



2025-2026 Room Selection Newsletter for Eastman Undergraduate students

This Newsletter includes preliminary information for students about how to proceed with room selection for next year and important room selection dates. Final information and specific instructions will be distributed directly to students by their RA after Spring Break.

2025-26 Room Selection Highlights

- Housing application, room selection, and meal plan info will be made available on March 14, 2025.
- Sophomores (2028) and Juniors (2027) are required to live on campus due to the 3-year residency requirement.
- Priority for room selection is based on Class Year (ex. juniors select rooms before sophomores).
- Each student is assigned a selection day and time (ex. April 14th at 8:02am).
- Dual Degree students must live on the Eastman Campus; the 3-year residency requirement is in effect.
- Effective July 1, 2017, Eastman is smoke and tobacco free. There is no smoking including use of vaporizers or e-cigarettes, in the Student Living Center or any place on campus.

Student Living Center Facts

UR Dept. of Public Safety has an office in the Student Living Center. Their trusted presence is easily felt with an increase in the safety and security of our residence hall.

Eastman students use the Red and Orange Line shuttles to get back and forth to the River Campus (ex. taking a class, exercising at the Athletic Center, and visiting friends). While they do not run 24/7, the shuttles cover the academic course schedules with travel time built in to accommodate both campuses. Remember to bring UR ID.

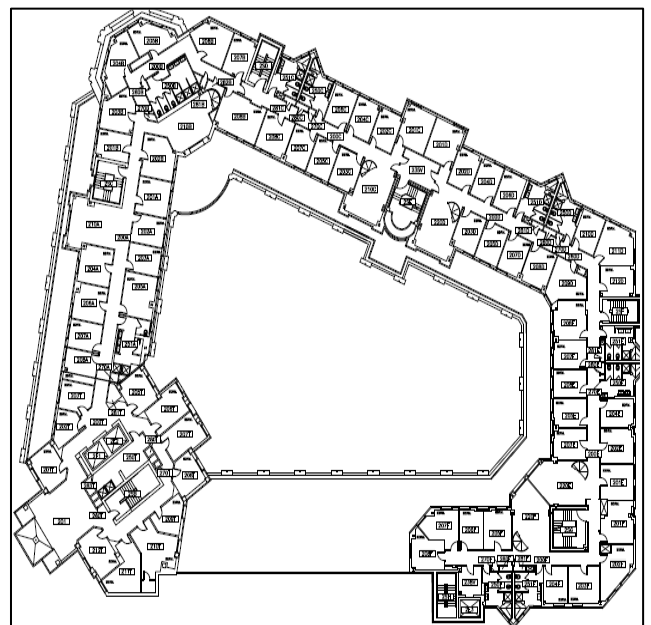
Basement Level: Kitchen, Laundry Room; Updated Game Room (Spring 2019); Updated TV Lounge (Summer 2018); Reed Room (Spring 2020); Study Room (Summer 2022); Bike Storage Room (Summer 2022); Storage (some fees apply) for residents; and Physical Therapy Office.

First Floor: Public Safety, SLC Front Desk, University Health Service, University Counseling Center, Mail and Package rooms, Orchestra Pit and Community Kitchen, Media Lab, Ciminelli Formal Lounge, Dining Services, Dean's Dining Room, and Offices of Student Affairs, including Offices for Residential Life and Student Activities

Upper Floors: Every floor in the Tower and the Houses has a designated lounge space. Most lounges also have newer flat-screen televisions, microwaves, and tables for studying or enjoyment.

Tile Floors: Every room in the SLC has a tiled floor. Tile floors have many benefits, including durability, low maintenance, a good choice for people with allergies because it improves the air quality by being resistant to mold, germs, dust, and bacteria. If you want a more homy feel to your room, consider bringing in your own carpeted area rug. Vacuums are available at the front desk.

Courtyard: This area is dedicated to catching some sunshine and the occasional game. We have eight picnic tables and have also installed Outdoor space heaters to extend your time outdoors.

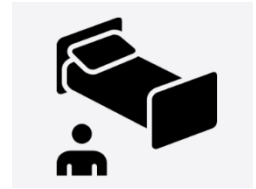


Average Single Room Characteristics in the Tower

(some variances with views of the City or Lake Ontario)

Rooms sizes are approximately 9'x11.5' (103 sf) to 10'x13' (130 sf).

Students on these floors typically share bathrooms with between 9-12 other students



Every room comes fully furnished with an Extra-Long Twin mattress (80"x36"), bedframe, desk, chair, (2) 2-drawer stackable dressers, and a wardrobe. Each room has wireless internet, a wired Ethernet port, and access to UR Cable.

Average Single Room Characteristics in the Houses

(some variances with views of the City or the Courtyard)

Room sizes are approximately 9'x11' (99 sf) or 9'x11' (103 sf) or 10.5'x12' (125 sf).

Students on these floors typically share bathrooms with between 12-15 other students

Note: Many 4th floor rooms in the houses have slanted ceilings and skylights. Many students enjoy these rooms for their charm and natural lighting.

