Housing Lottery and Room Selection 2006

Each year during Winter Semester, the Housing Office administers a variety of processes through which students may select housing for the following year. These include an off-campus housing lottery; a theme house proposal process; a suite lottery; and a general housing lottery. This publication is designed to give you basic information on the suite lottery and the general housing lottery, and to answer some of the questions you may have about selecting housing for next fall.

Any student who plans to be at Bates in the fall of 2006 is eligible for these housing lotteries, except:
- students who have received approval from the Housing Office to live off-campus for the 2006-2007 academic year
- students who have made arrangements to reside in an approved theme house (Film Appreciation and Production in Chase House, Fine Arts in Frye House, Folk Culture in Nash House, and Healthy Living in Hacker House) for the fall of 2006
- students who have been hired as Junior Advisors or Residence Coordinators for the 2006-2007 academic year

We will post a list of all students eligible to participate in the 2006 housing lotteries on Monday, February 27. You may also check Garnet Gateway to verify your lottery information. Please ensure that your name and class year, as well as the name and class year of any student for whom you are serving as a proxy, are correct. Any discrepancies must be reported to the Housing Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1.

Did you know?

All floor plans are available online at [www.bates.edu/housing.xml](http://www.bates.edu/housing.xml). You will need to enter your e-mail user name and password to access the plans. You will be able to view each room's square footage and number of windows, as well as proximity to stairways, bathrooms, etc. Please take advantage of viewing these plans before showing up for room selection so that you are fully informed of your options and well-equipped to choose a room. Floor plans will also be posted outside the Housing Office on Monday, March 6.
Suite lottery will begin at **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.**

Groups of four, five, or six students may enter the suite lottery for four-, five-, and six-person suites in the Village (Moody House, Rzasa House and Hopkins House), John Bertram Hall, and Turner House. A group’s pick number will be based on the average of the lottery numbers of the students in those groups. The lowest individual number in each group will be dropped before averaging the numbers for the group so as not to penalize students who wish to live with members of other classes. (For example, a four-person group will use only the average of the three best individual numbers to calculate the pick number for that group.)

Applications for the suite lottery will be available at the Housing Office on Monday, March 6 and will be due back by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9. Lottery number averages for all groups entered in the suite lottery will be posted outside the Housing Office on Friday morning. A student may be a part of only one group for each size suite, but may apply for suites of different sizes with different groups.

Suites on campus vary in size and makeup. The table below identifies which suite compositions are available in each building to aid you in the suite selection process.

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**General Housing Lotteries**

**Class of 2007 Lottery and Room Selection**

Room selection for the class of 2007 will begin at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.** The rising senior lottery will begin with #1 and continue through the end of the class. A member of the class of ’07 may choose any room available on campus. To pick a double, triple, or quad, a group must have the correct number of students to fill that room in order to make the selection. The student with the best lottery number will pick the room on behalf of the group and only his or her lottery number will be considered; additional residents for that room may be from any class.

**Class of 2008 Lottery and Room Selection**

Room selection for the class of 2008 will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13.** Lottery numbers for the rising junior class will begin with #2001. We will call #2001-2100 to select their rooms at 7:00 p.m.; #2101 to the end of the class will be called at 7:30. If you are planning to have a roommate from the class of 2009, please be sure that they attend the lottery with you on Monday night. Only the lottery number of the person making the pick will be considered.

If you are going abroad for the fall semester you should **not** choose a room or let your lottery number be used to choose a room. If your number is used to select a room and you decide to go abroad, your roommate or roommates will have to forfeit the room. If you are unsure of your plans for fall semester, please see the FAQs section of this publication for more information on relevant housing policies.
Room selection for the class of 2009 will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. Lottery numbers for the rising sophomore class will begin with #4001. We will call #4001-4100 to select their rooms at 7:00 p.m.; #4101-4200 will be called at 7:30 and #4201-the end of the class will be called at 8:00. Students will be able to select from the rooms that remain until rooms are no longer available. If you have an intended roommate or roommates, please bring them in with you at the time of your selection. Only the lottery number of the person making the selection will be considered.

Since the class of 2009 is the last class to choose rooms and we must hold a number of rooms for the incoming class of 2010, there is a possibility that we will not have rooms available for every rising sophomore to select one on this night. Any student who is not able to select a room will be assigned one in the summer housing process. Please see the FAQs section of this publication for more information on this process.

