ROOM DRAW 2016-2017

GENERAL ROOM DRAW INFORMATION

Credit-Based System
Room draw is a process by which current students select housing for the 2016-2017 academic year. Students will be assigned a room draw number based on the number of completed credits as determined by the Registrar’s office. Students with the same number of completed credits will be assigned a room draw number according to a random computerized placement. This credit-based system gives next year’s seniors priority in selecting housing options, then juniors and then sophomores.

Room Draw Eligibility
• Continuing Enrollment Deposit Required: All students must pay a $300.00 continuing enrollment deposit whether living on campus or off campus for the 2016-2017 academic year. This is not a housing deposit; Luther does not require a housing deposit. Enrollment deposits are due in the Office for Financial Services by 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2016. Students cannot register for classes until the enrollment deposit is paid.
• Registration Required: Students must be registered for the fall 2016 semester in order to participate in room draw. Students who have not registered for fall 2016 classes will not be allowed to draw for a room or include their name on any housing applications. Registration dates are: April 12-13-14-19-20

Room Filled to Capacity
To select a room, cluster, suite, or apartment you must have the correct number of students to fill it to capacity. Students may not draw for a room if the room is not filled to capacity. Each student is responsible for finding his/her own roommate. Students interested in finding a roommate(s) may attend an informal gathering Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 p.m. in the Brunsdale Lounge in Towers.

Room Choice Binding
A student is entitled to only one housing selection during room draw; once you have successfully drawn into a room, you may not make changes. The room and roommate(s) you select during room draw are binding. Students who make room or roommate changes after room draw will incur a $100.00 penalty. If the occupancy of a room drops below capacity at any time after room draw, the remaining resident(s) is/are expected to assist in filling the vacancy. The Residence Life office staff has the right to assign a student to a room without prior consent of the student(s) currently assigned to that room.

Proxy (if absent)
If you are unable to participate in room draw: (i.e. you are off campus at the time of the draw; you are involved in an athletic or music event; or you have a class commitment), you should select another student to serve as your proxy and select for you. Inform your proxy of your housing preferences, and give him/her your room draw card. If you are serving as a proxy for someone off campus: you should go through the room draw process as if you were the student you are representing. If you do not receive the card of the person for whom you are a proxy in your SPO, please come to the Residence Life office before noon the day before you are to draw.

Commuter Students
Students who live within 30 miles of campus are eligible to live with a legal guardian and commute from their home. Written documentation is required; contact the Residence Life office for more information. The request must be renewed annually. If you are a student eligible for commuter status and choose to participate in room draw, you will be held financially accountable for living on campus. If you choose to commute after June 1, 2016, and you have drawn for a room, you will be billed for first semester housing in its entirety (not on a prorated basis). This is a legally binding agreement; please take your room draw status seriously.

Room Furnishing/Loft Construction
Loft construction is not permitted in any residence hall. All buildings are furnished with movable furniture, including beds that can be lofted or bunked. The college does not provide storage for room furniture; college furniture in your room must stay in your room. Furnishings are not consistent across campus; check our website for information about each residence hall.
Study Away Programs
Students participating in off-campus programs for the fall 2016 semester (student teaching, Rochester nursing program, social work, internships, and study away programs) are not eligible to participate in the room draw process. Room space is not reserved for these students. Students planning to be gone for fall semester should complete a housing information form in the Residence Life office prior to leaving campus. Returning students are responsible for communicating their mid-year housing preferences to Residence Life.

HOUSING OPTIONS

Baker Village
Baker Village is designed to give groups of six students of the same sex the opportunity to live together as a peer group in townhouse-style units with either six single rooms or two single and two double rooms per house. The Baker Village application process takes place in February for the upcoming academic year. Application and guidelines are on the Residence Life website. Room costs for 2015: houses with two single and two double bedrooms: $4,250, houses with six single bedrooms: $4,970. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Prairie Houses
The Prairie Houses provide groups of seven students of the same sex the opportunity to live together as a peer group in one of three college-owned houses on the edge of campus. The Prairie House application process takes place in February for the upcoming academic year. Application and guidelines are on the Residence Life website. Room costs for 2015: double and triple rooms: $4,250, single rooms $4,970. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

