

# 2026 - 2027 RETURNING STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION



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## Housing Calendar and Deadlines

Reminder: You must be registered for Fall 2026 classes to be eligible for housing.  
Class registration will be verified by the Registrar Office.

Date	Time	Action
Monday, March 23	9:00 AM	Housing Agreement and roommate selection opens 24 hours after student registers for classes. Super Single and Apartment Applications (Opera House, Wright Ave, Wright Hall) are available in the housing portal for eligible students after they sign housing agreement.
Monday, March 30	All day	Housing Assignments for students with accommodations begin and will continue through April
	11:59 PM	Residency Exemption application priority deadline
Tuesday, March 31	11:59 PM	Apartment applications due
Wednesday, April 1	5:00 PM	Residency Exemption decisions announced via email for applications received by priority deadline
		Apartment decisions announced via email
Thursday, April 2	2:00 PM	Apartment Selection for approved groups begins
Friday, April 3	12:00 PM	Super Single Applications due
Monday, April 6	5:00 PM	Super Single decisions announced via email All Housing Agreements
	11:59 PM	and roommate selection should be complete
Wednesday, April 8	2:00 PM	Four-Person Room Selection Opens
Thursday, April 9	2:00 PM	Two-Person Room Selection Opens
Monday, April 13	9:00 AM	House Rosters due to <a href="mailto:residencelife@alma.edu">residencelife@alma.edu</a>
	5:00 PM	Super Single assignments announced via email
Tuesday, April 14	2:00 PM	Room Selection opens for all students, including students without roommates
Tuesday, April 14	12:00 PM	Housing Waitlist opens on the housing portal

## **Important Housing Information**

The Residence Life team is here to assist you with questions regarding housing for the next academic year. Student Drop-In hours are each weekday from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the CSO, scheduled from March 23 – April 10. There will be no office hours on Friday, April 3 while offices are closed for Good Friday.

Looking for an individualized meeting with a Residence Life staff member to discuss your housing? [Click here to book a meeting with our staff](#). Students with accommodations should also use this link to schedule a meeting to discuss their housing assignment.

### **Residency Requirement**

Alma College is a four-year residential college. As such, Alma College students are required to live in College-owned or approved housing for all four years of their student experience unless they qualify for a residency exemption. Students also are required to have a meal plan. More information can be found in the full [Residency Requirement Policy on our website](#).

### **Housing Eligibility**

To be eligible for housing, all students must be Alma College students and must be registered for Fall 2026 classes before beginning the housing process. All students must complete a housing agreement before they can begin housing registration. The housing agreement will open 24 hours after a student completes course registration. Some housing options have specific requirements that are described below under “Housing Options.”

### **Accessibility**

We are committed to ensuring all students have access to the educational, social and cultural opportunities part of the Alma experience. Classroom accommodations, housing accommodations, assistive technologies and advocacy and support are all part of the services that Alma College provides to students who identify as having a disability and provide the required documentation. More information about disability services at Alma, including information about housing accommodations, contact information, and services can be found [here](#) or by emailing [disability\\_services@alma.edu](mailto:disability_services@alma.edu).

### **Academic Information**

A student’s academic information, including class standing, earned credits, and GPA, is determined by the Registrar’s office, and any questions will be verified through the Registrar’s office. No exceptions will be made to a student’s academic information.

### **Judicial Standing**

Judicial standing will be determined by the information available at the time of selection. Examples of significant judicial records include but are not limited to two or more violations of college policy within the past year, violations of the college’s Civil Rights or Sexual Misconduct policies, or findings that resulted in disciplinary probation or suspension at any point in a student’s history.

### **Housing Portal**

All housing will be completed through the College’s online housing system unless otherwise noted. The housing portal can be found by going to InsideAlma < Offices and Services < Housing or [alma.mcrhousing.app](#).

## **Roommate Selection**

Returning students may live with any other returning student, as long as they are all eligible for the housing unit they wish to live in. Please note that returning students are not eligible to live with incoming first year students.

Students are strongly encouraged to choose groups of two or four roommates; three-person (triple) rooms are not available, and groups of three will be ineligible to choose a room during room selection. The only exception will be students applying to live in the three- or five-person Opera House apartments; these groups of students are strongly encouraged to have a plan for a two- or four-person group ready if they are not selected to live in the Opera House.

## **Gender Inclusive Housing Policy**

Alma College strives to provide safe living spaces for all students and to be inclusive of all gender identities. It is the College's standard procedure to provide students with same-sex housing assignments within the rooms of all campus housing units. The College recognizes, however, the need to offer opposite-sex and/or mixed-gender room assignments to accommodate students with a gender-based need. In all cases of gender inclusive housing, all occupants must voluntarily agree to this living arrangement. Students who wish to request a gender inclusive living space may do so by filling out the Gender Inclusive Housing Request Form in their housing portal. This form can be found under the "Housing Forms" tab.