Every room comes fully furnished with an Extra-Long Twin mattress (80"x36"), bedframe, desk, chair, (2) 2-drawer stackable dressers, and a wardrobe. Each room has wireless internet, a wired Ethernet port, and access to UR Cable.

How does room selection work?



Every eligible student will get detailed room selection information by the end of March. Digital copies of the newsletter with Room Selection instructions are available from the Office for Residential Life – sent to you via email and available on our website. Try to attend your floor meeting or an open forum where the room selection information will be discussed. For those students living off-campus and would like to move back on, housing information packets will be available at the Office for Residential Life (100 Gibbs Street) by request. The description below generally explains how the process will work for students who are participating in the regular room selection process.

There are three steps to the room selection process: The first step is to complete a housing contract/application submission. The second step is to select a meal plan. The final step is to select a room (You need to know your Student ID Number).

The room selection process is based on class year seniority. Each student receives a specific **time** for selection. Rising Upperclass students will receive the earliest times to select their room, followed by rising sophomores. Room selection times are random and assigned within each class year. Every student who submits a housing contract/application will have a selection time assigned.

All students who participate will get a single occupancy room. Speak with your friends about their plans so that you **can select rooms near each other**.

Depending on your preferences on the application, students will have access to all floors within the Student Living Center they selected. **Please note: you will be viewing the floor plans in their basic state. Just because a room appears on the floor plan doesn't necessarily mean that it is a student room or that the room is available.** Your best indication of room availability is when you actually go to select your room – the list that is displayed is an accurate account of available rooms.

What's your strategy?

Check out the floor plans in advance – available on **March 14, 2025**. Remember, just because you fall in love with a particular location or room, doesn't mean it is available or that the space is always right. Use the floor plans to familiarize yourself with the Student Living Center, not to pick a particular space. "This side of the building faces Lake Ontario; this side of the building faces the courtyard; this side of the building gets the morning sun, etc."

Figure out your strategy in advance. Where would you like to live? What if all the rooms are taken? Have you considered living on a different floor? Do you want to live in the houses or would you rather live near your friends? Consider multiple scenarios and be flexible – be prepared to try something new and different.

There are **219** single rooms available. Everyone who participates in the room selection process will have a single room within the Student Living Center.

Remember, this is a random room draw process and not everyone gets the best time and day to select their room. Be assured that ultimately, this system is the fairest and everyone is guaranteed housing.

Who can participate in Room Selection?

Students in the Class of 2027 and 2028 are required to live on campus. Rising Seniors (Class of 2026) are eligible but not required. Off-Campus and Commuter students are eligible – if interested, please contact Residential Life.

Wait List

Every year, 5-10 students in the First-Year class (2028) find that they are unable to select a single room during this process. These students are placed on a wait list and are guaranteed housing. Every Summer, ResLife receives word from Academic Affairs about classmates withdrawing, transferring, or taking a leave of absence. We have always been able to house all students on the wait list. We guarantee and prioritize housing for our rising sophomores! Don't sweat it!

Off Campus Living Options for Seniors

Rising Seniors are eligible to live off campus. Rising seniors don't have to request this at all, they just get to do it. The Office of Student Affairs provides assistance, education, and support to students who are looking for housing and residing off campus.

Living off campus gives seniors flexibility and a greater sense of independence. There are several off-campus housing choices in and around the Rochester area. Many students look forward to being a part of a neighborhood where they can immerse themselves in all of Rochester's cultural and social opportunities.

Seniors moving off campus **are not required** to complete a housing application, but **are required** to sign-up for a dining plan. The dining plan form will be available at the Office for Residential Life and on our website.

Stop by the Office of Student Affairs (100 Gibbs Street) or check out our website for more resources.



Important Dates to Remember (2025)

March 14	Housing Selection applications and Contract Language Guidelines Available (check your email)
March 14	On-Line contract submission begins
April 4	All Housing and Dining Applications are Due by 11:59pm [EDT] <i>(incomplete applications will be assigned a room and a meal-plan)</i>
April 7	Room Selection Times Posted and Available to all students (please check your StarRez account for up-to-date info)
April 14	Meal Plan Selection Opens – before you pick your room
April 14	Rising Junior Selection Day
April 14	Rising Sophomore Selection Day
April 30	Meal Plan Selection Deadline – Due by 11:59pm
May 2	Last Day of Classes
May 19	The Student Living Center closes at 12:00pm (see RA for details)
August 29	The Student Living Center reopens at 12:00pm (Upper-class move in)
December 17	The Student Living Center closes at 12:00pm (Winter Break begins)



Note: We invite you to start calling the building the “Student Living Center.” It is no longer a “DORM.” It is much more than a place to sleep. We want our residence hall to reflect the fact that we believe in community. The Student Living Center is a residence hall, a student union, a place to connect with friends, and living space with opportunities all around you. We hope you see that a residence hall affects the lives and personal development of the students who live here.