

HMSC Housing FAQ Sheet

Room Configurations:

How many people live in the room with me?

- We have a mix of one-bedroom apartments, bunkhouses, and mobile houses.
 - The Winton and Li one-bedroom apartments have four beds in the bedroom, one bathroom, a living room, and a kitchen. All areas of the apartments are considered communal living space.
 - The Bunkhouses are one large room with eight beds, like a summer camp cabin. Each bunkhouse has a shared bathroom and a kitchen in the Dining Hall. All areas of the bunkhouse and the Dining Hall are considered communal living space.
 - The Mobile Houses are three-bedroom, two-bathroom mobile homes with a kitchen, living room, and laundry. The large bedroom has four beds and an attached bathroom. The smaller bedrooms each have two beds and share a bathroom. All areas of the mobile houses are considered communal living space.

What is communal living?

- Like other campus residence halls or hostels, there is no private sleeping space and limited personal storage space. Facilities and space within the living unit are accessible to all residents. Please plan accordingly and limit how many valuable items you bring with you to live in HMSC housing if you are unfamiliar with your roommates.

Are there washers and dryers in my living unit?

- The mobile houses have washers and dryers directly in the unit.
- Apartment and Bunkhouse residents have access to two laundry rooms. The cost of laundry is included in the room rental rate, and residents can access the laundry rooms with their room keys.

What is provided in the kitchen?

- Common appliances: refrigerators/freezers, stoves/ovens, microwaves, and coffee pots.
- Other supplies: pots, pans, dishes, silverware, measuring cups, and mixing spoons.
- Kitchens may have additional equipment left by previous residents. It is not guaranteed that your room will have any equipment available beyond the items listed above. If you need access to something not listed, it is recommended to bring it yourself.

Room Assignments and Roommates:

Can I be assigned to a room with fewer people?

- If we have space available, we will offer single, double, or triple occupancy rooms for an additional nightly or monthly fee. Reduced occupancy can only be guaranteed on a term-by-term basis and is generally not available in OSU's spring or summer terms. Regardless of how

many people are assigned to your room, you must keep all furniture in the room and set up in the original configuration. Indicate your preference for a reduced occupancy room on your housing application or by emailing HMSC_housing@oregonstate.edu.

If I am coming by myself, will you assign me a roommate?

- If you are staying at HMSC for at least a month during the Academic Year or during Summer Session for any length of time, we will assign you a roommate. This means that you will be assigned to a room and pay the full occupancy rate no matter how many roommates you have assigned to your room. You must be prepared for a roommate to be assigned to an empty space in your room at any time and you must keep your room set up in the original configuration.
- If you are staying at HMSC during the Academic Year for less than one month, you must fill your own room with roommates in order to pay the reduced per bed costs. Those not using a room to full capacity will be charged the reduced occupancy rates for their housing. Bunkhouse rates are always the same per bed cost but will not be assigned to fewer than five residents.

How will you decide my roommate?

- If you want to live with a specific person, please indicate your preference on your application. Roommate requests must be mutual, so please make sure that your requested roommate also lists you on their application or have them email HMSC_housing@oregonstate.edu if they have already submitted the application without listing you as a roommate. We cannot guarantee that roommate requests will be honored because we make assignments in order to accommodate the greatest number of residents before taking roommate requests into account.
- We assign roommates based on gender preferences as indicated on the housing application. Rooms may be single or mixed gender, depending on resident preferences and most efficient use of space. OSU students are only assigned with other OSU students. We do our best to assign people in the same program together, but it is not always possible to do so.

Can I change rooms?

- To request a room change, contact HMSC_housing@oregonstate.edu. We have limited housing capacity year-round, so room changes may not be possible or may only be possible at a higher monthly or nightly rental rate. If you have safety concerns about your current room, please contact housing staff or TCB security right away for assistance.

Moving in:

Where do I check in?

- HMSC Housing is on the HMSC campus near Guin Library. Check in will occur either in the Gazebo or Dining Hall, depending on the weather. HMSC's campus only has a few street addresses, so use the coordinates to get the most accurate [driving directions](#): 44.620883254106936, -124.04608871360276.

When can I check in?

- You will receive a room offer email that indicates your earliest available move-in date. You can move in on that date or later.

- We hold the following move-in days:
 - Spring Move-in: Sunday before Spring Term
 - Summer Move-in: Sunday after the end of Spring Term, Sunday before Summer Session 2, Sunday before Summer Session 4
 - Fall Move-in: Sunday before Fall Term
- If you are not arriving on a scheduled move-in day, you will need to make an appointment to move in after 3pm. You will receive a link to sign up for a move in time at least two days before your scheduled move in day.

What should I bring with me to move in?

- A government-issued photo ID or an OSU ID. If you are not an OSU student, the ID needs to include your birthdate.
- If you are not an OSU student or employee, you will need to either bring documentation of up-to-date COVID vaccinations or a negative COVID test administered no more than 3 days prior to check-in, in accordance with [university policy](#).

Other Questions:

Does my room include internet?

- Yes, we have OSU Secure, OSU Unsecured, eduroam, and Visitor wireless networks.
 - If you have an ONID, it is suggested that you connect to one of the OSU networks or eduraom.
 - If you are coming from an institution that subscribes to eduroam, it is suggested that you connect to that network. You can check subscribed institutions [here](#).
 - If you do not have access to OSU or eduroam credentials, connect to the Visitor network.
- We do not have wired ethernet connections available.

How do I receive mail?

- Mail will be delivered to housing. You will receive a notification when packages are received.
- Your mailing address is:
(your name)
c/o Hatfield Marine Science Center
2030 SE Marine Science Dr.
Newport, OR 97365

Do I have to pay utilities?

- Utilities are included in your room rental rate.

What to bring:

- Bedding, including pillows – no linens are included unless you purchase them from us.
- Outdoor equipment – many residents like to go out into the estuary or do other activities that require boots or specialized equipment.
- Lock – some room types have lockable drawers.

- Toiletries – we do not provide any toiletries.
- Food – you will have access to a kitchen, but we do not provide a meal plan or residential food service. There is a café on campus.