

A PLACE
— *for* —
YOU



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Your First Year residence hall is stop one on a four-year journey to independence and self-discovery. Here you'll make friendships and memories that last long after you leave us. Inside this guide, you'll find everything you need for first year housing assignments, from process details and deadlines, to roommate selection advice, res hall hacks, and inspiration from our students, faculty and staff. Whether your first stop is Dolan, Hamlin, or Campion, we'll be here for you, and you'll be a short walk from all the best JCU has to offer.



There are
three easy steps
to securing
first year housing

**APPLICATION,
SELECTION, AND
ASSIGNMENT.**

OPENS

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CLOSES

Step 1:

HOUSING APPLICATION

Opens March 1, 2024; closes June 3, 2024

Sign our housing agreement, provide personal preferences and request your room type, list emergency contact and medical information, and choose your meal plan.



Step 2:

ROOMMATE SELECTION

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14

CLOSES

Opens April 1, 2024; closes June 14, 2024

Set up your My College Roomie (MCR) profile and complete the questionnaire to match with and choose your roommate.



Step 3:

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

ARRIVES

MID-JULY

Receive your hall, room and roommate information.

Step 1:

HOUSING APPLICATION

It all starts with the **Housing Application**, open to incoming first years at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2024 on the **Housing Portal**. You'll have three months to submit your application online. The application consists of a) signing the First Year Housing Agreement, b) answering personal preference questions, c) providing primary residence, emergency contact and medical information, d) logging living requests, and e) choosing your meal plan. **Complete your application by June 3, 2024.**

A. Signing the First-Year Housing Agreement

Read through the 2024-2025 Housing Agreement and Provisions for Occupancy closely before agreeing to its terms. Much like a lease, this is a binding document, so be sure you understand the details of your four-year University-sponsored housing commitment, and reach out with any questions.

B. Answering Personal Preference Questions

After signing the Housing Agreement, you'll answer a series of questions about sleep and study habits, cleanliness, hobbies and interests, if you're interested in and eligible for any of our three Living Learning Communities, and other details to help us match you with the best roommate for you. [Helicopter parent warning: please don't let a well-intentioned adult answer these for you. You know you best. Be honest with yourself when answering. You may hope to become an early riser or more organized in college, but if today you like sleeping in and are a little messy, that should be your answer!]

This section also includes optional emergency and medical questions you may need help answering, and we'll ask for your mobile phone carrier (Verizon, Sprint, etc) and phone number (yours,

not your parents', please). Personal preferences can be updated at any time in the Personal Information tab in the Housing Portal during or after submission.

C. Providing Primary Residence + Emergency Contact Information

We'll need at least one primary off-campus mailing address, an emergency contact, and contact info for one "Preferred Parent/Guardian" who will receive the Under 18 Verification if applicable, and all future Residential Life communications. These contacts are all updatable any time in the Personal Information tab in the Housing Portal during or after submission.

D. Logging Living Requests

First year students cannot request specific residence halls, but you can indicate whether you prefer a single or double occupancy room, assigning each a priority number one (top choice) or two. **Singles and single occupancy rooms are limited, so we cannot guarantee your assignment will match your request.** The majority of students are placed in double-occupancy rooms. Please note that you won't be able to update your room request online once you submit—you'll need to contact the Office of Residence Life directly to make any changes.

E. Choosing Your Meal Plan

All first year students are required to enroll in a meal plan – you won't be able to submit your housing application until you choose one. There are two plans to pick from – **The 14 + \$150 Plan** or the **Unlimited Plan**. Both provide access to Schott Dining Hall, plus meal exchanges and Dining Dollars that can both be used at any of the five other on-campus dining and grab-and-go options: Saxby's, Inn Between, The Cubby, The Den, and The Nook.

MEAL PLAN • SIDE-BY-SIDE

14 + \$150 Plan

Cost: \$3,165/semester, \$6,330/year

14 Schott Dining Hall swipes/week

- 7 of your 14 swipes/week can be used for meal exchanges*
- Any weekly unused swipes roll over through semester end
- \$150 Dining Dollars/semester**

The Unlimited Plan

Cost: \$3,435/semester, \$6,870/year

- Unlimited access to Schott Dining Hall
- 10 meal exchanges*/week
- \$100 Dining Dollars/semester**

* meal swipes can be exchanged for up to \$ in value at any on-campus dining location **Unused Dining Dollars roll over to second semester and expire at academic year end

Submitting Your Housing Application

Once you choose a meal plan, you'll submit your housing application. Once you see the confirmation screen, **if you're 18 and older, you've successfully completed Step One! Congrats! If you're under 18, your parent or guardian must sign your application before you can move forward.** This is really important - until they sign, your application is still incomplete.

