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Welcome to the online tutorial for the 2021 Housing Lottery at Hampshire College. Things are looking a bit different this year, so please pay attention to make sure you have all the information you'll need to lottery for your residence next year! In this presentation, you'll find detailed information on how to prepare for and participate in the Lottery.

After you finish, if you still have more questions, please don't hesitate to reach out the Residence Life and Housing office for more information. Or connect with us in on one of our Drop-In Virtual hours which you can find listed in the Daily Digest and Lottery Booklet.

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Before we get into the details, we want to go over some of the basics:

1. "The Lottery" is Hampshire's annual room choosing process for the Mods. Next year, the Lottery will include Mods in Enfield and Prescott areas.
2. The Mod Lottery will take place from April 26-28, 2021. Only one size mod will be available per day starting with four-person Mods and continuing through six-person Mods.
3. Students participate in the Lottery by forming groups, pooling their points, and bidding on mods via a registration packet which is submitted to the Residence Life and Housing Office. This is the process we hope to detail in this presentation.
4. For the 2021-2022 academic year, all first-year and continuing students living in dorms will be on a full (19 meals per week) meal plan. Continuing students living in the Mods will be on a 75-block meal plan per semester.

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Preparing for the lottery is in some ways even more important than the Lottery itself. Figuring out who you want to live with can set the tone for your entire year, so we want you to be as prepared as possible!

When looking for a group of potential Mod-mates, it's important to think about the habits you want to surround yourself with in your living area. Sometimes your best friends can make the worst roommates simply because your living habits are drastically different. Having thoughtful conversations with potential Mod-mates is much more important than how many Lottery points they may have.

Another way to prepare for the Lottery is to have a contingency plan. You might not get your first choice Mod and will need to participate in another Mod-size Lottery day. Think of other people you may want to live with in order to expand your group just in case you don't get the Mod you initially Lottery for.

Completing a Modmate Contract before the Lottery is beneficial in two great ways! The Contract form itself helps guide you in a conversation about setting expectations for how you and your future Mod-mates plan to live with one another and share the space you'll live in, which can help alleviate conflict in the future. It's important to take this conversation seriously, because it's easier to work through conflicts before they get personal.

Completing a Mod-mate contract is also beneficial because you'll earn an additional Lottery point by completing it. It might be the part that puts you over the edge in securing your dream living space for next year.

If you're looking for other people to join your Mod Lottery group, a helpful resource we've developed for you this year is the Lottery Connections board. You can see the link to that web page at the bottom of this screen.

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The Lottery process begins on April 21 when your Points Letter is emailed to your Hampshire College email account. This letter will tell you the total number of points you have earned during your time at Hampshire as well as your ULI – Unique Lottery Identifier number.

Your Lottery Points are calculated in the following ways:

1. You earn one point for each semester you are enrolled at Hampshire College for a maximum of eight points.
2. Students who transfer to Hampshire earn Lottery points based on the number of courses transferred in. You will earn one point for transferring 2-6 courses; two points for 7-12 courses, and three points for more than 13 courses.
3. As we mentioned before, you can earn an additional point for completing the online Modmate Contract. Remember that in order to gain the additional point, the Contract must have the ULI for each member in your group.
4. Community Facilitators working for Residence Life and Housing will also earn an additional Lottery point for each full year of service to the College.

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Registration Forms will be available on the Housing website beginning on Wednesday, April 21 at noon. They are due by noon on the day your Mod size is being lotteried. So, if you're planning to lottery for a 4-person mod, you must submit the Registration Form by noon on Monday, April 26.

If you would like to bypass the Lottery and instead be placed in a room in an available Prescott Mod or in Merrill, you can fill out the Individual Room Sign-Up Form which will be open April 21-April 25 and again on April 29-May 16.

You'll be able to find links to all of our Lottery forms and information by going to the Housing webpage and clicking on the link to the Housing Lottery Basics.

Make sure that your entire group has input as you rank your Mods in order of preference. Not getting a consensus can lead to conflict later and could lead to someone dropping from your Mod group.

