College Halls at Vanderbilt

WARREN | MOORE

THE HOUSING ASSIGNMENT PROCESS
FOR
2013-2104

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Office of Housing & Residential Education
2 Colleges, 4 Halls

Faculty Director – Jim Lovensheimer
Two Graduate Fellows
341 Students: 1/3 sophomores, 1/3 juniors, 1/3 seniors
½ Female and ½ Male

Faculty Director – Doug Fisher
Two Graduate Fellows
319 Students: 1/3 sophomores, 1/3 juniors, 1/3 seniors
½ Female and ½ Male

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Six Types of Accommodations

**Single Rooms**
- Warren: 162
- Moore: 136

**Double Rooms**
- Warren: 21 (42 students)
- Moore: 34 (68 students)

All singles and doubles are traditional: a single space for living and sleeping with a community bathroom on the hall. Doubles are single-sex.

**Suites for 4 students**
- Warren: 6 (24 students)
- Moore: 10 (40 students)

**Suites for 5 students**
- Warren: 5 (25 students)
- Moore: 2 (10 students)

**Suites for 6 students**
- Warren: 11 (66 students)
- Moore: 14 (84 students)

Suites comprise single bedrooms only, a private full bathroom, a convenience kitchen (refrigerator, microwave, sink, cupboards, but no oven/stove), and a common dining/living area. Suites may be co-ed (all bedrooms are singles).

All floors are co-ed.

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Principles of VU Housing
Assignments for Upperclass Students

1. **Residential Requirement** – *all unmarried undergrads must live on campus unless*
   - Live with family in Davidson County
   - We don’t have room for everyone
   - If reasonable ADA accommodations are not available on campus

2. **Procedural Fairness**
   - Vanderbilt uses a Random Selection Process ("lottery")
   - All students participate under the same policies
   - The process guarantees equal opportunities, *not* equal outcomes

3. **Choice**
   - Students pursue their preferred housing options via the housing assignment process
   - Preferences are not guaranteed

4. **Seniority**
   - Rising seniors pick rooms before rising juniors
   - Rising junior pick rooms before rising sophomores

5. **Student Accountability**
   - Students are responsible for understanding housing policies and procedures
   - Students are solely responsible for meeting all housing deadlines and requirements

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Housing Registration
All Students Register January 6th – 12th
Assignment Process for Warren and Moore Colleges

1. Register for the Housing Assignment Process
2. Create a Ballot for Warren|Moore
   1. Agree to the College Halls “Statements of Affirmation”
   2. Enter the name(s) of up to six (6) students – any mix of gender and seniority cohorts
   3. Rank, in order of preference, up to three (3) room types
   4. Identify the individuals who will live in each room type
   5. All students on the ballot must confirm their acceptance of the ballot
   6. All students affirm Statements of Accountability
   7. Review, confirm, and submit the ballot
3. Random Selection Procedure will determine who gets assigned to Warren|Moore
4. Select specific suite or room in assigned college

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Statements of Affirmation

All students must agree to four Statements of Affirmation:

- I affirm the importance of being a good student-citizen of Vanderbilt University and I pledge to promote the values espoused by our Community Creed -- Scholarship, Honesty, Civility, Accountability, Caring, Discovery, Celebration -- in College Halls.
- I agree to advance the cause of diversity by valuing human difference and through fostering an environment of open, constructive dialog in College Halls.
- I promise to care for and support my fellow students in College Halls, during times of both challenge and celebration.
- I commit to actively participate in the civic, social and intellectual life of College Halls.

Prior to completing/accepting a ballot, all students must actively agree to the Statements of Affirmation

All students who affirm these principles QUALIFY to participate in the Warren and Moore assignment process

• Affirming the principles does NOT guarantee a space in Warren|Moore

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Statements of Accountability

All students must agree to two Statements of Accountability prior to submitting their ballots:

- I understand that my behavior and participation in a College Hall is subject to review by the Faculty Director and staff and that inappropriate behavior or lack of engagement may result in the loss of the privilege of residing in the College Halls.

- If accepted, I agree to participate in any assessments of college, hall, or program.
Warren and Moore Ballots

Step 1
Log in

Step 2
Select College Halls Ballot

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Step 3
Click on Submit a new Ballot

Step 4
List all members of the group

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Step 5
Confirm the people in the group

Step 6
Rank room type preferences

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**Step 7**
Indicate which persons live where

**Step 8**
Confirm the members, points, room preferences, and room assignments
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Step 9
Confirmed

Step 10
Wait for members to respond and accept their positions on the ballot

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How the Warren|Moore Lottery Works

Seniority: seniority is denoted by points
- Rising Seniors: 4 points
- Rising Juniors: 3 points
- Rising Sophomores: 2 points

Ballots will be ordered from greatest to least by the average of the points of the students on the ballots.

Ties in seniority are broken by random selection – imagine the PowerBall lottery where numbered balls are selected randomly. The randomness ensures a fair process in which all lottery tickets have identical chances of success (however, note that all winnings are not identical).
How the Warren|Moore Lottery Works (cont.)

As each ballot is considered, the ballot will fail if:
1. The quota of spaces allocated for a given gender is exhausted, or
2. The quota of spaces allocated for a given class is exhausted
3. The preferred room type is no longer available

Ballots that fail for reasons #1 or #2 are immediately discarded
- Discarded ballots will not be reconsidered for any spaces in Warren|Moore
- No student(s) on discarded ballots will be assigned to Warren|Moore
- All students on discarded ballots can participate in all subsequent housing assignment processes

If a ballot fails for reason #3 it may be reconsidered:
- It will be reconsidered for its 2nd preference (if there is one) after all other ballots with the same point average have been considered once for their 1st preference.
- If it fails again for reason #1, it will be reconsidered for its 3rd preference (if there is one)
Ballots for Warren and Moore Colleges will open on Thursday, January 16th at 12:01 AM and will close on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6PM.

Every student listed on the ballot MUST log in to My Biz and accept their position on the ballot by January 22nd at 6PM.

- Failure by any member to accept by the deadline will void the entire ballot.

Lottery results will post on the Housing website on or around January 27th by the ballot initiators name.

Members of successful ballots will select their rooms in February at times to be announced.
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