Parent or Guardian Verification

If you are or were under 18 on the date you submitted your application, your application will be incomplete until your parent or guardian signs off. This is a legal requirement with no exceptions or work-arounds. We'll send an email to the "Preferred Parent/Guardian" you provided in the Primary Residence + Emergency Contact Information section of the Housing Application, and they will need to approve before you can begin Roommate Selection or receive a Housing Assignment. You can confirm or update your "Preferred Parent/Guardian" any time in the Personal Information tab in the Housing Portal, but if you need us to resend the verification form to your parent or guardian, you'll need to contact the Office of Residence Life at 216.397.4408.



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on Instagram for themed meals, featured dishes, and collabs with local restaurants



Step 2:

ROOMMATE SELECTION

In addition to the Personal Preferences Questions in the Housing Application, you'll use the My College Roomie (MCR) platform and questionnaire to create a profile and generate a match score with potential roommates who share your preferences. You'll then use MCR to identify, communicate with, select, and make plans with your future roommate.

Trust the Process

All incoming first year students will use MCR, even if they've already picked a roommate. MCR has proven to be a valuable tool for determining compatibility, identifying potential points of conflict and setting clear expectations between friends or new acquaintances who are considering rooming together. Transparency and communication are keys to any successful roommate relationship, so take advantage of this important step and tool - it can make your transition to campus and first semester at JCU smoother and more enjoyable.

Key Dates for Roommate Selection

- Complete your Housing Application by **March 31, 2024**, and you'll receive your early access MCR login credentials by JCU email on **April 1, 2024**. Students with Housing Application Submissions after April 1, 2024 will receive MCR access ~48 hours after successfully submitting/verifying their application.
- MCR profiles must be complete by **June 7, 2024** at 11:59 p.m.
- Roommate selection ends on **June 14, 2023** at 11:59 p.m.

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STREAK
CLASS
OF 2028



STREAK SMARTS

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A ROOMMATE

- TIP #1** Best friends often make the worst roommates.
- TIP #2** Honest conversations and clear expectations up front will prevent future arguments.
- TIP #3** The Big 4: Look for alignment on sleep times, study habits, cleanliness, and noise levels.
- TIP #4** Embrace "otherness:" You'll learn more rooming with someone from a different background or major, plus you'll meet people outside of your circles.
- TIP #5** Good boundaries make good neighbors: Ask for theirs and communicate yours so there are fewer surprises.

Step 3:

HOUSING ASSIGNMENT

The third step of the process, and the easiest for you. This one is all on us. We'll use what we've learned about you through the first two steps to find a hall, room, and for most a roommate that best fit you. Look for the assignments in your JCU email mid-July.

Accommodations and Inclusive Housing

If you require a housing accommodation due to medical, psychological, or other need, please contact Student Accessibility Services.

JCU's care culture inspires us to provide an inclusive living-learning environment, welcoming, celebrating and protecting all members of our community regardless of culture, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ability, privilege, political or religious affiliation, race, ethnicity, national origin, or citizenship.

In order to ensure all students feel comfortable in their living spaces, we make every effort to provide reasonable and appropriate



accommodations as requested, and on a case-by-case basis. You can request accommodations for gender inclusivity, religion, or other personal reasons by contacting jcureslife@jcu.edu.

All disclosed information will be kept confidential and shared only with University personnel on a need-to-know basis.



FIRST YEAR HALLS

Here are the halls where our first year students find their place.

Dolan Hall

Sitting on the Quad between Rodman and St. Francis Chapel and fully updated in 2022, Dolan is home to the Counseling Center, the Honors, Arrupe, and Leadership Scholars Living/Learning Community, and first year single and double rooms with community bathrooms + showers on each floor. Kitchen on the main, laundry on the first and second floors, a common area with TV and study lounge on every floor, and a second floor reflection room.

COSTS:

Double Room: \$4,250/semester; \$8,500/year

Single Room: \$4,755/semester; \$9,510/year

“Living on campus transformed my college experience, offering me the privilege of truly diving into the John Carroll community. The convenience of attending campus events at any time enriched my student life, making every day full of opportunities.”

