Navigating Choices within the UW RLDS Contract

You are receiving this email because you have successfully completed the 2021-2022 UW Residence Life & Dining Services contract! As a reminder, students who sign contracts for the 2021-2022 year will have the opportunity to select their own rooms and roommates in the residence halls. For an overview of the room selection process and timeline, please see our Room Selection FAQ web page.

When your time slot opens for room selection later this summer and you log back into the housing contract portal, you will have several options. Below are descriptions and resources surrounding some of these choices to help you make the best-informed decision for yourself.

Which Floor Do I Want to Live On?

We encourage students to think critically about the floor they want to live on. Because all of our Washakie Halls have nearly identical floor plans, selecting a building is not as important as choosing a compatible floor designation. There are a variety of Living Learning Community (LLC) options and you may want to consider being part of one of these groups!

For students accepted to a Freshman Interest Group (FIG), this will be a simple decision! FIG students will be living on their designated FIG floor.

Students not participating in a FIG will have more flexibility in their living location. As mentioned above, we recommend students check out our Living Learning Communities web page to learn more about the different community options available in the residence halls.
Which Room Type is Best for Me?
Once you know which community you would like to reside in, it is important to consider what type of room you would prefer. Things to consider include personal space, ability to meet new people, and compatibility with your budget. Ultimately, this is a decision that you need to make for your circumstances.
For information regarding different room types and sizes (Standard Double Room, Small Twin Single Room, Suite-Style Single Room), please see our Residence Halls web page. (Please note: Single Rooms and Single-Suite Rooms are available on a very limited basis. RLDS cannot guarantee that you will be able to reserve one of these rooms during the Room Selection Process.)

Which Meal Plan is Best for Me?
Your initial meal plan selection was made as part of your residence hall contract. If you would like to update your meal plan selection, we are happy to help! Just drop us a quick email including your name, student W number, and the meal plan you prefer.
As you think about which board plan makes the most sense for you, it might be helpful to ask yourself how regularly you anticipate eating at the Washakie Dining Center.

• If you plan to eat at Washakie regularly, you may want to consider our weekly meal plan offerings (unlimited access plan, 15-meal per week plan, 12-meal per week plan). These meal plans reset their counts every week on Friday mornings. Any meals not used within the week (Friday breakfast – Thursday dinner) are forfeited.

• Like more flexibility? You might consider one of the block meal plan offerings (block of 210 or 280 meals). These plans give you a set number of meals for the entire semester. The meal count does not reset weekly, it resets prior to the spring semester.

• Students are allowed to change their meal plan prior to September 3, 2021.

For additional information on the different meal plan options and their pricing, please visit our Dining Plans web page.