

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING INFO SHEET

Below you will find an overview of university housing and returning to campus from a leave of absence (LOA).

While there is a standard process and timeline for placing students who are returning to campus, there can be case-by-case nuances. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Housing Operations directly by phone (410-516-7960) or email (housing@jhu.edu).

Please note that students who are returning from an LOA will be assigned with sophomores unless they are a first-year student returning for the spring semester. Should you need any religious or medical accommodations, please contact Student Disability Services (410-516-4720, studentdisabilityservices@jhu.edu) or the Office of Institutional Equity (410-516-8075, oiie@jhu.edu).

Residency Requirement

There is a two-year residency requirement for all students attending Johns Hopkins University. This policy requires that first and second-year students reside in university housing or at home with a parent or legal guardian.

The **Commuter Exemption** is the only exception to the 2-year residency requirement. Documentation (MD driver's license, utility bill, proof of employment) is required for the Commuter Exemption application. Below are the three exemption options that students can apply for:

- *Age Exemption* -- the student is **21** or older
- *Local Exemption* -- the student resides within 1-hour of campus and lives with a parent/guardian
- *Relocation Exemption* -- the student and their parent/guardian relocate within 1-hour of campus

The residency requirement for students taking LOAs will be considered fulfilled based on the following:

- If the student lived on campus for 3+ semesters, **OR**
- If the student is 21+ at the time of their reinstatement

Students who have not fulfilled their residency requirement will be required to live in university housing upon their return from LOA. The Housing Operations team determines the number of semesters that the student will be required to reside on campus based on the number of semesters the students have already completed.

If you have questions about your housing status, please reach out to Housing Operations *directly*.

Students who have fulfilled their requirement should seek off campus housing arrangements. We recommend starting with the [Off-Campus Housing Database](#) to see which options may be open to you. If you have any questions regarding the database or your options, be sure to connect with Off-Campus Housing at offcampus@jhu.edu.



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General Assignment Timeline

- February – March: current first-year students select their housing for their sophomore year in the Room Selection Process (RSP)
- May – June: first-year students complete their housing applications and rank their preferences
- End of July: first-year students receive their housing assignments
- End of July – Early August: Housing processes applications for students returning from LOA
- Early August: Housing assignments are shared with students returning from LOA

Mid-Year Returns & Roommate Groups

This section is for students who take an LOA during the fall semester and plan to return in the spring of the same academic year.

We are unable to hold spaces for students who take LOAs, but we will try to reassign them to their old room -- as long as it is still open upon their return within the same academic year. If another student has already been assigned to the space, we cannot accommodate your request. Please **do not** ask us to change another student's housing assignment.

Spring Returners Timeline

- End of November -- Mid-December: students should reach out to Housing Operations directly by **email** to apply for spring housing
- Mid-January: students receive their spring housing assignments

Fall Returners Timeline

- May-June: Once reinstated, students should reach out to Housing Operations directly by **email** to apply for fall housing
- Early-August: Fall housing assignments are shared with students returning from LOA

Housing Operations Contact Info

Located: Wolman Hall, room 103

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am–5pm

Phone: (410) 516-7960

Email: When emailing housing@jhu.edu about returning from an LOA, please write in the email's subject line **"Return from LOA"**