A guide to selecting your new home in Residents Online Access to Rooms (ROAR)
MU HOUSING CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

MARCH 25
☐ Priority deadline to submit your NSRO form at newstudent.missouri.edu.
☐ Pay your enrollment fee at enrollmentfee.missouri.edu if you haven’t paid it with your NSRO form. You must pay it before you can access the Housing and Dining Contract site.
☐ Complete your E-Consent in MyZou at myzou.missouri.edu.

APRIL 1
☐ Starting today, complete a Housing and Dining Contract online and guarantee your space at reslife.missouri.edu/contract. A $325 prepayment and a $25 non-refundable processing fee are required.
☐ Beginning today, download the ROAR step-by-step guide and watch the ROAR ZouTorial at reslife.missouri.edu/incoming.
☐ ALEKS Assessment (math placement exam) must be complete! Take it at mathplacement.missouri.edu. Complete the ALEKS Survey first to determine if you need to take the ALEKS Assessment.
☐ Research LCs and FIGs and make a list of AT LEAST seven options at reslife.missouri.edu/lc-fig.

APRIL 11–JULY 21:
☐ ROAR! Pick from available LCs and FIGs! Make sure you’ve paid your enrollment fee and submitted your Housing and Dining Contract first. Then log on to ROAR at roar.missouri.edu.

MAY 12
☐ FIG self-selection deadline.
☐ ROAR closes temporarily at midnight CDT. ROAR is closed from May 12 to June 1. The deadline to cancel your housing contract with no cancellation fee is May 1. The $25 processing fee is nonrefundable.

JUNE 1
☐ ROAR reopens so you can select or change your room or LC. FIGs are no longer available online. Contact the FIGs Coordinator at 573-882-FIGS or figs@missouri.edu to see if FIG options still exist for you.
NOTE: If you take yourself out of a FIG at this point, you will lose your bed and have to find another!
☐ Watch for your “Movin’ to Mizzou” email with Move-in Day details in your official MU email.

JULY 21
☐ Deadline for online room assignments. Make your final selections if necessary.
☐ ROAR closes. Residential Life continues making room assignments after ROAR closes.
☐ Check your “Movin’ to Mizzou” email or reslife.missouri.edu for your move-in date and other important details.

AUG. 17
☐ Move-in Day. Most students move in Aug. 17, but some have an earlier date. Check reslife.missouri.edu for details.

Residents’ Online Access to Rooms (ROAR) is a process that begins in mid-April and ends in July. It gives you the opportunity to search for and select a space that seems right for you.
If you successfully submitted a Housing and Dining Contract, you are guaranteed housing. If you can’t find a space, eventually we’ll take over and ask you to submit your preferences. And then we will find a space for you with your preferences in mind.

It is totally normal to find that your desired room isn’t available. This simply means we don’t have rooms that meet all your criteria at the moment. For the broadest selection, try fewer preferences. Then you can prioritize your choices, starting with the ones most important to you. After you submit your room assignment, you’ll see a confirmation screen. Confirm your assignment, and you’re done.

If you change your mind about room choice or even your entire community, don’t worry. You can log on to ROAR during open periods and make changes from available spaces.

If you don’t see the choices you want today, try again later. Residents make changes and spaces gradually open up on a continuing basis. We can’t predict when it will occur so you’ll have to decide how frequently you want to check.

**IMPORTANT DETAILS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE HOUSING PROCESS**

- Mizzou has a limited quantity of LCs, FIGs, suites and single rooms, most of which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. They are popular and fill up during the first days of ROAR. Plus, some spaces have already been selected by current MU students.

- From April to July — depending on when you ROAR — it might appear as though there are no spaces available anywhere. THIS IS NORMAL! Don’t panic or rush to choose an option that isn’t right for you. Previous students who chose a FIG or TLC that didn’t match their interests reported lower satisfaction with their choice and overall housing experience. Plus, you will be taking a space away from someone who needs it for all the right reasons. All communities provide enriching, educational experiences, and every Mizzou residence hall provides an equally great space for living and learning, even if it’s something other than you originally planned.

- Although there are more students than spaces at the beginning of the process, many students will change their minds about attending Mizzou or living on campus. When they cancel their assignment, more spaces become available. Last July, more than 2,000 room changes occurred due to cancellations and other reasons.

