Individual Room Sign-Up
Want to skip the lottery? This is for you!

Students who did not secure a room assignment before or during the lottery should sign up for a room during the individual room sign-up period at the HOO. Room sign up begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 and continues through Friday, May 19 (M-F, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Any rooms that were not won in the Merrill hall lottery will be available at this time. Limited space in RA mods or mods not won in the lottery may also be available at this time on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students who do not participate in the room choosing process in any way will be assigned to a dorm room by the HOO without the benefit of their input.

Mod Waitlist 101

The mod wait list is for students who did not secure mod placements during the housing lottery but still wish to live in a mod in the fall. Only students who are assigned to rooms in Merrill as of May 19, 2017, are eligible to be on the mod wait list. In early June, all eligible students will receive an email at their Hampshire email address containing instructions and a link to the mod wait list form.

The mod wait list form allows students to set parameters around the types of mod vacancies they would like to be considered for. Students can express a preference for the following:

1. A specific mod, or several mods
2. Particular people they would like to live with
3. House
4. Single vs. double room
5. Cleanliness, gender, and noise designations
6. RA vs. not RA mods
7. Types of emotional support animals they would or would not be willing to live with

If a student has named a specific mod or set of mods, they have the option of indicating they would only like to be moved to that specific space, or if they would like to be considered for all vacancies with a preference for those listed.

The mod wait list will be reviewed about every two weeks over the course of the summer. Students will be moved whenever possible, based on the following criteria:

- Availability of rooms
- Seniority
- Length of time on wait list

Students are notified of new room assignments via their Hampshire email from housing@hampshire.edu. Their new modmates are included on the email. Students may choose to reject a new placement, however in doing so they would give up their spot on the wait list. It is in students’ best interest to be as specific as possible about their housing needs when filling out the mod wait list form. However, being open to all houses, RA mods, and doubles will greatly increase a student’s chances of starting the fall semester in a mod.

Please be aware: Financial aid packages are almost always affected when you are no longer required to purchase a full meal plan, resulting in less aid for the student.
Merrill Hall Lottery

The lottery for Merrill halls will be held on Thursday, May 4.
All registration packets are due by 1 p.m.

Beginning Fall 2017 Dakin House will be exclusively for first year students, and therefore not available for Lottery or individual room sign up. Merrill halls will be either exclusively first year students or continuing students, and therefore some halls will not be available for Lottery or Individual room sign up.

The Merrill hall lottery works pretty much the same way as the mod lottery: students form groups, pool their points together, and rank halls in Merrill they would like to live in. Halls are then awarded to groups in the order of highest points to lowest. However, there is generally very little competition in the dorm hall lottery – historically, most groups in a given year have preferred different halls.

Hallways require a minimum of 5 students to form a lottery group. Any unfilled rooms on a hall will be available to other continuing students during the individual room sign-up period, or will be assigned to continuing students by the HOO.

To participate in the dorm lottery, start by forming a group of at least 5 students who prefer the same designations and would like to live together. Then pick up a registration packet from the HOO. This packet will include:

- **A registration form** to list the names of all group members and to indicate which halls they prefer.

- **A designations sheet** listing all halls available in the lottery. This will tell you each hall's designations, including noise, gender, and if it is substance-free. This sheet will also tell you which room on the hall is a double, and where RA rooms are. Designations are pre-assigned in the dorms, and groups must adhere to these designations.

- **A room preference sheet** where your group will indicate room preference on each of your three top-ranked halls. Choosing rooms proactively means you won't have to come back to the housing operations office to do this once your group has won a hall.

**Please Note:**

- **Merrill Halls:** Short and long sides of a floor are considered separate hallways with separate designations.

- **Merrill C-basement:** You must have exactly four people in your group to bid for C-basement. This precludes you from bidding for other dorm halls.