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Criteria to be met by Fraternity and Sorority chapters or academically-related groups (Living Learning Communities) seeking Special Interest Housing.

While any recognized organization or group can apply to reserve College facilities through the established procedure for scheduling, the recognition of a Fraternity and Sorority chapters or academically-related groups (Living Learning Communities) in no way obligates the College to provide permanently assigned space or provide residential accommodations for the members of the group in separate, distinct housing.

According to the Special Interest Housing Calendar the following dates are to be followed:

Friday before Thanksgiving Break	Proposals from groups applying for new Special Interest Housing space due to the Special Interest Housing Committee.
Before Semester Break	Committee will meet to review and render recommendation to Vice President for Student Affairs to approve or deny requests for new Special Interest Housing space.
Before the end of January	Vice President for Student Affairs will render a decision which will then be communicated to the proposing group and to the Special Interest Housing Committee.

According to Special Interest Housing Guidelines, the number of spaces allocated to Special Interest Housing must comply with the percentages.

No more than 15% of female and 15% of male sophomore-junior-senior housing will be allocated



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for Fraternity and Sorority-letter social organizations. The present percentage for fraternities exceeds these guidelines but have been grandfathered based on the physical limitations of the facility.

No more than 10% of female and 10% of male sophomore-junior-senior housing will be allocated to Living Learning Communities.

The following guidelines establish the procedures for Fraternity and Sorority chapters to request special interest housing space when available.

1. The Fraternity or Sorority-letter social organization must be a duly-recognized social organization. The group must not currently be on probation.
2. The membership of the Fraternity or Sorority chapter must be stable. At least twelve members and pledges must have existed over the past two years.
3. The Fraternity or Sorority chapters must have evidence of sound financial standing. This must be demonstrated in at least the following ways:
 - Sufficient resources must exist to support the goals of the organization.
 - An active house corporation must exist in accordance with national bylaws. When national bylaws do not prescribe the membership of a House Corporation, the membership must be agreeable to the National Organization as confirmed by the Office of Student Leadership Development.
 - An adequate number of members must exist to support the facility under consideration. At least the minimum occupancy of the house must be met with members and pledges.
 - There should be no outstanding indebtedness to the College at the time of the request.



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The proposal for Fraternity or Sorority chapters to receive approval for special interest housing space must include a list of the members and pledges with a commitment by them to live in their acquired housing for the following academic year. This proposal must be submitted to the Special Interest Housing Committee no later than the Friday before the College's Thanksgiving Break and must include written recommendations from either the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) or the Panhellenic Council; a letter of support from an alumni advisor; and a letter of support or acknowledgement from the chapter's national headquarters noting their awareness that the chapter is applying for special interest housing. The chapter must also provide a letter of support from the Director of Student Leadership Development and a statement of conduct history provided by the Office of the Dean of Students. The proposal must include (1) a mission statement and goals of the organization, (2) a plan for achieving these goals, (3) why having special interest housing space is important to achieving these goals, (4) how the organization will contribute to the residential and campus community, and (5) how the organization will assess its progress and success. The proposal should also suggest a preference for space and should include the minimum and maximum size for the housing unit.

- A one-year conditional Fraternity/Sorority Housing Agreement will exist for any new social organization approved to occupy (or reoccupy) special interest housing space.
- After the conditional first year, continuance in housing will depend on the ability of the social organization to meet the requirements stated in the *Student Handbook*, the Fraternity/Sorority Housing Agreement, the guidelines adopted from the Greek Life Task Force Report, and the expectations set forth in the Special Interest Housing Review process.

The following guidelines establish the procedures for academically-related groups (Living Learning Communities) to request special interest housing space



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when available. The academically-related group (Living Learning Community) proposing allocation of Special Interest Housing space must have the support of an academic department or program to include:

- Faculty members must be officially designated to serve as advisors and provide administrative support to the Living Learning Community.
 - There must be a commitment of funds to support the programming efforts of the Living Learning Community. The proposing group must present evidence that financial support is committed for at least two years and must include the sources and amounts of funding. The Committee will consider appeals to this provision but must see significant evidence that sufficient resources exist to support the goals of the organization.
 - Where appropriate, a tutor must be employed by the academic department or program to provide in-house support to the residents who will reside in the space. The proposal should include details concerning the preferred qualifications, hiring, compensation, training, and supervision of the tutor.
 - The proposal must include the process whereby the housing spaces will be assigned each year. At a minimum, this will include a proposed written application form that would be completed by students interested in residing in the Living Learning Community and the procedures that would be used to select the house members. Procedures for developing and maintaining a wait list will also be required.
1. The proposal for the Living Learning Community to receive approval for special interest housing space must include a list of students with a commitment by them to live in their acquired housing for the following academic year. This proposal must be submitted to the Special Interest Housing Committee no later than the Friday before the College's Thanksgiving Break and must include the



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written recommendations of faculty members who will assume advising and/or administrative support for the house. The proposal must include:

- a mission statement and goals of the Living Learning Community
- a plan for achieving these goals
- why having special interest housing space is important to achieving these goals
- how the group will contribute to the residential and campus community
- how the group will assess its progress and success; the proposal should also suggest a preference for space and should include the minimum and maximum size for the housing unit.

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