**BASED ON PREVIOUS YEARS ROAR:**

- 85% of students with a contract had a room assignment by **May 1.**
- 90% of students with a contract had a room assignment by **July 1.**
- 98% of students with a contract had a room assignment by **Aug. 1.**
- 100% of students had a room by opening day.
STUFF YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED BY NOW:

COMPLETE NSRO

By now you should have received the “New Student Registration and Orientation (NSRO)” Guide that guides you through:

• Reserving your spot at Summer Welcome;
• Expressing your preference for certain fall classes;
• Signing up for campus activities that require early notice.

PAY YOUR ENROLLMENT FEE

If you haven’t already done so, you’ll need to submit your $300 enrollment fee in one of two places before you can sign up for a Housing and Dining Contract. You can do it through your NSRO registration or at enrollmentfee.missouri.edu.

KNOW YOUR PAWPRINT & SET YOUR PASSWORD

Go to myzou.missouri.edu to set up your password.

Your PawPrint is required for every online system at Mizzou, including your official email account.

You can find your PawPrint along with instructions for setting your password in the letter you received from the Office of Admissions shortly after you applied to Mizzou.

If you can’t find your letter, contact the Office of Admissions at 573-882-7786 or 1-800-225-6075 (toll free in Missouri, Illinois and Kansas)

SET UP YOUR OFFICIAL MU EMAIL ACCOUNT (AND START TO CHECK IT OFTEN)

Go to webmail.mizzou.edu to set up your official email account.

Your official email will be your PawPrint@mail.missouri.edu. This is where ROAR will send your confirmation emails.

MU departments, faculty and staff will communicate with you on an official basis only through this email address. They won’t send email to any other account. You may already have important mail in your inbox!

TAKE YOUR ALEKS SURVEY

Complete the ALEKS Survey online. Your results will indicate whether you need to take the online ALEKS Assessment (math placement exam) at mathplacement.missouri.edu. **If you do, your ALEKS Assessment must be completed by April 1.** This step is important as some FIGs and Learning Communities require a certain score on the exam. If you haven’t taken your ALEKS exam, ROAR may exclude you from selecting a space that requires it. Although your top pick might not have the requirement, your other options might, so play it safe and do it EARLY!
STUFF YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED BY NOW:

COMPLETE YOUR E-CONSENT

Complete University of Missouri E-Consent to gain full access to myZou. You won’t be able to see your room assignment, roommate information, etc., without saying it’s okay to receive it in myZou first. Look under “Self Service” at myzou.missouri.edu.

KNOW YOUR DATE TO ROAR:

The date you may log on to ROAR to select housing is based on when your MU admission application was received and entered. Don’t remember? That’s okay, we do! Log on to myZou.missouri.edu and select “Student Admission” (under self-service) and then “Application Status.”

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STUFF YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED BY NOW:

COMPLETE YOUR HOUSING AND DINING CONTRACT

The Housing and Dining Contract is the most important step because it guarantees you a space with Residential Life!
For the 2016-17 academic year, your Housing and Dining Contract requires a $325 prepayment and a nonrefundable $25 processing fee. We accept Discover, MasterCard, VISA, American Express and e-check payments. During this process, you will also select your dining plan for the coming year. Learn more about meal plans at dining.missouri.edu.

We have limited contracts available based on the projected size of the incoming freshman class, so SUBMITTING YOUR ONLINE CONTRACT EARLY IS IMPORTANT! Check out reslife.missouri.edu/incoming-contract for more details. If you have a contract, you will have a space!

HINT:
Username = Pawprint

SUBMIT YOUR CONTRACT:
This is where you select your dining plan and decide if you would like to sign up for the optional E.Z. Charge. Learn more about dining at dining.missouri.edu.

Be sure to read the full Contract Terms (seriously, do it!) and then check the box that indicates you have read the terms of the contract.

Click “Save and Pay Housing Contract”.

STUFF YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED BY NOW:
Maximize your options by pairing your interests with Learning Communities and FIGs. Do your research at: reslife.missouri.edu/lc-fig

Make a list of at least seven to ten Learning Communities and FIGs that you are interested in. **SPACES ARE LIMITED IN EACH COMMUNITY**, so form a strategy and add several different GLCs, TLCs and FIGs within a variety of different residence halls to your list. GLCs and FIGs are popular and fill up fast so you will need to have plenty of options in mind and a good strategy in place in case your first few are full. If you already have an idea of what your plan B (or C or D) is, the ROAR process will be much smoother!

