2016-2017 Housing Lottery Information

Your son or daughter will soon be making housing plans for the 2016-2017 academic year. We know this can be a stressful time and hope that together we can help guide your son or daughter smoothly through the process. We anticipate students will find the on-line housing lottery process to be convenient, secure, easy-to-use and accessible anywhere/anytime.

What is housing lottery?
Wittenberg’s housing lottery is the process by which our rising sophomore, junior and senior students select living spaces for the next academic year, choose a meal plan (mandatory if living in a residence hall) and sign their 2016-2017 housing contract. Students are required to reside in Wittenberg housing the entire time they are enrolled at Witt. Typically, that means that the first two years are spent in the residence halls and the remaining years (after reaching 60 credit hours) in a Wittenberg-owned rental house or apartment. The goal of the Housing Lottery is to help Wittenberg students, individually or in roommate groups, to identify the living places that best suit them and establish a rank-order list of preferences to be used when housing assignments are processed in March. Students who have reached 60 credit hours may choose to remain in a residence hall and participate in the residence hall lottery, move to a fraternity/sorority house or participate in the student rental lottery and contract for an apartment or house through our student rental housing program. Students with less than 60 credit hours must reside in a residence hall and participate in the residence hall lottery.

Important lottery dates:
- Tues, Feb 2 & Wed, Feb 3: Student rental lottery info session (eligible students who wish to participate in the rental lottery must attend one)
- Friday, February 5: Rental renewal housing website opens (for students who wish to renew their current rental property contract only)
- Mon, February 22: Student rental renewal assignments finalized
- Tues, February 23 & Thurs, February 25: Residence Hall lottery info session (rising sophomore students should attend one)
- Sunday, February 28: Tours for 4 & 5 bedroom student rentals
- Thursday, March 3: Regular housing lottery website goes live
- Tuesday, March 15: 5 bedroom student rental units assigned
- Thursday, March 17: 4 bedroom student rental units assigned
- Sunday, March 20: Tours for 1, 2 & 3 bedroom student rentals
- Tuesday, March 22: 3 bedroom student rental units assigned
- Thursday, March 24: 2 bedroom student rental units assigned
- Monday, March 28: 1 bedroom student rental units assigned
- Tuesday, March 29: Residence hall specialty rooms assigned (singles, triples and quads)
- Thursday, March 31: Residence hall double rooms assigned

Does my son/daughter need to do anything before lottery begins?
Yes! Please urge your son or daughter to log onto MyWitt and click on “My Academics”, then click “Student Academic Information” and then click on “Registration Priority and Holds”. Any type of restriction, such as an unpaid balance on a student account, Dean of Students hold, library fine, etc. will prevent your son or daughter from proceeding through the on-line housing lottery. If they have any type of restriction, such as an unpaid balance on their student account, Dean of Students hold, library fine, etc., they must contact the appropriate office to cancel the hold/restriction(s) before proceeding through the housing lottery.

My Junior/Senior would like to rent from a private landlord. Is that possible?
Junior/Senior students will not be released to live with private landlords unless Wittenberg student rental housing is full. If they choose not to participate in the housing lottery and we still have housing available, they will be required to choose from the remaining houses and apartments. Students who have not selected a residence hall or student rental property by the conclusion of the lottery process (unless officially released by the Residence Life Office) will be charged the cost of a double residence hall room.

Need more information about Wittenberg’s housing lottery?:
We hope this information is helpful to you in understanding your student’s housing options. For more information, go to the Residence Life page, click on the “Student Rental Property Lottery Information” link or the “On Campus Housing Lottery Information” link under the “Housing Lottery Information” tab for further information about the on-line housing lottery. Your son or daughter will also be receiving detailed information about the entire on-line lottery process via Wittenberg e-mails and at the above-noted information sessions (locations and times will be posted and sent to all students’ Witt e-mail).

Have more questions about Wittenberg’s housing lottery? Please contact:

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