The 2017-18 Housing Selection Process for 2nd Year Returning Residents

(In an attempt to provide complete information, this summary is rather detailed-contact the Housing Office if you need further assistance)

This room selection process is for students who are less than 21 years of age by August 1, 2017 and will have less than 4 semesters of on-campus living experience. They are assigned to the “Lower Division Returner” category. Students in the category are guaranteed on-campus living.

The housing selection process begins in January/February with submittal of an application through the “on-line” ZagLiving portal (selection examples here). The applications will be due February 26, 2017. After the due date, the applications received by the due date are randomly ordered. This random order will determine when students may make their selection during each step in the process. Applications received after the due date, regardless of reason, will be placed at the “end of the line”.

The room selection process includes several steps: 1) living-learning communities (special application required), 2) Kennedy & Corkery 6-person apartment, 3) Dussault and Kennedy 4 and 8-person (suite and apartment respectively), 4) open room.

Note: The living and learning communities require a supplemental application in addition to the standard application. A committee will review applications, select participants, and provide further information regarding the room selection.

As mentioned above, the applications are ranked in random order after the due date. This random order is used to establish a specific time block during which applicants may make their selection. For instance, the first ten applicants may be granted access from 4 pm to 10 pm, the next ten from 4:10 pm to 10 pm, and so on. The number of applicants in each time block as well as the duration and frequency of the time blocks may vary depending on the specific selection step. Each applicant eligible to participate in a specific step is notified in advance of their time block via email.

During their assigned time block, applicants may access Zag Living to make their selection and possibly their roommate/suitemate/apartment mate room selections. Only available rooms are displayed, so if the rooms are filled, no rooms will display upon search. All room selections (individual and on behalf of a roommate/suitemate/apartment mate) must be confirmed by the end of the step (in the example above, 10 pm). Otherwise, all risk losing their room selections.

Once an applicant selects and confirms a room (or roommate selects for them), they are finished in the process and cannot participate further. For instance, if an applicant selects a Kennedy 6 person apartment for 2017-18, then they will not be able to select another room during the same Dusault 4-person suite step. Due to the complexities of the process, an applicant is not allowed to “hedge their bet” by selecting a room and then trying to “upgrade” during a later step.
The specific policies that will apply to the room selection process will be sent to applicants in advance. These policies will also be posted on the GU web site[^4]. Any questions may be directed to the Housing Office (509-313-4103 or housing@gonzaga.edu).

[^1]: Including the spring semester term and terms at other institutions but not including summer sessions.
[^3]: The 2017-18 process is not finalized and may vary from the description.
[^4]: Applicants identify their preferred roommates/suitmates/apartment-mates in advance on the on-line application. All selections must be mutually accepted before a room selection may be made on behalf of a roommate/suitmates/apartment-mates.
[^5]: Since GU expects that housing will fill to capacity for 2017-18, the gender of the rooms is set in advance. Therefore, it is possible for a building to “fill” for one gender before the other.