Here are two examples of possible lists:

**Journalism** (Student is interested in a Journalism FIG, but broadened the list to include a few TLCs and a GLCs “just in case”)
1. **Convergence Journalism FIG (no. 050)** (Hatch, J&C TLC)
2. **Exploring Journalism FIG A (no. 06)** (College Ave., J&C TLC)
3. **Exploring Journalism FIG B (no. 49)** (Hatch Hall, Pathways TLC)
4. **Women in Journalism FIG (no. 66)** (Johnston Hall, EVA Success TLC)
5. **Journalism and Communication TLC** (College Ave., Hatch, Mark Twain)
6. **Exploring Study Abroad FIG (no. 13)** (Defoe-Graham, Pangaea TLC – which means I’ll get an international roommate!)
7. **Mark Twain GLC**

**Engineering** (Student wants to be in Gillett, and expanded the list to include other halls because Gillett might fill up!)
1. **Engineering: Sustainable Energy FIG (no. 61)** (Gillett Hall, Engineering TLC)
2. **Engineering FIG A (no. 37), B (no. 38), C (no. 39), E (no. 41), or F (no. 55)** (Hudson or Gillett Hall, Engineering TLC)
3. **Engineering TLC** (Hudson or Gillett Hall)
4. **Gillett GLC**
5. **Engineering FIG H (no. 57), J (no. 060)** (because the ALEKS score was not high enough to get into the H or J FIGs)
6. **Hudson GLC**
7. **Carver TLC** (Gateway Hall)

**YOUR LIST OF LC AND FIG OPTIONS**

reslife.missouri.edu/lc-fig

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YOU ARE READY TO LOG INTO ROAR!

Please note that all sample screenshots and the data within them may differ slightly from what you see during ROAR.
To begin, log into roar.missouri.edu with your pawprint and password on your date to ROAR. ROAR will remain open until July 21. ROAR is closed from May 12 to June 1.
MULTIPLE LOGINS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!

You can log into ROAR only once at any one time. If you don’t log off successfully in the morning and try to log on again in the evening, you’ll get this message letting you know you are already logged into ROAR.

This affects multiple devices. Example: If you log in with your phone by tapping “Yes, Proceed with this login,” it will log you off any other open sessions on your home computer, etc. You’ll lose any search or assignments you were previously working on with those other devices.

THE FIRST TIME YOU LOG INTO ROAR ...

... You will answer a few quick questions. Subsequent log-ins to ROAR will show you your answers to these first questions in a summary page (more on that later).

Special Accommodations: If you say yes to either question, you will be taken to a screen where you can give us your preferences. We will then assign you to a space at a later time. We want to make sure the space you get will meet your needs.
On the “Smoking Preferences” page, please select whether you are a smoker and if you are willing to live with a smoker. Then click “Submit”. (Smoking is not permitted anywhere at MU including the residence halls.)

Once you’ve answered these questions, you’ll get to this page. Go ahead and click “Search Rooms.”
Once you select the GLC option, you will immediately be asked if you have a roommate preference. If you don’t have a preference, just click “Proceed.” If you do, request your roommate with the “Add” button here, and then click “Proceed.”

Every room at Mizzou is located in a FIG, TLC or GLC and each one lives in a specific residence hall.

At this point, you’ll move on to pick between a FIG, TLC, or GLC and maybe add a roommate preference OR maybe you’ll already have a roommate hold waiting for you.

These options allow you to search all FIGs, all Thematic OR all General Learning Communities.

Once you select the GLC option, you will immediately be asked if you have a roommate preference. If you don’t have a preference, just click “Proceed.” If you do, request your roommate with the “Add” button here, and then click “Proceed.”
THE GENERAL LEARNING COMMUNITY PATH

PICKING A ROOM & HOW THE ROOMMATE THING WORKS IN ALL GLCs, TLCs and FIGs.

At this point, you'll either move on to pick a community and maybe submit a roommate preference OR maybe you'll already have a roommate hold waiting for you. If someone else is requesting YOU as a roommate, see page 28.

It's fine if you don't have a particular roommate in mind - most students don't. Someone else will pick the space in your room or suite. See our Roommate Stories video series to see how “random” selection turned out for them at reslife.missouri.edu/incoming-roommates.

If you're ready to pick a community and room, you can move on to the next pages to learn about the different pathways to reserving your space in ROAR.

