

Housing FAQ's for Penn Students Studying Abroad

FAQ's for Fall 2013 Housing

Q: How do I apply for Fall 2013 housing if I am studying abroad in the spring semester?

The process is online and you can participate as long as you have internet access and you meet the eligibility requirements. Be sure to check your e-mail regularly for information and reminders.

If you are applying for the In-House process in order to return to your previous House, respond yes to the question asking if you are currently abroad. Your group Captain will be able to assign you to a room in your House. If you are a Group of 1, and you lived in your House in the fall semester, you should be able to assign yourself a room at the appropriate time. (Note: you will be e-mailed your appointment time).

Q: If I am interested in applying for a Residential Program for the Fall 2013 semester how do I apply?

The process is online and you can participate as long as you have internet access and you meet eligibility requirements. Be sure to check your e-mail regularly for information and reminders.

Please check the Residential Services website, www.upenn.edu/housing for more details. Specific information and instructions will be posted in December 2012. When it's time to apply, go to the room assignment portal, My Home At Penn, which can be accessed through this web page.

If you are accepted and assigned a space in a Residential Program your Occupancy Agreement is effective immediately. You must cancel this assignment in order to apply for another process. However, please note you will be subject to cancellation fees.

Q: If I am not sure about my acceptance for a particular fall study program can I apply for housing and cancel without penalty?

Yes, you can apply for housing and cancel without penalty as long as you cancel prior to May 1 and complete the necessary cancellation form.

FAQ's for Spring 2013 Housing

Q: I am going abroad in the Fall 2012. Can I reserve my room for the Spring 2013 before I leave?

No, you cannot apply for housing until October 1. You must complete and submit your spring housing application online at myhomeatpenn.upenn.edu.

Q: What do I do if I want to live with my friends on campus when I return from abroad in Spring 2013?

If you are aware of a vacancy becoming available in your friend's room, you may request that particular space when you apply. List the name of your friend and their room number. We will try to accommodate you provided the student leaving has completed their Early Termination paperwork. Be sure to list other housing preferences in the event that you cannot be placed in the room you listed.

Q: Is there anything I can do to ensure that I can live with my friends when I return?

What some students do to facilitate this is to do some pre-planning during the room selection process:

- Identify a student who wants to live on campus in the Fall 2012 and is graduating in December 2012 or planning to study abroad in Spring 2013.
- This student should apply to live with your friends during the Room Selection Process.
- By mid-November, this student should apply for Early Termination of their housing agreement. They must have a valid reason for termination such as December Graduation or spring study abroad.
- Between October 1 and mid-November, you should apply for housing requesting that specific room.
- The Assignments Office does their best to accommodate such requests but this process is not guaranteed.

Q: If I know of a room/space on campus that my friend wants to “hand over” to me, can I fill my friend’s vacancy?

No, students cannot hand over rooms to other students on campus. However, you can make that room your first preference on your housing application.

Q: What is the deadline for submitting a Spring 2013 application?

The Assignments Office begins accepting applications October 1. There is no deadline as applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however, once you are certain you want on-campus housing you should submit your application. Assignments are made in the date order which applications are received.

Q: Where can I find descriptions of the different room types?

Room descriptions and rents are listed on the Undergraduate Rent Schedule. Please look under ‘Forms and Downloads’ on the [Residential Services website](#).

Important Dates

Date	Event
October 1, 2012	Spring 2013 Housing Application opens
Thursday, December 20, 2012	Move Out for Fall 2012 by noon
Saturday, January 5, 2013	Move In for Spring 2013 beginning at 9AM
Please visit www.upenn.edu/housing for specific dates and information regarding the Residential Programs Room Selection Process	Residential Programs Room Selection process
Please visit www.upenn.edu/housing for specific dates and information regarding the In-House Room Selection Process	In-House Room Selection process
Please visit www.upenn.edu/housing for specific dates and information regarding the Inter-House Room Selection Process	Inter-House Room Selection process

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