### 2006-2007 Upper-Class Lottery Options

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*Some rooms in these buildings have been reserved for members of the incoming class of 2010

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What do I need to bring with me to room selection?**
You must bring your Bates ID card to select a room. You should also come prepared with patience and a sense of humor!

**What if I want to live with a roommate(s)?**
If you wish to live with a roommate, the student with the best lottery number chooses the room.

**What if I want to live with a student from a different class year?**
In the suite lottery, the lowest individual number among the members of each group will be dropped before the group's pick number is averaged. Therefore, your group would not be penalized if it includes a member of a lower class. You may select a double, triple, or quad room with a student of a different class year if you wish to do so; in that case, only the lottery number of the person who chooses the room will be considered.

**What does “low-chem” mean? What is the “chem-free lifestyle” house?**
The “low-chem” environment of Rand Hall means that no common sources of alcohol are permitted in the building; no kegs will be allowed, and no more than one case of beer may be in any one place at a time. The “chem-free lifestyle” designation of Moulton House means that no chemical is used in the building and that the building's residents will not use chemical substances outside of the building.

**What if I applied to be a Junior Advisor or Residence Coordinator?**
Junior Advisor and Residence Coordinator selections will be made prior to the housing lottery, and students hired for those positions will be housed through separate processes as facilitated by the Dean of Students Office.

**What if I am studying abroad in the fall of 2006?**
Students studying abroad in the fall of 2006 should not participate in room draw. If you will be returning to campus for the winter of 2007, you should contact the Housing Office next fall with a list of preferred residences for that semester and you will be entered in the winter housing lottery. You may not have a friend keep an open space in a double room for the first semester in anticipation of your return to campus for winter semester. You will receive more information about the winter lottery process from the Housing Office in the fall.
What if I have applied to study abroad in the fall of 2006 or for the academic year of 2006-2007 but have not yet been approved to do so?
If you are unsure of your plans for fall semester, please try to select a single room. If you choose a room with a roommate and subsequently decide to study abroad in the fall, then your roommate may have to forfeit the room if your lottery number was used to select it. If the room was selected with your roommate's lottery number, then he or she will likely be assigned a new roommate.

What if I am not on campus this semester or am not able to attend room draw?
You should choose one student who will be on campus for room draw to serve as your proxy. You should discuss your housing preferences with your proxy so that he or she is able to make an informed decision on your behalf.

What if I am not able to choose a room at room draw?
It is possible that not every member of the class of 2009 will be able to choose a room on room selection. If you are not able to pick a room that night, don't worry! You may enter the summer placement process and will be assigned a room by the Housing Office in August.

What if my chosen roommate cancels his or her housing assignment?
If your roommate cancels his or her housing assignment before the summer, then you may either be assigned a new roommate by the Housing Office or enter the Summer Placement Lottery in hopes of obtaining a new room. If your roommate's lottery number was use to select the room then you may have to forfeit that room.

What if I am not happy with my room?
We understand that some students may be disappointed with the rooms they select through this process. This year we are limiting participation in the Summer Placement Lottery for students who were not able to choose a room during the spring room selection process, or whose roommates have cancelled their housing assignment and vacated a space in their rooms. If you are not happy with the room you select in the spring, you will be able to add yourself to a waiting list for a room switch on the first day of fall semester classes. However, we encourage all students to give their housing assignment a fair chance – you may learn to love your new room!

What if I have additional questions regarding housing lottery?
Please feel free to stop by the Housing Office in Chase Hall, call ext. 6215, or e-mail us at housing@bates.edu if you have any questions -- we’re happy to help!

### Dates You Should Know

- **Monday, February 27**
  - Class lists posted outside the Housing Office and on Garnet Gateway; all discrepancies must be reported to the Housing Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1
- **Monday, March 6**
  - Class lottery numbers posted outside the Housing Office and on Garnet Gateway
  - Suite lottery applications available from the Housing Office
- **Thursday, March 9**
  - Suite lottery applications due to the Housing Office
- **Friday, March 10**
  - Suite lottery numbers posted outside the Housing Office
- **Sunday, March 12**
  - Suite lottery – Chase Lounge
    - 1:00 p.m.
    - 3:00 p.m.
    - Class of 2007 room selection – report to Chase Lounge and proceed to Hirasawa when your lottery number is called
- **Monday, March 13**
  - Class of 2008 room selection – report to Chase Lounge and proceed to Hirasawa when your lottery number is called
- **Wednesday, March 15**
  - Class of 2009 room selection – report to Chase Lounge and proceed to Hirasawa when your lottery number is called