REQUESTING A ROOMMATE:
If you DO have a particular roommate in mind and you're the first one to log into ROAR, choose “Roommate Preference” first. You will need to know their PawPrint and the correct spelling of their last name. Roommates must meet all criteria for the FIG or TLC you choose. WARNING: ROAR WILL NOT CHECK A ROOMMATE’S ELIGIBILITY FOR A FIG OR TLC UNTIL THE REQUESTED ROOMMATE LOGS INTO ROAR AND VIEWS THE ROOM ASSIGNMENT. They won't be able to accept it if they don't meet all the criteria and the hold will be canceled. You may need to choose a different community if one of you does not meet the eligibility requirements. Once you submit your choice, your preferred roommate will receive an email sent to their MU email account letting them know exactly how long they have to accept the reservation. REMEMBER: 12 a.m. is just after midnight so if the deadline is 12 a.m. on April 14 that really means 11:59 p.m. on April 13.

EXAMPLE OF ROOMMATE RESERVATION:
April 11-14: During the first few days of ROAR, your preferred roommate can “accept” their reservation until 11:59 p.m. the day after THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE to log into ROAR. So, lets say you are eligible on April 11 and they are eligible on April 12. Your roommate has until 11:59 p.m. on April 13 to accept the reservation. If your preferred roommate doesn't accept the space, or if they are not eligible for the FIG or LC, the bed will be released for others to select!

After April 14: Your preferred roommate can “accept” their reservation until 11:59 p.m. the day after you reserve a space for them. All they have to do is log into ROAR, view and accept the reservation.
We recommend leaving your options open on this screen and the next screen (Choose Amenities) - you can always narrow your options later!

The next screen is a “Search Summary” page. You can change any of your preferences from this screen or clear them all and start all over. If you start over, you’ll go through each of the previous screens again. Hit “Search for Rooms.”
In the next screen, you'll choose which floor you want. You can view the floor layout by clicking the link on the “Choose a Floor” page.

HINT: Since you chose a GLC, ROAR will only shows rooms that fall under the GLC designation. TLC and FIG rooms will not show up in your GLC search results!

ROAR shows a list of halls matching your gender and amenity preferences. Here is where you can narrow your hall choices by reviewing the checklist for each hall. You can also see how many rooms have available beds.
After selecting a bed, ROAR displays your future assignment. Bed A and B are essentially the same.

You MUST select “Submit Assignment” to complete your room assignment! Make sure you don’t miss this important step!

HINT: Don’t accidentally hit cancel request or cancel assignment unless that’s what you really want to do!

Note: Fall rates are slightly higher than spring because the halls are open longer in the fall. Don’t worry - it all adds up to the right amount!

When you see this pop-up, you’ll know you’ve successfully submitted your assignment!

For information on accepting a roommate hold go to page 28.
To learn about viewing your assigned roommate’s information in MyZou, go to page 30.
Once you choose the TLC option from the community choices page (see page 12), you will then pick your TLC.

When you select your community, your choice will appear in the “Currently Chosen Community” section. When it appears there, click “Proceed.”

Note: TLCs are organized in alphabetical order.

Next, you’ll be asked if you have a roommate preference. If you don’t have a preference, just click “Proceed.” If you do, request your roommate with the “Add” button here, and then click “Proceed.” See page 13 for in-depth roommate information.
The next screen is a “Search Summary” page. You can change any of your preferences from this screen or clear them all and start all over. If you start over, you’ll go through each of the previous screens again. Hit “Search for Rooms.”

That will take you to this page. ROAR shows a list of halls where the selected community is located. The amenities for each hall will be listed.
Selecting your preferred hall will then bring up a list of all the floors that have the TLC you have chosen.

Since you chose a TLC, ROAR will only show floors and rooms that fall under that TLC designation. GLC and FIG rooms, which might also be in the hall you chose, will not show up in your TLC search results!

Choosing a floor will bring up a list of beds available on that floor.

If you don’t have a preferred roommate, ROAR shows single beds and half open rooms so you can be paired up with someone else who does not have a preferred roommate. If there are no half open rooms, you’ll see all rooms.
If you have a roommate in mind, select a room that has two empty beds. If no open rooms are available, you can each select beds in rooms near each other and continue to check back frequently during the next few days and weeks for open rooms. Remember, ROAR closes July 21, so you still have time to look.

If you selected a room for you and a roommate, ROAR will show you the “hold” for your requested roommate. Remember, if your roommate is not eligible for the space, ROAR will release it for other students to select as soon as your roommate views the assignment.