College Apartments with kitchens (610 Ridge Road)
Six one-bedroom apartments (with kitchens) are available for two students of the same sex. The application process for these apartments takes place in February for the upcoming academic year. Application and guidelines are on the Residence Life website. Room costs for 2015: $4,250. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Sustainability House
The Luther College Sustainability House is a two-story home located in a residential neighborhood within a short walk from campus. The Sustainability House is a co-ed living-learning environment where students who share a dedication to an environmentally, socially, and fiscally sustainable lifestyle reside together. An application process takes place in February for the upcoming academic year; see the Sustainability House website for application and guidelines. Room costs for 2015: $4,250. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Farwell Gender Inclusive cluster
Seventh-floor center cluster is designated as a Gender Inclusive Housing cluster. This is a voluntary living environment that allows for students to live with each other regardless of how they identify with respect to gender. The cluster is designed for students who identify and/or support the LGBTQIA community, are exploring gender identity/expression, or choose not to be classified based on gender. The cluster is made up of three single rooms and five double rooms. An application process takes place in February for the upcoming academic year; see the Farwell webpage for application and guidelines. Room costs for 2015: $4,600 for a single and $3,570 for a double. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Norby Global House
Norby Global House is a two-story home for 21 upper-class students located in a residential neighborhood within a short walk from campus. This co-ed community provides students with opportunities to develop their international awareness, leadership skills, and knowledge of global resources. Residents of Norby House have opportunities during the year to engage in discussions on global issues, attend cultural events, celebrate global holidays together, and participate in international film screenings. An application process takes place in February for the upcoming academic year; see the Norby House webpage for application and guidelines. Room costs for 2015: Triple rooms: $3,650, double rooms: $3,910, and single rooms: $4,800. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

College Apartments (606 and 608 Ridge Road)
College Apartments provide a more independent living environment for upper-class students of the same sex while retaining campus connections. There are no kitchens in these three-person units, so a board plan is required. Fourteen
apartments with one shared bedroom, bathroom, and living room are available by application. Room costs for 2015: $3,300. A small increase is expected for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**Farwell Clusters**
The cluster draw is designed to give upper-class students an opportunity to live with a group of their peers in rooms adjacent to each other in Farwell.

- North and south clusters on floors 2-7 are available for groups of 13 students
  - Six north clusters will be all male (13 students = six doubles and one single room)
  - Six south clusters will be all female (13 students = six doubles and one single room)
- **Up to three center** clusters (on floors 4, 5, and 6) will be co-educational by cluster. Co-ed cluster groups include 10 students in five double rooms. The members of each applicant group will decide how many double rooms will have men and how many will have women; the cluster will have two rooms of one sex and three of the opposite sex. A RA will occupy one single room. The other three single rooms in the cluster will be selected during single room draw, which will be held immediately after cluster and suite draw. Half the single rooms in the cluster will be male students and half female students.
- Note: all students in single rooms will be billed the single room rate.

**Suites (Dieseth, Miller, and Olson)**
The suite draw is designed to give upper-class students an opportunity to live with a group of their peers in rooms adjacent to each other in Dieseth, Miller, or Olson.

**Dieseth and Miller suites:**
- Suites include two double rooms connected by a doorway between the rooms
- Movable furniture that can be arranged by the residents in the suite
- Two suites are located on each floor (rooms 04-06 and 03-05) for groups of four students of the same sex

**Olson suites:**
- Suites include two double rooms separated by a common space shared by the four suite-mates
- Twelve suites in the east wing of Olson are available for groups of four women
- Six suites in the east wing of Olson are available for groups of four men

**Single Rooms**
Approximately 20 female and 17 male single rooms are available each year in Farwell, Larsen and Norby Global House, although the final number is subject to change. Based on availability, single room draw will be held April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

**Double and Triple Rooms**
- Double rooms are available in Dieseth, Farwell, Larsen, and Miller; rooms are selected on May 3 and May 4.
- Triple rooms are available in Larsen; rooms are selected April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

**Room Rates for academic year 2015-2016; a small increase is expected for 2016-2017:**
- (for these buildings only: Dieseth, Farwell, Larsen, Miller, Olson, and College Apartments 606 & 608)
- Triples - $3,300  Doubles - $3,570  Singles - $4,600

**DRAW PROCESS**

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**Room Draw Cards**

- In order to be eligible for room draw, students must have paid their continuing enrollment deposit and be registered for the fall 2016 semester.
- Students will be assigned a room draw number based on the number of completed credits as determined by the Registrar’s office. Men and women will be placed into separate pools. The person with the most completed credits in their pool will be assigned the draw number one; the person with the second highest number of completed credits will be assigned the draw number two, etc. Students with the same number of completed credits will be assigned a room draw number according to a random computerized placement.
- Eligible students will receive a room draw card in their SPO no later than April 1, 2016. Cards contain the student name, room draw number assigned to the student, and other room draw information. For security reasons, the card does not have the student’s ID number. If you lose your room draw card, contact the Residence Life office immediately, your ID is required to get another card.
- **You must bring your card and the cards of all roommates to room draw in order to participate.** Group representatives must be in possession of all of the roommates’ room draw cards in order to select rooms in clusters, suites, or apartments.
- The following students will not receive room draw cards: Residence Life staff and their roommates, Baker Village, Prairie Houses, Sustainability House, the Farwell gender inclusive cluster, College Apartments (with kitchens), and Norby Global House residents for 2016-2017; these students will have already selected housing for 2016-2017. Additionally, students approved to live off-campus for 2016-2017, married students, student teachers, and students studying away during the fall 2016 semester will not receive room draw cards. The final number of students receiving room draw cards is approximately 1400.

