Current Sophomores/ Juniors/ Seniors
2014-2015 Room Selection Process
Frequently Asked Questions

How is class standing defined?
For housing purposes, class standing is not defined by academic credits, but by graduation date from high school and years enrolled in college.

Current First-Year Students (Fall ‘14 Sophomores): Any resident currently living on-campus in a Central Campus residence hall, and completing his/her first year or first semester of classes ranked as a First Year student, and/or graduated from High School in 2013.

Current Sophomores (Fall ‘14 Juniors): Any student who is currently in his/her second year of college, and/or graduated from High School in 2012.

Current Juniors (Fall ‘14 Seniors): Any student who is currently in his/her third year of college, and/or graduated from High School in 2011.

Current Seniors: Any student who is currently in his/her fourth year of college and will be attending full-time undergraduate classes at SMC in Fall ‘14.

- Current Seniors do not participate in the room selection process. Any current Senior who wishes to have on campus housing for the 2014-2015 academic school year may apply through StarRez beginning Tuesday, April 8, 2014 to participate in the waitlist.
- Current Seniors will be classified as Fall ‘14 Seniors during the Waitlist process and will need to adhere to all applicable deadlines.

When are deposits due for the 2014-2015 room selection process?
If you are a Current Sophomore or Junior, your deposit is due Wednesday, April 9th ONLY if you receive On-Campus Housing on Room Selection Day.

How much is the deposit?
$350

Is the deposit refundable?
The $350 Housing Deposit is non-refundable and is applied toward the housing payment for Fall 2014.

When and where can I find my Appointment Time?
Students will receive a notification email on Wednesday, March 12th by 4:30pm to login to the StarRez system to learn appointment times. A list will also be posted at the Campus Housing Office by 4:30pm, Wednesday March 12th. Appointment times will fall on Thursday and Friday April 3rd & 4th between 10am and 3pm.
What do I do if I am studying abroad during Spring 2014?
Students studying abroad are still able to complete the Room Selection process at their appointment time by logging into their StarRez Portal (https://stmarysca.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortal) and submitting all the necessary information.

What do I do if I am applying to study abroad for Fall 2014?
- Submit a housing application by the March 5\textsuperscript{th} deadline.
- Pay the $350 housing deposit per the deposit timeline listed above. If you are later accepted to study abroad for Fall 2014, your deposit will be transferred toward your study abroad deposit.
- Log in to StarRez at your designated room selection time and complete the Room Selection Process.
- Once you have been accepted to study abroad submit a Housing Withdrawal/Study Abroad Information Form to the Campus Housing Office by April 28\textsuperscript{th}, 2014. Submission of this form will cancel your Fall 2014 housing assignment.
- All Fall ’14 Study Abroad “returners” will be offered housing after the residence halls close for Winter Break in December 2014.

What do I do if I need special housing accommodations?
Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, services and reasonable special accommodations, as determined by the College, are available at no additional charge to qualified students with disabilities. Students in need of housing accommodations should contact the Office of Student Disability Services at (925) 631-4358.

As a Fall 2014 sophomore or Junior, when will my Room Selection Day be?
Fall ’14 Sophomores will choose rooms by appointment on Friday, April 4\textsuperscript{th} between 10am and 3pm.

If I select a room as a Fall 2014 Junior or Senior, when is my deposit due?
The final deadline for the Housing Deposit is 4:30PM, Wednesday, April 9\textsuperscript{th}.

How are room selection appointment times determined?
Room Selection Appointments are randomly assigned (computer-generated) by class standing. Fall ’14 Sophomores must pay the non-refundable, $350 housing deposit by March 5\textsuperscript{th} in order to receive an appointment time.
Fall ’14 Juniors and Seniors must complete the Room/Roommate Selection form online prior to March 5\textsuperscript{th} in order to receive an appointment.

Where will the room selection process take place?
It can be done online through the StarRez housing portal which is a Quicklink on your MySaintMary’s portal.
If I select a room as a Fall 2014 Junior or Senior, what rooms will be available to me?
Rooms in the following townhouses will be available on a first-come, first-served basis: Ageno East, Ageno West, Guerrieri East, Guerrieri West, Sabatte, Syufy, Thille, and Freitas. In addition, rooms left over from Sophomore room selection can be available: Becket, More, Michael Ageno (AGA), Marjorie David Ageno (AGB), Ferdinand & Camille Ageno (AGC), Claeys North, Claeys South.

How long will the room selection process take?
Room Selection will take about 15 minutes.

What happens if I cannot complete my room selection at the time of my room selection appointment?
If you cannot complete your room selection at the time you were assigned, and are applying as a group, your group members can sign you up online. If you are applying as a single you may sign up online any time after your original appointment time before the end of your Room Selection Day.

What happens if I am a current first year student and I plan on living with a current Sophomore or Junior?
Current First Year Students and current Sophomores or Juniors are NOT allowed to select housing together.

What if I want to live in a Living Learning Community?
If you are interested in becoming a member of a Living Learning Community within the residence halls, than you should contact the coordinator of the specific program given that they make all the decisions and placements in regards acceptance into the community. All placements are complete by the end of February so you will have needed to be in contact with the coordinator prior to room selection. If you are not accepted into a Living Learning Community, then you should continue to follow ALL the steps of the Room Selection Process.

Santiago Living Learning Community—Ageno West
Contact: Pamela Thomas, Mission and Ministry

Financial Aid
Any student who anticipates enough financial aid in 2014-2015 to cover the entire cost of housing, but who may not have access to the funds by the required date, should contact his/her SMC Financial Aid Advisor to request a waiver of the deposit. Requests to Financial Aid Advisors must be made in person and written notification of the deposit waiver must reach the Campus Housing Office by the deposit deadline. It is strongly recommended that students plan ahead and avoid unnecessary delays. To be considered for a deposit waiver, a completed 2014-2015 FAFSA form MUST be on file in the SMC Financial Aid Office. Late notification will defer your room selection appointment and may result in ineligibility for the Room Selection process or loss of on-campus housing. (See also “Waitlist” section.)
What happens if I don’t get housing?
Students who do not receive housing assignments during the Room Selection Process by will be placed on a wait list via StarRez on April 8th. Their application will automatically be converted into a wait list based on their initial appointment time. The Waitlist will be maintained through Star Rez, in the Campus Housing Office throughout the entire summer. Students will be contacted via permanent (home) phone numbers and SMC e-mail addresses. Once housing is offered, students are given 24 hours to accept or decline.

What is the housing cancellation policy?
The termination policy, as stated in the 2014-2015 Residence Hall & Dining Services Licenses, states that “Upon written request to the Campus Housing Office, before assuming residency, the LICENSEE may cancel this LICENSE. Cancellation will result in forfeiture of the non-refundable $350.00 room reservation deposit.”

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