reason (i.e. participation in a study abroad or internship program, deferred acceptance) are not guaranteed an additional semester(s) of housing in their fourth year. Residents who withdraw or take a leave of absence from University housing at any point during the eligibility period will lose their guarantee of on-campus housing. Those interested in returning to campus following an authorized leave may be housed as space permits.

Securing Housing for Freshman Year

A student who accepts the University’s offer of admission as a “resident student” must complete a Housing Application to secure a room assignment. New resident students will be able to access, complete and submit an online Housing Application at https://www.housing.villanova.edu between May 1 and June 1, 2017. To complete the Housing Application, a student’s admission deposit must be received and processed by the Office of University Admission. Please note that the University requires approximately three days to process an admission deposit. All Housing Applications must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2017.

In conjunction with the housing application, students will also have the opportunity to apply to participate in a themed residential learning community. These students will live in the same residence hall, take their The Augustine and Culture Seminar (a class all freshmen are required to take) together and explore a common theme in an additional one-credit discussion class that meets weekly in the residence. These residential programs are selective and in high demand. As a result, students who request to participate in a themed learning community may be assigned a tripled room, regardless of deposit date, in order to accommodate placement in that community.
New Student Housing Assignments

New residents are assigned roommates based on gender, date of admission deposit, enrollment in designated Learning Communities and—when possible—preferences specified in a questionnaire that accompanies the Housing Application. Students—not parents—should complete this questionnaire.

In order to honor the University’s three-year housing guarantee, almost all incoming students reside in either a double room or a converted triple room (a traditional double room with added furniture to accommodate three students). A small percentage of students reside in single rooms or rooms designed to accommodate three or four students.

Incoming students are assigned to converted triple rooms or non-traditional freshman halls in reverse date of admission deposit order, beginning with the latest dates of deposit and working backwards. For example, a student who deposits in May or April is more likely to be assigned to a converted triple room or a non-traditional freshman hall than a student who deposits in March or earlier. We anticipate that at least half of the Fall 2017 incoming class will reside in converted triple rooms.

Students who reside in a converted triple room at the start of a semester will receive a discount equal to 1/3 of the room rate (approximately $1000 - $1250) for that semester. This discount is not available to students who reside in rooms specifically designed to accommodate three or four students. Students seeking a less expensive room option may request assignment to an upperclass hall with a less expensive room rate (if available) by contacting resdencelife@villanova.edu.

Freshman residents may not select or request a specific residence hall or room. Given the anticipated number of students residing in converted triple rooms, students may not request to room with one particular student. However, Residence Life will make a reasonable effort to accommodate requests to room as a group of three in a converted triple room provided that:

- Interest in residing together is shared by all three students
- Each student has designated each other as preferred roommates in the Housing Application
- The request is received by June 1, 2017

Room assignments will be posted at https://www.housing.villanova.edu during the last week of July and will contain:

- Room and building assignment
- Roommate’s name, address, telephone number and email
- VU mailbox number and combination

Housing Beyond Freshman Year

Housing for sophomore and junior years is secured during the spring semester via a housing selection process. Returning students will be issued a computer-generated random housing selection time as part of this process. It is important to note that factors such as previous housing assignment, assignment to a converted triple, difficulties with roommates, academic standing, participation in special activities, facilities concerns and other factors are not considered when generating selection times. Students will be able to choose their housing assignment and roommate online at their designated housing selection time.

While senior year housing is not guaranteed to all students, the University is scheduled to open new Residence Halls in the Fall of 2019 that will have the capacity to house a higher percentage of the senior class. Non-guaranteed students who wish to reside on campus for their senior year will be eligible to apply for residency via a housing lottery process. Housing for senior year is only guaranteed to students who are admitted to the University with Presidential or certain athletic scholarships that specifically guarantee a fourth year of housing.

Please visit our website—www.reslife.villanova.edu—for more detailed information about our office, our halls, our policies and our housing calendar.