

# Room number allocation

## **Purpose:**

The internal room number allocation will allow residents living in SP in the coming year to select room numbers for both phases of the HVAC renovation year.

## **Eligibility:**

Residents who have accepted an assignment in the room type allocation (Feb. 2015) and incoming officers are eligible to enter the room number allocation.

## **Timeline:**

- 10 PM Thursday April 23, 2015: room number allocation opens
- 11:59 PM Friday May 1, 2015: room number allocation closes
- May 6, 2015: Results sent out

## **Process:**

Participants will list, in order of preference, at least 10 rooms (including the letter code A, B, or C) for each phase. The rooms must correspond to the room type you accepted from the room type allocation. Seniority points will be used to determine the sequence of room assignments; ties among participants with the same number of seniority points will be broken randomly.

## **How to keep your current room during the renovation :**

- Your current room is of the type you were assigned in the room type lottery
- Your current room is on the available rooms list during the appropriate phase
- You request your current room as your first choice
- If your current roommate is also staying next year, both of you request each other as roommate

In all other cases, the allocation will do its best to keep you in your current room if you request it as your first choice, but you are not guaranteed to remain in your current room.

**Note:** Both 2 Bedroom/1 Bathroom & 2 Bedroom/2 Bathroom rooms are considered a type of double/2 Bedroom for the assignments in the room type lottery.

### **Seniority points:**

Every resident earns one resident seniority point for every semester of residence in Sidney-Pacific. Officers may earn up to two additional officer seniority points for every semester of holding office. Any resident who provides exceptional service to the house may be awarded an additional service seniority point per semester at the discretion of SPEC with recommendations from residents and the house council. [Check your seniority points.](#)

### **Roommates:**

You can request a roommate in the room number allocation. Both parties need to have the same room type for each phase they are interested in sharing a room, and **both** parties must indicate their desire to live with each other on the online application. The seniority points between the two parties will be summed to determine their selection priority within the lottery. For example, if one person has 6 points and the requested roommate has 4 points, then they will be treated as a pair with 10 points. Together they will have priority over a single person entering without a requested roommate with 7 seniority points who wants a room in the same apartment.

For residents assigned a double type, roommates must rank their room number preference so that they have different rooms in the same apartment. For example, if the roommates want to live in apartment 237, one of them should list 237A and the other 237B..

For residents assigned a quad type, suitemates should select the same room number and a different room number for their roommates. For example, if you want to live in apartment 489,

two suitemates should select 489A-1 and 489A-2 while the other two suitemates should select 489B-1 and 489B-2.

If you do not select a roommate, one will be randomly assigned to you if your assigned room type is a double or a quad. The application will do its best to match residents with similar preferences (sleeping hours, temperature, visiting guests, etc.). If you enter the room number allocation without a roommate and are matched randomly, the seniority points will not be added in the rankings. Instead, the pair will have the higher of the two seniority points and will be ranked using the room number preferences of the person with higher seniority points. Therefore, it is strongly recommended you find a roommate as it will help you find a living arrangement that's compatible with your lifestyle and is optimal for you.

We have set up an opt-in list of people looking for roommates: <http://tinyurl.com/SP-roommate-results>.

If you would like to add yourself to the list, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/SP-roommate-form>.

**Rent prices for 2015/2016 :**

2 bedroom quad suite- \$651

2 bedroom suite- \$1037

Efficiency- \$1165

2 bedroom-2 bathroom apt- \$1165

There is an additional house tax of \$6 per month

## FAQ

*What if I cannot get any of the rooms I ranked?*

You are guaranteed a room in SP of your type from the room type allocation. If you cannot get one of your preferred rooms, the allocation will assign you a room number of your type. For this reason, people with lower seniority points are encouraged to rank more than 10 rooms. Please remember that these room assignments are for the duration of the HVAC project only. You are free to move to a new room or back to your pre-renovation room through the internal lottery next year.

*How many rooms can I rank?*

You are required to rank at least 10 rooms for the allocation. There is no upper limit. You could, if you wanted to, rank every single room in SP.

*Can I request rooms based off physical description instead of room number? For example, can I make requests like "any room facing Boston" if that is my only criteria?*

Room requests must be specific room numbers (including the A, B, or C). Due to the number of people in the allocation, we cannot handle requests based off descriptions. You can look at the SP floor plans ([http://s-p.mit.edu/about\\_sp/floorplans.php](http://s-p.mit.edu/about_sp/floorplans.php)) to learn about where each room is located.

*Why are some doubles named A/B while others named B/C? How do I figure out which letter corresponds to which side of a double? The floor plans don't say.*

Believe it or not, the "missing" third letter is the bathroom. The three rooms (including the bathroom) in each suite are labeled A, B, C clockwise as you look at them from main doorway. In particular, this means that the B apartment is always the one adjacent to the bathroom.

*Will I have to pay the moving cleaning fee?*

No. The cleaning fee for moving is waived during the HVAC renovation and for moving back to your original, pre-renovation rooms after the renovation.

*What should I do if I am away during the summer or January?*

If you will be away during the moving dates (TBA), please pack before you leave. Movers will move your boxes from your old room to your new one while you are away.

*Where can I get moving supplies?*

Housing will be providing moving kits (boxes, tape, markers, etc) to everyone moving (both within SP and out of SP). They will be available for pickup in SP (exact room TBA), and will be available on several different dates in May, June, August, and January.

*Who will get the room if both my current roommate and I are staying next year, both of us want our current room, but one or both of us want different roommates?*

We recommend roommates in this situation talk to each other and figure out an agreeable arrangement for both parties. If no consensus can be reached (e.g. by having one of them move to a different apartment with the new roommate voluntarily), the committee will treat the case as if it was an irreconcilable roommate conflict and make the final decision.

**Questions:**

If you have questions, please email [sp-hvac-committee@mit.edu](mailto:sp-hvac-committee@mit.edu)