



# 2021-2022 HOUSING SELECTION GUIDELINES

## Hampden-Sydney College

### Introduction

As a residential college, Hampden-Sydney guarantees housing for every student each year. In fact, with the exception of those students who commute or have other housing accommodations, **all students are required to live in College-owned housing for all four years.** \* We believe that our residential model is critical to cultivating an “atmosphere of sound learning,” as our mission states. Hampden-Sydney is a “home away from home” for our men, an energetic community of scholars, outdoorsmen, athletes, leaders, and gentlemen. Here, we seek to provide the most transformative undergraduate experience for young men found anywhere in the country.

### Definitions

- **Rising Seniors or “Seniors”** – students with at least 73 credit hours (eligible for Coxe Hall)
- **Rising Juniors or “Juniors”** – students with 41 – 72 credit hours (eligible for Coxe Hall)
- **Rising Sophomores or “Sophomores”** – students with no more than 40 credit hours (eligible for Dickinson Hall)
- **Apartment** – a College residence including a common area and full kitchen (full-sized refrigerator, sink, range, oven, cabinets, and countertops)
- **Suite** – a College residence including a common area and (in most cases) a kitchenette (full-sized refrigerator, sink, cabinets, and countertops)
- **Head Applicant** – any Hampden-Sydney student who applies on behalf of a group of students or a prospective roommate for a specific apartment, suite, or room.
- **Good Standing** – student has no current holds on his Business Office account for outstanding payments and is not currently under Summary Suspension or Contempt of the Student Court.
- **General Housing (or “hall-style” housing)** – any College residence without the above-described amenities. For the purposes of upperclassman housing selection, General Housing includes:
  - B Dorm
  - Carpenter Halls (Y and/or Z)
  - Hampden House Units
  - Johnson Hall
  - Random Housing Assignments/TBA for students ineligible for housing selection

\* – **Hampden-Sydney College has a four-year residential requirement.** ONLY students who have eligible medical diagnoses/disability accommodations, are approved commuters, or are married/non-traditional student over 24 are eligible to apply for off-campus status. All other students are required to live in a College-owned residence. Please see “Appendix I: Housing Regulations” in *The Key* for more information about off-campus living.

# Housing Application and Selection Process

Housing Selection for Academic Year 2021-2022 will be entirely online.

Please note that ALL housing is contingent on a student’s registering for Fall courses prior to Housing Selection. A student must also have cleared any holds on his account prior to Housing Selection. If you have any questions in regards to holds on your account, please reach out to Ms. Catron in the H-SC Business Office. The Office of Student Affairs reserves the right to change these terms and conditions at any time without prior notice.

Hampden-Sydney has a long-standing tradition of rewarding seniority (credit hours earned) and academic performance (cumulative GPA) during housing selection (N.B. – seniority and academic performance are weighted equally when comparing each student’s housing application). Housing selection is only available to students enrolled during the spring semester\* who are also **in good standing with the College.**

For most College-owned housing, a **Head Applicant** competes for a specific housing assignment and is able to pull in any unassigned student to be his roommate or suitemate, regardless of the roommate’s seniority or academic performance. **One exception to this rule applies to Dickinson Hall, whose applications depend on the cumulative academic merit of all four Sophomore applicants in each group.**

Important Housing Application Dates 2021 - 2022	
Thursday, March 25	<p><b>Fraternity/Theme House rosters are due to Andrew Marshall (amarshall@hsc.edu) by 4:30 PM</b></p> <p>Brinkley House – UPLS            Burrell House – Tiger Athletic Club            Dishman House – Animal Rescue Club            Elliott House – Academic Honors House            Kappa Sigma – HSCVFD            Lambda Chi Alpha – Minority Student Union            McIlwaine House – Wilson Center            Melvin House – Rugby Club            Reed House – Substance-Free Living</p>
Friday, March 26	<p><b>Final Fraternity/Theme rosters are entered online.</b></p>
Friday, March 26	<p><b>Specialty Housing e-mail information sent to students</b></p>

<p><b>Monday, April 5</b></p>	<p><b>Applications DUE at 3:00 PM for 6-man Grove Apartments:</b></p> <p>Hickory House (5 apartments available)  Oak House (3 apartments available)  Poplar House (4 apartments available)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 6</b></p>	<p><b>Applications DUE at 3:00 PM for 4-man Grove Apartments:</b></p> <p>Oak House 101  Osage House (6 apartments available)  Sycamore House (5 apartments available)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 7</b></p>	<p><b>Applications DUE at 3:00 PM for 4-man Blake Apartments:</b></p> <p>Blake E (4 apartments available)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 8</b></p>	<p><b>Applications DUE at 3:00 PM for 3-man Blake apartments:</b></p> <p>Blake B (3 apartments available)  Blake C (4 apartments available)  Blake D (4 apartments available)</p>
<p><b>Friday, April 9</b></p>	<p><b>Applications DUE at 3:00 PM for C Dorm suites:</b></p> <p>C 001-002 (4-man – 2 doubles)  C 004-006 (5-man – 1 single, 2 doubles)  C 101-102 (3-man – 1 double, 1 single)  C 103-104 (3-man – 1 double, 1 single)  C 105-106 (4-man – 2 doubles)  C 201-202 (3-man – 1 double, 1 single)  C 203-204 (3-man – 1 double, 1 single)  C 205-206 (4-man – 2 doubles)</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 12</b></p>	<p><b>Applications DUE at 3:00 PM for Dickinson (Sophomores ONLY) and 4-man Coxe (Juniors and Seniors ONLY) suites:</b></p> <p>All Dickinson and Coxe suites consist of two double occupancy rooms.</p> <p>Dickinson Hall (5 suites available)  Coxe Hall (5 suites available)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 18</b></p>	<p><b>General Housing Selection from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM for available hall-style single and double-occupancy rooms.</b></p> <p>Each student participating in General Housing Selection will receive</p>

	<p>an automated text message and email when his turn to select housing begins.</p> <p>This process will continue between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM each subsequent morning until all eligible students have selected housing.</p>
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If a Head Applicant's application is approved, he and his roommate(s) will be notified via email the following morning. Once assigned, students are no longer eligible to apply for other housing or be selected as roommates.

