



The Dorm Inform

The Graduate Dormitory Housing Office
monthly newsletter
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March 2011 This edition of the Dorm Inform is a supplement to the Room Selection and Summer Housing brochure.

I've been holding this newsletter as I do not have the 2011-2012 housing rates on the Housing Rates webpage yet but the rates for next year should be published within a few days.

Additionally, in HHH, copies of the Room Selection & Summer Housing brochure are available for taking on the Mail Desk, in the lobby, and from the GHO. Please take a copy! For HGS, paper copies will be hand delivered to your bedroom door early next week.

Summer Housing in the Graduate Dormitories:

Summer Housing in the dorms refers to living in a dorm room anytime between May 30th – Aug 19th. You can also think of this as “late stay housing” or “early arrival housing” – it just depends on your point of view during the summer.

Students can request summer housing for any number of (continuous) weeks between May 30th – Aug 19th. After I review your request and your housing status for 2011-2012, I will be able to grant or deny the request.

Once summer housing has been confirmed, your SFAS Accounts will be billed for the agreed upon weeks of summer housing. Students can make modifications to their summer request through the April 30th sign-up deadline. Once the deadline passes, I may not be able to extend someone's stay.

Students are billed “by the week” meaning if you just need housing for June while you wait for your new apartment to become available, you are just billed for the weeks in June that you stay. “Weeks” are a Sunday – Saturday period of time. *If you only need 2-3 days of a week, you still pay for the whole week.* As you plan to move-out, vacating on a Saturday/Sunday will save you money. If you turn in your keys on a Monday afternoon, you will be billed for that week. Moving out earlier than scheduled does not guarantee a refund of summer rent.

“Summer Housing” in the GDHO is a 12-week period. For billing purposes, I follow the calendar months in full weeks.

- **June** = 5 weeks from May 30 – July 2
- **July** = 4 weeks from July 3 – July 30
- **August** = 3 weeks from July 31 – Aug 19

Remember – students who are not returning to dorm housing for 2011-2012 cannot stay in their dorm room past July 22. Students who graduated in May are still eligible for summer housing for the first half of summer, but also cannot stay past July 22.

Summer rent is billed in two sections – June and then July/Aug. June rent will appear on your May or June SFAS e-bill; July/Aug will appear on your July e-bill. Please plan your payments to FSAS accordingly.

Along with summer housing, the GDHO has "In-Room Storage". Students looking to save money while they are away for 6 or more continuous weeks in the summer, should consider IRS. IRS needs to be mentioned during your summer housing request. The GHO may deny a student's spur-of-the-moment OR after-the-fact IRS request for reduced rent.

Student Summer Rent in the central campus dorms is \$105 per week, ALL room sizes.

Student Summer Rent in ES Harkness is \$130 per week for SMALL, \$155 per week for MEDIUM, \$160 per week for LARGE, and \$175 per week for XL rooms.

1st Year Med Student Late Stay in the Graduate Dormitories:

First year medical students have a longer academic year than other med students - which extends past the housing contract end date. For MED students living in Harkness dormitory, you will be automatically enrolled in 1 week of Summer Housing - moving your check-out date to Sunday June 5, 2011. If students do not want to pay for their additional week of housing, you MUST inform the GHO before April 30, 2011. Your extra week will be canceled and the bill will be removed from your SFAS account. You will need to vacate your room at the end of the current contract - May 29, 2011. If you do not cancel your summer housing by April 30th, you will pay for it, even if you vacate early. If med students want to sign up for additional weeks of summer housing, please just follow the sign-up process in the Room Selection & Summer Housing brochure.

Swing Space Housing in the Graduate Dormitories:

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the GHO will be getting some Swing space suites for grad students. I do not know how many suites they are allotting to Grad Housing . I'll only know in April once the undergrads have completed their Room Selection process and the Administration knows how many Swing suites they'll use for their overflow housing. Swing Dorm is located at 100 Tower Parkway - across from HGS and the Payne Whitney gym.

To best manage this ambiguity, SWING SPACE sign-up will occur from March 14th - 21st. Sign up consists of simply emailing grad.dorms@yale.edu and requesting to live in Swing space. If you and another eligible student want to be paired together in the 2-person suite, please just add that note into your email. If I receive "too many" requests, I'll have a lottery for a number of slots. Anyone denied a Swing space suite, will then still be able to participate in the Same Room Sign-up or Open Room Selection processes that occur from March 23rd - 31st.

There are many questions unanswered right now about Swing. I do not yet know the room rates although I've been told it will be within range of the other graduate dorm spaces on campus. I also do not know how quickly students can move into the dorm in the summer (for those students living here all summer long). I believe the rooms given to grad housing will be in a section of the hall or building "just for us" but they could be spread around the hallways and floors, intermixed with the undergrads. If you have questions you'd like answered, please email grad.dorms@yale.edu. If I can't answer right away, I'll add it to my list to research.

Good luck to all,
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