**Cluster, suite, and apartment application requirements**

- All applicants must have paid their continuing enrollment deposits and be registered for classes for the fall 2016 semester.
- The application must be completely filled out by the cluster, suite, or apartment group representative.
- Applications include:
  - 3 students for College Apartments (no kitchens), or
  - 4 students for Dieseth, Miller, or Olson suites; or
  - 10 students for Farwell co-ed clusters; or
  - 13 students for Farwell single-sex clusters
- Applicants are allowed to put their names on ONLY ONE cluster, suite, or apartment application.
- Applications are due in the Residence Life office by 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2016; no late applications will be accepted.
- The Residence Life office will notify group representatives through email on April 21, 2016, if a member of his/her group has not registered for classes. Representatives will have until 9:00 a.m. on April 25, 2016, to replace the ineligible student(s) with a qualified student; after that time the entire group application will become invalid.
- Room draw numbers of each person on the application will be added together and averaged by the number of applicants in the group. Group averages will be placed in rank order from lowest to highest; the lowest averages for each housing option will be selected. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places. In the event of a tie, group representatives will draw numbers from a hat.
- Application averages will be ranked and posted in the Residence Life office window at 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2016, so students will know if their group was successful in obtaining a cluster, suite or apartment. Students who do not receive a cluster, suite, or apartment should continue with the general room draw process.
- Room and floor layouts will be emailed to group representatives on April 25 for student groups to choose their rooms. Group representatives will come to Mott/Borlaug on April 28, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. to select their cluster, suite or apartment. Representatives must bring room draw cards for every student on their application and the completed room and floor layout-designating which applicant(s) will reside in which room(s). Room choices are binding.

**Single room draw process – will be held based on availability:**
• Selection for single rooms not previously filled will be held on April 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Mott/Borlaug.
• Students will be lined up according to their room draw number from lowest to highest, allowing seniors to draw for single rooms first.
• If you are unable to obtain a single room, you should find a roommate and continue through the general draw process. The single room draw process is very competitive; all students drawing for singles should have a backup option in mind.
• Students who are unable to obtain a single room may put their names on a waiting list following the single draw. The waiting list will be prioritized by draw numbers and is effective for fall semester only. A new waiting list will be compiled for spring semester.

**Triple room draw process:**
• Selection for upper class triple rooms will be held on April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Mott/Borlaug.
• Students will be lined up according to the group’s average room draw number - those with the lowest average will select first. Averages will be calculated to two decimal places. If your group does not obtain a triple room, all members should continue through the general room draw process.

**Double room draw process:**
• Students that would like to live together in a double room will average their room draw numbers and attend the room draw selection during the time their average number falls (Example: Mario has a room draw number of 600 and Luigi has a room draw number of 700, the average of the two room draw numbers is 650, therefore Mario and Luigi should attend room draw on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (see times below). Averages will be calculated to two decimal places.
• Students must have both room draw cards in order to select a room. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your room draw time and be seated outside Oneota Market. Announcements will be made every 30 minutes to line up according to averages. We will not go ahead of schedule, nor will we wait for students that are late.
• Floor charts will be available in Mott each night of room draw for students to view while they wait for their selection time. Students will be able to see which rooms have already been selected and which rooms are still available.

**Double room draw dates and times:**

**Tuesday, May 3**

- Roommates with averages between 1 - 300 **Room Selection Times**
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Roommates with averages between 301 - 375 **Room Selection Times**
  - 6:30 p.m.
- Roommates with averages between 376 - 450 **Room Selection Times**
  - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 4**

- Roommates with averages between 451 - 550 **Room Selection Times**
  - 6:00 p.m.
- Roommates with averages between 551 - 650 **Room Selection Times**
  - 6:30 p.m.
- Roommates with averages between 651 and above **Room Selection Times**
  - 7:00 p.m.
OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

Off-Campus Housing
Luther College is a residential college; students should plan to live on campus for the entire time they are enrolled as a student. College policy states: “All students are required to live in college-owned housing unless married, 23 years of age by the first day of classes, or commuting from their legal guardians’ homes within 30 miles of campus.” Luther College recognizes some seniors desire to live off campus and make available a limited number of approvals each year. The number of students approved to live off campus will vary depending on projected enrollment for the fall semester. Approval is based strictly upon completed credits. Only juniors are eligible to apply to live off-campus for their senior year; however, students should not assume that because they are seniors they will be permitted to live off-campus. Residence hall housing contracts are legally binding documents. The application process for off-campus approval takes place in March for the upcoming academic year; no late approvals will be granted. Students are discouraged from signing leases with a landlord until they have received written approval from the Residence Life office to move off-campus. Ninth-semesters seniors are automatically approved to live off-campus after notifying the Residence Life office of their intention. Ninth-semesters seniors are not allowed to put their name on any off-campus housing application.

Married Student and Family Apartments (604 Ridge Road)
Married students and students with children may not participate in the room draw process. There is a limited number of College Apartments for married students located at 604 Ridge Road. Apartments are issued first-come, first-served with priority going to returning occupants who are married and/or have children. These apartments are not available to traditional students. Contact the Residence Life office to request an apartment.