In the case that a Head Applicant's application is rejected, he and his requested roommates will remain eligible to apply for housing at any of the other subsequent application deadlines.

Please direct any questions about Housing Selection to [housing@hsc.edu](mailto:housing@hsc.edu).

**\*All dates and availability subject to change. Selections will be void for any student who is not registered for Fall 2021 courses by April 30.**

Anyone applying for a double room during the process must complete and sign an application with a roommate. **You cannot secure a double room without a roommate.** Any student who is left without housing to choose from or does not have a roommate to secure a double room, must request to be added to the housing waitlist.

## Fraternity and Theme Housing

### Fraternity House Rosters:

Each fraternity is obligated to fill all Chapter House beds with eligible members. Requirements to be eligible to live in a fraternity house follow:

- Student must be an active member of the fraternity
- Student must have a GPA of 2.25 or higher
- Student must agree to living in the house prior to their names being submitted online.
- All fraternity houses should meet an 80% upperclassman occupancy ratio. Understanding the fluctuating nature of fraternity membership, certain exceptions can be made to this standard.
- Each fraternity must have an appointed Fraternity RA who will reside in the house during the full academic year.
- The incumbent Chapter President is expected to live in the house for the academic year. In the case that the Chapter President cannot occupy a room inside of the Chapter House, he shall be replaced by a minimum of two chapter officers, including a person responsible for risk management and a Vice-President.

**Failure to fill the house with eligible members on-time will prevent all members of the**

**fraternity from eligibility for other housing opportunities until the fraternity house has been filled.** Fraternity RAs also must provide a list of no fewer than 3 alternates to agree to fill any vacancy that may arise inside the house at any point in the following year. Each student contemplating living in a fraternity house is urged to have a conversation with his parents before committing to living there.

## **Theme Housing**

Each academic year several College-owned houses are designated as Theme Houses. Hampden-Sydney College student groups may apply to occupy one of these houses for a period of two academic years based upon the criteria listed below. **All current Theme Houses have been reserved for Academic Year 2021-2022.**

### ***Selection Criteria***

Each group interested in securing a theme house must submit a cover letter and a housing assignment roster, complete with Student ID numbers and each student's full name. (Please note that this roster will be used to make housing assignments IF awarded and cannot be changed after it is submitted to our office)

The written proposal to the Office of Student Affairs in Brown Student Center will be due no later than the date and time indicated in the Housing Selection Calendar. The Associate Dean of Students for Campus & Residential Life will determine which group among those applying will be awarded theme housing for a period of two years, beginning the following Fall semester. The decision will be based upon the merit of the proposal and a proven record of "good citizenship." Students must have a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible to live in a theme house.

### ***Theme House Proposal***

The applicant group should be an officially recognized Hampden-Sydney College club, organization, or program.

The group must develop and identify a unifying theme or purpose for the house such as community service, language, environmentalism, etc.

Each Theme House is obligated to fill its beds. Lead Applicants or Resident Advisors for Theme House applicant groups will be responsible for coordinating the house room assignments with the prospective residents. Each Theme House must also provide a list of no fewer than 3 alternates to agree to fill any vacancy that may arise inside the house at any point in the following year.

The group must identify, develop, and execute at least one specific program or project each semester that will be constructive for the H-SC community. These projects must be pre-approved by the Office of Student Affairs.

The group must have an active advisor from among the H-SC faculty or staff.

The incumbent Club President is expected to live in the house for the academic year. In the case that the Club President cannot occupy a room inside of the house, he shall be replaced by a minimum of two club officers, including the Vice-President.

### ***Additional Information***

Late applications for Theme Houses will be considered only after all on-time applications have been considered.

Students who are awarded theme housing will receive an e-mail requesting confirmation of their housing assignments.

No storage of personal belongings inside the Theme House is permitted during breaks between academic years.

The College reserves the right to revoke the group's occupancy at any time for a breach of the Theme House Contract or failure to satisfy the obligations outlined here.

## Studying Abroad

Currently enrolled students who are studying abroad may still compete for housing as a Head Applicant or be pulled in as a roommate.

If serving as a Head Applicant, an online application must still be submitted on behalf of the applicant group. Whether serving as a Head Applicant, or being pulled in as a roommate, students who are currently studying abroad must also email the Associate Dean of Students for Campus & Residential Life ([amarshall@hsc.edu](mailto:amarshall@hsc.edu)) to confirm their housing decision by 2:00 PM on the appropriate due date (see “Important Housing Application Dates” above)

### **Study Abroad Fall 2021**

If you are working with the Office of International Studies and have confirmed plans to study abroad during the Fall 2020 semester (or the entire 2021-2022 academic year), you SHOULD NOT apply for housing, NOR should you agree to be a roommate during housing selection.

Rather, you may contact the Office of Student Affairs before December 7th, 2021 to discuss your housing options when you return in January 2022. (Please email [housing@hsc.edu](mailto:housing@hsc.edu) if there are any questions).

### **Study Abroad Spring 2022**

If you hope to study abroad during the Spring 2022 semester, you SHOULD still participate in housing selection.

### **Unsure**

If you are unsure about your study abroad status for the Fall 2021 semester, you SHOULD still participate in housing selection.