## **Vacancies**

If a vacancy occurs in your residence hall room at any time after initial housing selection, the college reserves the right to fill that vacancy at its discretion. Though the college will make every effort to notify you of changes in your room or roommate assignments, the college may be unable to provide notice. This includes vacancies that result from students attending overseas and off-campus programs, transfers, or withdrawals. All rooms, houses, and apartments must be filled to capacity at the time of registration.

## **Failure to Register for Housing**

Any returning student who does not complete housing selection by June 12, 2026, will be assigned a room and/or roommate at the discretion of the College. The College will make efforts to honor student preference in this process but cannot guarantee placement in the student's preferred housing or with their preferred roommates.

## Housing Options

### **Pictures and Virtual Tours**

Check out the [Alma College Website](#) for more detailed information about our buildings. Most major residence halls also feature video tours for easy reference!

### **Newberry and Mitchell Halls**

#### Building Information

Newberry and Mitchell Halls primarily feature double rooms, though some four-person (quad) rooms are available in the basements. No single rooms are available in Newberry and Mitchell. These buildings also feature semi-private community bathrooms on each floor.

#### Eligibility

All rooms in Newberry and Mitchell Hall, including basements, are open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors with no additional eligibility requirements.

#### Meal Plans and Costs

Newberry and Mitchell residents are eligible for the 19 and 210 Block Meal Plans.

Newberry and Mitchell Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing Costs	\$ 4,624
19 or 210 Block Meal Plan Costs	\$ 3,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,669</b>

### **Carey and Bonbright Halls**

#### Building Information

The south campus suites are housed in Carey and Bonbright Halls. They offer suite-style housing with two rooms joined by a bathroom. Carey and Bonbright Halls feature traditional double and single rooms joined by suite-style bathrooms.

#### Eligibility

The south campus suites are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, so all returning Alma College students are eligible for the suites.

#### Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in the suites are eligible for the 19 and 210 Block Meal Plans.

Carey and Bonbright Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 4,624
19 or 210 Block Meal Plan	\$ 3,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,669</b>

## Brazell and Dunning Hall (Super Single Rooms)

### Building Information

Brazell and Dunning Halls feature super single and traditional single rooms. A “Super Single” is a double-sized room that is offered as a single room. The Super Singles in Brazell and Dunning offer suite-style housing with two rooms joined by a bathroom. Super Single rooms have an additional cost, outlined below.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a Super Single room, students must have a minimum 2.90 cumulative GPA at the time of application, must have sophomore, junior, or senior standing at the start of the Fall 2026 semester as determined by the Registrar’s office, and must have no significant judicial record.

### Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in a Super Single are eligible for the 19, 210, and 120 Block meal plans.

Brazell and Dunning Super Single Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 7,127
120 Block Meal Plan	\$ 3,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,172</b>

All interested students must complete a Super Single application by the deadline stated in the calendar above.

## Wright Avenue Apartments

### Building Information

Wright Avenue offers two types of apartments: two bedroom/four-person apartments and one bedroom/two-person apartments. Both types of apartments have one bathroom. Please note that a limited number of two-person Wright Avenue Apartments will be available, though some will remain closed for medical emergencies. This will make the apartment process extremely competitive. All apartment teams are encouraged to develop an alternative plan for housing.

Wright Ave Apartments are partially furnished with one A/C window unit per apartment. Alma College will furnish a kitchen table and chairs and all major appliances. Each bedroom will have one bed per student, one dresser per student, and a built-in closet. Student desks, desk chairs, and living room furniture are not provided in the Wright Ave. Apartments.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Wright Avenue Apartments, students must have a minimum 2.90 cumulative GPA at the time of application, have junior or senior standing at the start of the Fall 2026 semester as determined by the registrar’s office, and must have no significant judicial record.

The Residence Life Office reserves the right to move students to another housing assignment before or after a student begins occupancy and with or without the student’s input if they no longer meet these criteria.

All interested students must complete an apartment application by the deadline stated in the calendar above.

### Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in Wright Avenue are eligible for all meal plans.

Wright Avenue Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 5,841
160 Block Meal Plan*	\$ 2,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,285</b>

\*Students living in Wright Avenue may purchase the 19, 210, or 120 Block meal plans for an additional cost per semester.

## **Wright Hall Apartments**

### Building Information

All Wright Hall Apartments are four-person apartments and have either two or four bedrooms and one bathroom. Wright Hall is completely furnished, including living room furniture. Alma College will furnish a kitchen table and chairs and all major appliances, except an oven. A community oven is on the second floor of Wright Hall. Each bedroom will have one bed per student, one dresser per student, one desk chair per student, and built-in closet, desk, and bookshelf.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for Wright Hall, students must have a minimum 2.90 cumulative GPA at the time of application, must have junior or senior standing at the start of the Fall 2026 semester as determined by the Registrar's office, and must have no significant judicial record.

