

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE HOUSING LOTTERY AND ROOM SELECTION

I CAN'T BE THERE, BUT MY ROOMMATE/SUITEMATE WILL BE, CAN HE/SHE SIGN ME UP? Yes.

Students who are not able to be present for their selection session will need to have a student represent them and provide a proxy form, signed by the absent student, in order to get a room that night. Proxy forms are available in the Residence Life Office, Erskine Hall, room 145. An email from the absent student's ODU email account can be used if sent to the ODU email account of the proxy student and Res Life (reslife@ohiodominican.edu) prior to Noon on the day of the Housing Selection. After Noon on this day there is no guarantee that a proxy will be accepted for room selection that night.

I AM A JUNIOR/SENIOR AND THE ROOMMATE/SUITEMATE I WANT IS A SOPHOMORE, CAN I DO THAT?

Yes. If you are planning to live with students that are higher or lower in class rank, you will need to be present when the highest class, lowest number is called. For example, if you are a junior and have another junior and two sophomores you want to share a suite with, all four of you will need to be there when the lowest number is called. If one or more of those that want to share a room cannot attend, they will need a Proxy form (see above.)

I AM GOING TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS WITH MY FRIENDS...

All full-time (12 credit hours or more during the regular school term) students are required to live on campus if at the beginning of the academic year:

- Have completed less than 60 credit hours
- Are not living with a parent/guardian within 40 miles
- Are a freshman or sophomore receiving an athletic scholarship, regardless of home address

Ohio Dominican University does not release a student from a Housing Contract because a lease has been signed with an apartment or other property owner. Residents should file a Request for Release and wait to see if it is granted prior to signing a release. This process can take up to 10 business days once a completed Request for Release has been submitted.

I AM A CURRENT COMMUTER AND WANT TO LIVE ON CAMPUS; DO I NEED A HOUSING CONTRACT? Yes.

Please stop by the Residence Life Office in Erskine Hall, room 145 before Noon on April 11th to complete a housing contract and draw a lottery number. Our office hours during the week are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

I DON'T HAVE A ROOMMATE/SUITEMATE SELECTED, WILL ONE BE CHOSEN FOR ME? Yes. If you do not have someone selected, please complete the housing contract and a roommate/suitemate will be selected for you. Roommate/suitemate information for returning students will be provided upon request.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO OR THREE OF US IN A SUITE; WILL WE HAVE ADDITIONAL SUITEMATE(S)? Yes. If you only have two or three, additional suitemates will be added.

DO I HAVE TO GET A MEAL PLAN? Yes. Meal plans are part of the room and board. We understand that you may not choose to dine on campus every meal, every day. However, with the block meal plans, you can use your meal credits at any time throughout the semester. For example, if you bring a friend for lunch, you can use two meal credits at one meal time. And if they stay through dinner, you can use another meal credit. Also, you will receive 300 points on your card to use in all of the food service areas on campus.

I AM A PLUS ONE GRAD; WILL I BE IN LYNAM? No. If you have officially graduated from Ohio Dominican you will not be eligible for Lynam Hall. Singles in Sansbury and Fitzpatrick Halls are still an option but will not be held for grad students.

I AM A FIFTH YEAR SENIOR; WILL I BE IN LYNAM? Yes. If you have not officially graduated from Ohio Dominican you will be eligible for Lynam Hall. You will draw your number as a senior.

AFTER I SIGNED UP, I AM LIVING IN LYNAM "A" ROOM AND I WANT "C" ROOM, CAN I MOVE? No. Because all rooms in Lynam Hall are considered super singles and each room within a suite has a lock, moves from room to room are not permitted unless cleared through the Area Coordinator (AC) in advance and are subject to the 30 day housing freeze at the beginning of the semester. Fines will be charged if a move takes place and is not approved by the AC.

CAN I GET OUT OF MY HOUSING CONTRACT? Yes and No...Prior to July 1st, students under 60 credit hours and athletes receiving scholarship funds need to contact Res Life as additional steps may be required per residency requirements. Students at or above 60 credit hours only need to email Res Life from their ODU email account. After July 1st, students will need to submit a Request for Release form for consideration. Submitting this form does not guarantee a release from the signed contract. Release from any housing contract will result in a \$150 fee.

I DIDN'T MAKE IT TO SELECTION BUT I NEED A ROOM, CAN I STILL GET ONE? Yes. Stop by the Residence Life Office located in Erskine Hall room 145 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm to complete a contract and select your room.

WHAT NUMBERS GET INTO LYNAM? There is no definitive answer for this. It is dependent on how many seniors draw numbers and where those numbers fall in the spread of numbers assigned to seniors.

CAN I CHANGE MY MIND? Since we allow all returning students to physically select which hall and room that they want as well as possible roommates, changes cannot be made to the hall, room, or roommate unless there are withdrawals that affect the number of residents in that room/suite.