



# CONTRACTS CHRONICLES

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## NAVIGATING CHOICES WITHIN THE UW RLDS CONTRACT

You are receiving this email because you have successfully completed the 2020-2021 UW Residence Life & Dining Services contract! As a reminder, students who sign contracts for the 2020-2021 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 webpage](#).

When it is your time to log back into the contract portal later this summer to select your room, you will have several options. In this email, we will describe some of these choices, as well as give you the resources to help you make the best decision for you.

### WHICH FLOOR DO I WANT TO LIVE ON?

- We are encouraging students to think critically about the particular floor they want to live on. We have a variety of Living & Learning options and want you to consider being part of one of these communities!
- For students in Freshman Interest Groups (FIG), for example, this will be a simple decision, as you will be living on your designated FIG floor.
- Other students will have more flexibility in deciding which floor they live on. As mentioned above, we recommend that these students check out our [Living & Learning Communities webpage](#) to learn more about the different community options available in the residence halls.

### WHICH ROOM TYPE IS BEST FOR ME?

- Once you know where you want to live in the residence halls, it will be important to consider what type of room you want to live in. Things to consider include – personal space, meeting new people, and compatibility with your budget (among others) – but ultimately, this is a decision that you need to make for your particular circumstances.

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- For information about the different room sizes in our Washakie Halls (Standard Double Room, Corner Single Room, Suite Rooms), please see our [Residence Halls webpage](#). *(Please note: Single Rooms and Suite Rooms are available on a very limited basis and RLDS cannot guarantee that you will be able to reserve one of these rooms during the Room Selection Process.)*
- For information about the pricing of our different room types, please see our [Residence Halls Cost & Payment webpage](#).

## WHICH MEAL PLAN IS BEST FOR ME?

- You have already made your initial meal plan selection as part of your residence hall contract. If you would like to change this selection, please log back in to your [Housing Contract](#) and update the Meal Plan tab of your contract.
- As you think about which board plan makes the most sense for you, it might be helpful to first ask yourself how regularly you anticipate eating at the Washakie Dining Center.
- If you are going to eat at this facility regularly, you may want to look more carefully at our weekly meal plan offerings (Unlimited access plan, Any 15 access plan, Any 12 access plan). These meal plans reset their counts every week on Friday mornings, so you will want to make sure you use up your meals by the end of each week, otherwise you will forfeit any remaining meals.
- On the other hand, the block plan offerings (280 meals, 210 meals) don't reset until the end of the semester, so there's no need to worry if you there's a week (or two) where you eat a little more at our Campus Dining locations than you do at Washakie.
- For information about the pricing of our different meal plan options, please see our [Residence Halls Cost & Payment webpage](#).

