

# HomerConnect: Housing Selection Process

## Overview

The information in this document is intended to provide students with additional support using the new online housing selection system at Ithaca College. The new system provides students with the flexibility and convenience of choosing their own housing.

## What is Housing Selection?

Housing selection is the period of time where students participate in a process for choosing housing for the next academic school year.

Housing selection process works similar to course registration in HomerConnect, beginning with a notice sent to the student indicating the time period that they are eligible to login to the system and begin housing selection. The specified time period indicates the priority group the student is placed in according to the number of completed semesters through the previous fall semester.

- Transfer students receive credit for semesters at another institution post high school graduation
- Students participating in a study abroad program receive credit for time away from campus
- Semesters are not given to students that take a traditional leave of absence, returning from suspension, etc.

For students selecting in groups for apartments, suites or double/triple rooms the system averages their total number of semesters to determine a selection period.

There are 6 priority groups or selection periods:

Group 1—5+ Semesters

Group 2—4+ Semesters

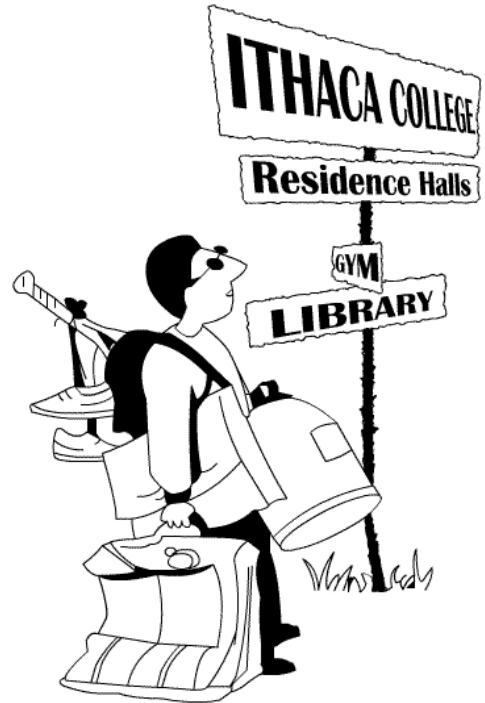
Group 3—3+ Semesters

Group 4—2+ Semesters

Group 5—1+ Semesters

Group 6—0+ Semesters

**Selection is first come first serve. Each priority group has 2 days to select housing. The entire selection process takes 2 weeks.**



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Everything is first come, first serve.

Selection Times  
\*Priority Groups\*

Group 1—5+ Semesters
Group 2—4+ Semesters
Group 3—3+ Semesters
Group 4—2+ Semesters
Group 5—1+ Semesters
Group 6—0+ Semesters

**Important Notes:**  
Each priority group has 1 day window to select housing.  
No changes can occur until summer wait lists are available.

LOGIN to HomerConnect

Individual

Group  
(up to 6 students)

Individual students looking for a room see:

- All single rooms
- Any double or triple rooms partially filled that match smoking preferences and gender criteria. If there are no partially filled rooms in a building matching the criteria, students see all empty rooms.

**NOTES:**  
Once housing is selected:  
Assignments are final until summer waitlists are available.  
Information regarding meal plan requirements is displayed. Follow the instructions to ensure the appropriate plan.

Only one member of a group needs to login to select housing for everyone in the group. This person must have the ID numbers and smoking preference of each student in their group.

Groups of students looking for housing see:  
Any housing that meets the number of students in the group...

- Circle/Garden Apartments only for the size they fill
- Terrace suites only for the size they fill
- Triples, where at least 2 spaces exists
- Doubles

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**Selection Calendar**

## Housing Selection Calendar—March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2/12/08 Circle Apartment Squatting 2/19/08 Garden Apartment Squatting						
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Traditional Squatting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
		← Group 1 →		← Group 2 →		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Group 5	<b>29</b>
	← Group 3 →		← Group 4 →			
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Group 6					

### Squatting

Squatting is when a student wants to stay in their current housing arrangement for the next academic year.

Most students have the ability to squat their room/apartment for the upcoming year except when a room/apartment is reserved for incoming students or is considered to be a space that is held for special accommodations (medical, disability, etc.). Students are notified upon logging in to the housing selection system indicating they are not able to squat their room for the upcoming year and must select other on-campus housing.

Students need to decide prior to housing selection whether or not they want to keep their room for the upcoming year. If they choose not to squat and upon looking at other housing options are not satisfied, a student may still choose to keep their current room if it is still available.

Students living in the Circle or Garden apartments can choose to squat their apartment for the upcoming year as long as at least half of the residents return. The residents returning to the apartment must fill the remaining spaces with students eligible for housing. Quad apartments cannot be squatted.

### **Room Changes Post Selection**

There are multiple factors to consider when selecting a room making it impossible to predict what building or type of room is available during a specific selection period. If a student or group of students is unsatisfied with their housing selection it is possible to change. Once the selection process is complete for each of the 6 priority groups, a summer waitlist becomes available on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Summer wait lists are honored through the summer. You can check HommerConnect on August 11.

If you anticipate or learn that a roommate will not be returning in the Fall, thus creating a vacancy in your apt/room, you can submit a summer vacancy form which will be available on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Room Changes After the Semester Begins**

Once the fall semester begins and housing spaces open, students have another opportunity to make room changes by submitting a fall wait list application.