HINT: Don’t accidentally hit “Cancel Request” or “Cancel Assignment.” They both do exactly what they sound like they do!

You MUST select “Submit Assignment” to complete your room assignment! Make sure you don’t miss this important step!
When you see this pop-up, you’ll know you’ve successfully submitted your assignment!

ROAR may hold beds for Athletes (Ath) or Exchange (Exch) students because they are required to live on campus. They are often assigned later. It may take a while (for instance, June, July or August) before you see your roommate show up in myZou.

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THE FRESHMAN INTEREST GROUP PATH

Once you choose the FIG option from the community choices page (see page 12), you will then pick your FIG.

Note: FIGs are organized by FIG number, so be sure to write that down as you’re making your list of 7-10 communities.

If your ALEKS scores or other requirements don’t match your chosen FIG, it will let you know and you will need to choose a different FIG instead.
Next, you’ll be asked if you have a roommate preference. If you don’t have a preference, just click “Proceed.” If you do, request your roommate with the “Add” button here, and then click “Proceed.” The FIG selected will appear under currently chosen community. Click “Proceed” to continue.
THE FRESHMAN INTEREST GROUP PATH

The next screen is a “Search Summary” page. You can change any of your preferences from this screen or clear them all and start all over. If you start over, you’ll go through each of the previous screens again. Hit “Search for Rooms.”

That will take you to this page. ROAR shows the hall where the selected FIG is located. The amenities for the hall will be listed.
Selecting your hall will then bring up a list of all the floors that have the FIG you have chosen.

Since you chose a FIG, ROAR will only show floors and rooms that fall under that FIG designation. GLC and TLC rooms and rooms in other FIGs, which might also be in the hall you chose, will not show up in your FIG search results!

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When you see this pop-up, you’ll know you’ve successfully submitted your assignment!
After you submit your assignment, you can still “look” for other rooms if you like without giving up your space. HOWEVER, if you “Submit Assignment” on the new room, ROAR WILL CANCEL YOUR OLD ROOM. ROAR won’t let you have more than one room in the system at the same time.

You can view the “Room Availability Stats” at any time. This is the total number of beds available in each community and may contain reserved spaces for international students or other purposes.
ROOMMATE HOLDS AND HOW TO ACCEPT THEM

If you don’t have a hold, skip to page 30 to learn about finding roommate information in MyZou.

After you’ve answered the basic questions including ADA accommodations and smoking preference (see page 10), you’ll see a list of students who requested you as a roommate.

If you choose to “view” the assignment, ROAR checks your eligibility, shows what your assignment will look like and if it is part of a TLC, GLC or FIG.

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the space, ROAR will cancel the hold when you view the assignment and the space will become available for other students to select.
If you choose to search for another room, ROAR won’t “hold” a space for your friend unless you request them as a roommate first (see GLC and TLC/FIG paths for how to do this).

PLEASE NOTE: ROAR WILL NOT CHECK A ROOMMATE’S ELIGIBILITY FOR A FIG OR TLC UNTIL THE REQUESTED ROOMMATE LOGS INTO ROAR AND VIEWS THE ROOM ASSIGNMENT. If you think your requested roommate might not be eligible for the FIG or TLC, be sure to confirm with them! You may need to choose a different community if one of you does not meet the eligibility requirements.
You can view your room and roommate information about fifteen minutes after you ROAR through your Residential Life Self Service pages in myZou. Log into myzou.missouri.edu and choose “self service.”

**Hint:** You won’t see Residential Life screens unless you complete your E-Consent.
VIEW YOUR ROOM AND ROOMMATE INFORMATION IN myZou

then choose “My Reslife Assignment Data”

You can check Roommate information or view room assignment information.
HAVING TROUBLE?

Can’t log into ROAR?
• Have you submitted a contract? See page 7.

Can’t log on to submit a contract?
• Have you paid your $300 Enrollment Fee? See page 4.

Can’t see the Residential Life Option on myZou?
• Is your E-Consent complete? See page 6.

Wish you could just talk to us?
• We have extended hours until 11 p.m. CDT, April 11-14.
• Call 573-882-7275 or 1-800-225-6075 (TOLL-FREE IN MO., KAN. AND ILL.)
• E-mail reslife@missouri.edu.

Forgot your Pawprint or password?
• Contact DoIT at 573-882-5000
• Check out their hours at doit.missouri.edu/help

CAN’T WE BE FRIENDS?

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