- Anna Kerensky '24

Campion Hall

Overlooking Braken Field and directly across the street from DeCarlo Varsity Center, Campion houses first years in double rooms with community bathrooms + showers, and lounges on each floor. Kitchen and laundry on the ground level.

COSTS:

Double Room: \$4,095/semester; \$8,190/year

Single Occupancy in Double Room

(Buy-out): \$4,590/semester; \$9,180/year

“Finding my forever best friends within the campus walls was an unexpected treasure of my college journey. These friendships and moments at John Carroll will be some of the most memorable experiences and it all started in the residence halls.”

- Paulina Ortiz '25

ALL FIRST YEAR
RESIDENCE HALLS

Feature

AG | FREE WIRELESS INTERNET
FREE LAUNDRY | SHARED FULL KITCHEN

Hamlin Hall

Located near the athletic fields and future Field House, Hamlin's double rooms house first years and sophomores. Community bathrooms and showers on every floor, kitchen, laundry + vending on the lower level, and TV + study lounges on each floor.

COSTS:

Double Room: \$4,095/semester; \$8,190/year

Buy-Out (Single Occupancy in Double Room):
\$4,590/semester; \$9,180/year

“Living in the residence halls as a student-athlete was a game-changer. It made early morning practices and late-night study sessions seamless.”

- Andrew Ruggiero '24

Learn more about the
Residence Halls at

jcu.edu/housing4u

LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Make deeper connections in and out of class with like-minded Streaks. Our three LLCs are immersive themed communities that bridge learning and living spaces to enrich your classroom and campus experience while fostering stronger relationships with faculty and friends.

STEM LLC

Welcoming students who have declared an academic major or undeclared major concentration in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields. You must be accepted into one of the following majors at the time of housing placement to be eligible:

- Biology
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Engineering Physics
- Environmental Science
- Interdisciplinary Physics
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Physics
- Undecided Science, Mathematics and Health

Honors, Arrupe, and Leadership Scholars LLC

Designed for students who have been accepted to and part of these mission-based programs at time of housing placement. **LLC membership is not automatic when you join these programs, so be sure to indicate interest in your housing application.**

Mosaic LLC

The Mosaic Living and Learning Community acknowledges, celebrates, and creates a space for all of the identities our students bring to campus, including students of color, first generation students, LGBTQ+, interfaith diversity, and those allies who are passionate about social justice.

The intentional programming in the MOSAIC LLC will be led by a Faculty fellow, Resident Assistants, and MELT (Match, empower, learn and Teach) mentors. They will engage students living in the community in dialogue about their identities, their experiences, and the community they develop at JCU.



GOT QUESTIONS?

Here are some answers to the most common from incoming first years:

Q. When will I get my assignment and can I change it?

A. We'll send your assignments by JCU email mid-July. As outlined in the Housing Agreement, all decisions will be final and cannot be changed until the second week of the semester. While we make every effort to match students with their preferred housing assignment, failing to receive what you requested will not warrant release from the Housing Agreement.

Q. I want to join an LLC, but my roommate isn't eligible. Can we live together in the LLC?

A. LLC placement preference will go to all eligible and interested LLC applicants and groups before considering ineligible roommates. If there is space after all eligible applicants are placed, we will consider groups that include a roommate who is not eligible for the LLC.

Q. Are there designated halls for student athletes?

A. We do not house athletes together in designated halls or floors. Incoming first year student athletes who wish to room with other athletes can use My College Roomie (MCR) to match, but we encourage athletes to consider other important compatibility factors when selecting a roommate.

Send them to jcureslife@jcu.edu, check out our housing site, and follow us on Instagram.

Q. What if I'm interested in Fraternity and Sorority Life?

A. We encourage you to explore Fraternity and Sorority Life! If you choose to join an organization, you may be able to live on the organization's floor your sophomore year and beyond.

Q. Are Residence Halls open between terms and over breaks?

A. All residence halls will remain open during the Fall, Thanksgiving, Spring, and Easter Breaks. You must register to stay, but there is no additional cost. Residence halls close for Winter Break, no exceptions. Limited housing may be available at an additional cost. Contact the Office of Residence Life for details.

Q. Do I need to bring my belongings home over Winter break?

A. You are not required to move your items out of your room over Winter break as long as you plan to return to this space for the spring semester. You will need to take any items you need over break with you—you will have no access to the halls to retrieve left items during this time.



*Questions
about
Res Life
at JCU?*