

CONTRACTS CHRONICLES

Official Newsletter of the University of Wyoming Housing & Dining Contracts Department



Navigating Choices within the UW Housing Contract

You are receiving this email because you have successfully completed the 2023-2024 UW Housing & Dining Services contract! As a reminder, students who sign contracts for the 2023-2024 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, keep reading or see our [Room Selection FAQ webpage](#).

When your timeslot 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.



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Which Floor Do I Want to Live On?

As you think about where in the residence halls you would like to live, we encourage you to see the [communities](#) that each residence hall houses. You will see that each of our four Washakie Residence Halls (Downey, McIntyre, Orr, and White) have a wide variety of Living Learning Communities (LLCs). Please keep in mind that the physical layout of these four Washakie Halls is nearly identical. Most rooms are double occupancy, with a limited number of small twin single and suite-style single rooms. Four community bathrooms are located on each floor. Except for our all-male/all-female floors, co-ed living is standard. Each floor is separated into two wings, each with a specific gender. Card swipe access is required to enter the restrooms and is restricted by gender.



The [Tobin House](#) is home to our First-Generation community.

First-Gen students can face unique challenges, and this community aims to help students successfully transition to college. Students who choose this LLC will have access to additional opportunities to learn about UW, interact with first-gen students and faculty, and gain valuable skills and resources. Tobin House residents will have their rooms assigned by Housing. To be considered for this community, select 'First-Generation' on the LLC page of the housing contract. If you have completed your contract and want to add this option, drop us an [email](#) request.

The [Honors House](#) is a special living option for a small group of Honors College students to live in the community. If interested in the Honors House, an additional, separate application is required. If selected to live in the Honors House, your room will be assigned by Housing.





Students accepted to a [Living Learning Community \(LLC\)](#) will be living on their designated LLC floor. LLC students select their rooms after returning residents.

Students not participating in a LLC will have the option to select any available room in any hall during room selection. As mentioned above, we recommend students check out our [Living Learning Communities webpage](#) to learn more about the different community options available in the residence halls. The LLC floor layout is subject to change prior to room selection. A current link will be available on our website and in the room selection portal.

Which Room Type is Best for Me?

Once you know in which community you would like to reside, it is important to consider what type of room you would prefer. Things to consider include personal space, the 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 [Residential Living webpage](#).

Please note: Single Rooms and Single-Suite Rooms are available on a very limited basis. Housing 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.

All meal plans include a set amount of Dining Dollars each semester:

- **Unlimited Plan:** \$75 dining dollars
- **15-Meal per Week Plan:** \$100 dining dollars
- **12-Meal per Week Plan:** \$125 dining dollars
- **Block 210 Plan:** \$290 dining dollars

Dining dollars can be used at any food location on campus and are loaded on your WyoOne ID card at the beginning of each semester. Grab a coffee at Rolling Mill or Book 'n Bean; bagels are great at Einstein Bagels; Panda Express and Pita Pit offer quick and convenient meals in the Union. Need a quick late-night study snack? Vending machines located in the Residence Halls also accept dining dollars!

Dining dollars associated with a meal plan expire at the end of each semester. Unused funds are forfeited and are non-refundable.

For additional information on the different meal plan options and their pricing, please visit our [Dining Plans webpage](#).



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 the Block 210 Meal Plan. This plan give you a set number of meals (210) 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 1, 2023.



Room Selection Overview

Current hall residents will be able to select rooms for the 2023-2024 year on July 11-12, 2023. New residents will start the room selection process on July 13, 2023. All students with a completed residence hall application will be assigned a room selection timeslot. This timeslot will be emailed to students by July 7. On or after your timeslot opens, access is available within the housing contract to select a room space. For more information about the room selection process and timeline, please see our [Room Selection FAQ](#) webpage.

Contracts Timeline



July 7

Room Selection Timeslot Notification Emails

July 11-12

Returner Room Selection

- For returning students who lived in the residence halls during the Spring 2023 semester.

July 13-16

Living Learning Community (LLC) Room Selection

- For new students who have been accepted into an LLC. LLC participation requires housing on specific residence hall floors.
- LLC students who do not select a room by the end of LLC Room Selection will be manually assigned by Housing to a space that corresponds to their group affiliation.



Please Note: Students selected to live in Tobin House and Honors House will be assigned their room space by Housing. No room selection timeslot will be provided.

July 19-23

Standard Room Selection

For new and returning students who have not selected or been assigned a room space. This includes students who indicated 'No Preference' of an LLC on their application.

July 24

Room Assignments

- Any student with a completed contract but no room assignment at the end of Standard Room Selection will be auto-assigned by Housing.

July 27

Notification Emails

- Email communication will be sent to students' UW email addresses.
- Emails will include hall and room assignment, selected meal plan, mailing address, and roommate name and contact information.

