PRAIRIE HOUSES DRAW GUIDELINES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

The Prairie Houses draw is designed to provide groups of seven students of the same sex the opportunity to live together as a peer group in one of three houses owned by Luther College. In order to draw, all applicants must meet the criteria listed below, completely and accurately fill out the draw application, and abide by all the Prairie Houses draw guidelines.

⇒ Applicant criteria

Students are only permitted to participate in Prairie Houses draw if they meet all of these criteria:
- Must have senior class status (94 credits) for the fall 2017 semester, and
- Must have completed 72 credits or more by the end of fall 2016, (completed credits are defined as the number of credits on record in the Registrar’s office as of the end of fall semester 2016 and do not include J-term 2017 credits), and
- Not on disciplinary probation status (excludes academic probation) during the current academic year, and
- Must turn in a Prairie Houses application to Residence Life by noon on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, and
- Must pay continuing enrollment deposit ($300) for fall semester 2017 no later than April 1, 2017. Failure to do so could jeopardize your approval status, and
- Must register for fall 2017 classes no later than May 1, 2017. Failure to do so could jeopardize your approval status.

⇒ Application Directions

- Applications are available in the Residence Life office and on the Residence Life website beginning January 27, 2017. Applications are due to the Residence Life office noon, Wednesday, March 8, 2017. No late applications accepted.
- The Residence Life office is NOT responsible for making sure that students meet the application criteria.
- The application must include seven students’ names, ID numbers, email addresses and number of completed credits. Completed credits are defined as the number of credits on record in the Registrar’s office as of the end of fall semester 2016, do not include J-term 2017 credits.
- Each group selects its own designated representative; all communication regarding the group application will be directed to the representative, and not the individual applicants.
- No reshuffling of groups will be allowed after a Prairie House application is turned in.
- If your application is approved you may not apply for any other housing options for 2017-2018. Students may not substitute residents in a house; only approved applicants may live in Prairie Houses.

⇒ Draw Guidelines

- The total number of completed credit hours per group will be averaged and that average will be assigned to the group. Completed credit hours = the number of credits completed as of the end of fall 2016 and does not include J-term 2017.
- Averages will be placed in rank order from the highest to the lowest; the three highest averages will determine which groups will receive houses.
- A student may not add their name to more than one Prairie House application.
- Once a group has selected a Prairie House, they may not apply for any other housing option for 2017-2018.
- Students may not substitute residents in a house; only approved applicants may live in the Prairie Houses.
- No reshuffling of groups will be allowed after a Prairie House application is submitted.
- Each house must be full for the year; students who will not occupy a bedroom for the full year must name their qualified replacement. All replacements must be communicated to Vanessa Wiest at vanessa.wiest@luther.edu prior to the application deadline of March 8 at noon with the following information: the group leader name, the name of the person leaving, the replacement name and ID number.
- The cost of a single room should be taken into consideration for room choices; room choices are binding.
- Room costs for 2017-2018 are: double and triple rooms: $4,960; single rooms: $5,800.

⇒ Important Information

- Residents of a house will have the opportunity to fill an unexpected mid-year vacancy prior to December 1, 2017. After that time the Residence Life office may assign a student to the vacant room.
- Houses are furnished with a dining table and chairs. Bedrooms are furnished with one set of furniture per student: bed, desk, desk chair and dresser; the students provide all other furniture. No college furniture may be removed from the house.
- No meal plan is required for students living in the Prairie Houses, but a variety of off-campus meal plans are available.
- Students with vehicles must register and receive a permit that allows them to park in designated campus parking lots.
- Excessive noise, partying and damage to the house (as determined by Residence Life staff) will be grounds for an IMMEDIATE eviction from the house. Other sanctions (e.g. repair costs) may also be issued to students violating college polices, state or federal laws.
Minimum eligibility requirements for each student (must meet all criteria to apply):

1. Must have senior class status (94 credits) for the fall 2017 semester, and
2. Must have completed 72 credits or more by the end of fall semester 2016 (does not include J-term 2017 credits), and
3. Not on disciplinary probation status (excludes academic probation) during the current academic year, and
4. Must name a qualified replacement on this application for persons leaving at mid-year. Indicate which student is the fall applicant (FA) and which is the spring applicant (SP). Only the completed credits of the fall applicant will be used in calculating the group average.
5. Must complete a Prairie House application by noon on Wednesday, March 8, and
6. Must pay continuing enrollment deposit for fall 2017 no later than April 1, 2017. Failure to do so could jeopardize your approval status, and
7. Must register for fall 2017 classes no later than May 1, 2017. Failure to do so could jeopardize your approval status.

Designated representative (to select for the entire house)

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Group Average   _________

Completed credits = credits completed by end of fall term 2016 and does not include J-term 2017 credits

NOTE: EACH HOUSE MUST BE FULL FOR THE YEAR; STUDENTS WHO WILL NOT OCCUPY A BEDROOM FOR THE FULL YEAR MUST NAME THEIR QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT ON THE APPLICATION