We trust all of our students to be honest while participating in the Housing Lottery, so make sure you're double checking the information you're putting down on the Registration Form. Students who falsify information will not be eligible to participate in the Lottery until after all other students have completed their registration forms. Send us an email if you believe you made an error in your form and we can correct it for you.

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Complete registration forms are due online by Noon on the day of the lottery for the Mod size you are trying to win. For example, a four-person Mod Lottery Registration Form will be due by Noon on April 26.

Because of the nature of the Lottery and the fast turnaround time we have for completing the process, we will not be able to accept registration packets submitted after Noon and you will not be able to change the form once it is submitted, which makes it even more important that you've taken the time to have those important conversations and make sure that everyone's perspectives are heard.

Residence Life and Housing staff will be verifying all information submitted as part of the Form so be sure the Unique Lottery Identifier numbers are accurate on your registration form. And as a reminder, those found falsifying information will be ineligible to participate in the Lottery process until after it is completed.

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Results will be posted each day to the Residence Life and Housing HampEngage page. We will also make sure to include them in the following day's Daily Digest. Each group will also receive an email conformation with next steps depending on the results of that day's Lottery.

If you participated in that day's lottery and do not receive an email from Residence Life and Housing, please check your spam or junk folders before reaching out to the staff. We will be on standby to answer any questions you might have!

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So, you won your Mod... Congratulations!!

But hold on, you're not finished yet. Each person in your group needs to sign up for a room in the Mod by Sunday, May 16. You will receive an email with instructions for how to complete the necessary forms and send the information to the Housing Office when you are notified of your results.

During this process, you will have the opportunity to list alternates for your Mod and list any designations.

Having a list of alternates is important because sometimes you might have an unforeseen vacancy arise. In order to maintain the quality of your living environment it's important for you to have people you know you can live with productively. Last year about 40% of all Mods had vacancies that were ultimately filled by the Housing Office so it's helpful both for you and for us to have a list of people you'd like to live with if anything happens to your current roster.

Designations are important as well because they let us know explicitly what kind of living environment you're looking to create and provides us with additional tools to help support you throughout the year.

Some of our designations are Substance Free, Quiet Hours, and whether not your space is ESA or Service Animal friendly. As always, these are conversations that are important to have before you Lottery for your Mod—this is just how we track those conversations.

To find more information about specific Housing designations, please download the Housing Lottery Info Booklet from the Lottery Basics webpage.

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If you receive notification from the Housing Office that you did not win any of the Mods you lotteried for on a particular day, you'll want to regroup and try again.

This involves a few things:

1. You'll want to reach out to anyone you might want to add to your Mod group to make sure you have enough people to fill the Mod you're going to be lotterying for next. This can sometimes be difficult, so don't forget to utilize the Lottery Connections Board we've created for you this year!
2. Double check the date for the Lottery of the Mod size you want and remember that the online registration form will close at noon on that day.
3. Don't forget to involve your new Modmates in creating or updating your Modmate Contract. Reaching consensus now can alleviate problems in the future... and there's also that additional Lottery Point!

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It's important to keep up to date with the Lottery timeline and additional resources that can help you along the process.

Some important dates to remember:

- On April 5, we will be sending notifications of decisions to everyone who applied for an exemption to the College's Residency Requirement. More information about that process can be found on the Housing website.
- April 6 is the deadline to submit a Housing-Based accommodation through the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.
- Lottery Points Letters will be delivered on April 21 to your Hampshire College email account.
- The Mod Lottery itself begins on April 26 and goes through April 28. You can see the specific Lottery dates for each size Mod listed on the right side of your screen.
- Room sign-ups in Mods won through the Lottery begin on April 26 and go through May 16.

After May 16, any student who is returning to campus in the fall but has not participated in the Mod Lottery process will be assigned to an available room by a Residence Life and Housing staff member.

Active participation in this process is key in making sure that you have the best possible living situation next year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any staff member in order to make sure you stay informed about the process!

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For more detailed information about Housing Designations and how to file a Housing Based Accommodation, please visit Housing website and download the Housing Lottery Info Booklet at www.hampshire.edu/housing/mod-lottery-basics

We hope this presentation has been informational and helpful. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a Residence Life and Housing staff member. We're more than happy to help you and ensure that this is as easy a process as possible.