Living @ Loyola
Orientation 2019

@LUMStudentLife
Welcome Class of 2023

Your Journey Starts Today
Who are we and what do we do?

The Office of Student Life supports the holistic development of the student body by empowering students to create safe, civil, and inclusive living and learning environments.

- Building Communities/Inclusion
- Housing Operations
- RAs, Residence Hall Association, Desk Assistants
- Community Standards
Student Life Staff

- Director and 3 Associate Directors
- 6 Assistant Directors - 5 live on campus with you
- 29 Graduate Residence Coordinators (GRCs) - Graduate students at Loyola who live on campus with you
- 78 Resident Assistants (RAs) - fellow undergraduate students who live on each floor
We expect you to be an integral part of our campus community

• Educationally Purposeful Community
• Empowered Community
• Caring & Just Community
Complete Housing Registration
The housing registration process...

- Finish your application tomorrow morning
  - Contact Information
  - Sign Housing Contract
  - Sign up for Meal Plan
- Answer questions about your living preferences
- Answer questions about the type of roommate you’ll be
Housing Options

- Doubles
- Apartments
Doubles

- Housed in Butler, Hammerman, Hopkins, and Flannery O’Connor
- Share a room with one other person
- Select rooms in Butler, Hammerman, Hopkins may hold 3-4 students
- Share a bathroom with 2-10 other people
- Common area kitchens and lounges
Typical Double Layout
Apartments

• Housed in Campion
• Share a bedroom with one other person
• Live with 3-5 other people
• Share at least one internal bathroom
• Apartments contain full kitchen, living room, and dining room
Typical Apartment Layout
What Kind of Roommate Will You Be?

Expectations  Reality

[Images of characters from a TV show]
What Kind of Roommate Will You Be?

• Do you plan on having friends/guests in your room?
• How neat and clean do you keep your room?
• What noise level do you prefer while sleeping and studying?
• Do you like to share things?
What Kind of Roommate Will You Be?

- How close do you want to be with your roommate?
- How important are academics to you?
- Would you prefer a substance free roommate?
- Would you be welcoming and supportive to an LGBTQPIA+ roommate?
  - Student Life is committed to providing a safe and more inclusive environment for our LGBTQPIA+ community members.
Think everyone already has a roommate?

- Approximately 30% of first year students request a specific roommate
- The rest are matched by our system
- There is no major difference in terms of roommate conflicts
- Communication is key to avoiding and resolving conflict
Already found your match?

• The roommate request must be mutual
• You can only request 1 roommate
• If Messina students are in different themes, one roommate may be in a building with a different theme
• All students must answer ALL questions
• A word to athletes…
During the housing registration process...

- Be Honest!
- Who are you today and who will you reasonably in September?
- What are things that are important to you?
- Focus on the environment you want to create in your room.
Recap for tomorrow:

- Name and ID number of the person you wish to live with
- Reflect on what is important for your living environment for the academic year
Your Housing Assignment
Next Steps

• You will receive your housing assignment by mid-August via your Loyola email address

• You can visit our website to learn more about what to bring and what to leave at home
Once you get your housing assignment...

- Contact your new roommate(s)
- Social Media Warning:
  - Focus on your future experience DO NOT JUDGE YOUR NEW ROOMMATE BEFORE YOU MEET THEM! Not everything you see on faceinstatwittersnaptumblertube is true.
- Questions? Check our website or call us
So what can you expect in your new living environment?

• The majority of the incoming first-year class have never shared a room
• You and your roommate don’t have to be best friends
• You will have to make compromises in your living space
• Your roommate will be just as nervous as you are
• As Loyola students, you and your roommate share the same rights and responsibilities
So what can you expect in your new living environment?

- Your roommate will be different from you and your friends from home and that is ok.
- This is your home, and we’ll do whatever we can to ensure that it is a place where you can learn, grow, and thrive.
- What steps can you take to help make your living space “home” for your roommate?