The Residence Life Office reserves the right to move students to another housing assignment before or after a student begins occupancy and with or without the student's input if they no longer meet these criteria.

All interested students must complete an apartment application by the deadline stated in the calendar above.

### Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in Wright Hall are eligible for all meal plans.

Wright Hall Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 5,841
160 Block Meal Plan*	\$ 2,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,285</b>

\*Students living in Wright Hall and Wright Avenue may purchase the 19, 210, or 120 Block meal plans for an additional cost per semester.

# Opera House Apartments

## Building Information

The Opera House offers 2, 3, 4, and 5 person apartments with one or two bathrooms.

Apartments in the Opera House are fully furnished. Each apartment will have a dining table and chairs, all major appliances including a dishwasher, living room couch and chairs, coffee and end tables, and wall mounted TV. Individual student rooms will have a bed, dresser, closet, desk, and a desk chair.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the Opera House, students must have a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA at the time of application, must have junior or senior standing at the start of the Fall 2026 semester as determined by the Registrar's office, must have declared a major through the Registrar's Office, and must have no significant judicial record.

The Residence Life Office reserves the right to move students to another housing assignment before or after a student begins occupancy and with or without the student's input if they no longer meet these criteria.

All interested students must complete an apartment application by the deadline stated in the calendar above.

## Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in the Opera House are eligible for all meal plans.

Opera House Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 6,197
160 Block Meal Plan*	\$ 2,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,640</b>

\*Students living in the Opera House may purchase the 19, 210, or 120 Block meal plans for an additional cost per semester.

# Small and Fraternity/Sorority Housing

## Building Information

Small and Fraternity/Sorority houses are college-owned houses available to specific organizations to promote those organizations' goals and values. House residents are selected by the organizations with approval from their faculty/staff advisor. If you are interested in living in a House, please contact that respective advisor/House Manager. House rosters will be submitted by the House Manager to the Residence Life Coordinator on Monday, April 06 at 9:00 AM, and students living in a small house are ineligible for any other selection process.

Aside from the Fraternity/Sorority Houses, there are three theme houses: The LEAPS Environmental House (Advisor Dr. Amanda Harwood, harwoodad@alma.edu), Model United Nations (MUN) House (Advisor Dr. Sandy Hulme, hulme@alma.edu), and Multicultural House (Advisor Dr. Jon Glenn, glennjb@alma.edu).

## Eligibility

To be eligible for housing in a Fraternity, Sorority, or small house, students must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application, have no significant judicial record, and must be a returning Alma College student. Additionally, all must meet any additional eligibility requirements for the individual house as determined by the organization or sponsoring department.

### Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in Fraternity, Sorority, and small houses are eligible for the 19, 210, and 120 Block Meal Plans.

Fraternity, Sorority, and Small Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 5,058
19, 210, or 120 Block Meal Plan	\$ 3,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,103</b>

Students interested in living in a small house should contact the advisor and/or house manager for the house. Fraternity and Sorority Houses require membership of the specific organization. For more information about Fraternity and Sorority recruitment, visit their [website](#).

## Single Rooms

### Room Information and Eligibility

Many single rooms are reserved for students with documented accommodation(s) through the Academic Support and Disability Services Office. Please see “Accessibility” under the Important Housing Information section for more information about this process.

Any additional single rooms remaining after accommodations have been met will be filled in the order of the single room wait list. Students may sign up for the single room wait list through the housing portal during the housing process. Students on the single room waitlist should still complete the general housing process to guarantee housing choice; single room offers typically are not made to students on the waitlist until July, if at all. The Housing Waitlist will open on the housing portal on Tuesday, April 14 at 12:00 PM.

Note that single rooms are not available in Newberry and Mitchell Halls.

### Meal Plans and Costs

Students living in single rooms are eligible for the 19 and 210 Block Meal Plans.

General Single Room Housing Costs (per semester)	
Housing	\$ 6,090
19 or 210 Block Meal Plan	\$ 3,045
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,135</b>

## Housing Selection Processes

All students must complete the following steps to register for housing:

1. Register for Fall 2026 classes.
2. Complete the Housing Agreement. The housing agreement will be available 24 hours after you registers for classes. This is required for all students, and students cannot select roommates or a room until this is complete. 9
3. Select roommate(s) through the housing portal.
  - a. Your roommate(s) must register for classes and complete a housing agreement before you will be able to find them in the roommate matching process.
  - b. Students living in Small and Fraternity/Sorority housing or the Opera House do not need to complete this step; their roommates will be assigned based on the information in the house rosters or apartment application.
4. Complete the appropriate housing process listed below.
5. Select a meal plan.

### **Students with Accommodations- Monday, March 30**

#### Selection Process

Students with housing accommodations documented through Disability Services should meet with a Residence Life staff member to discuss their room options. These meetings will be available after the student completes their housing agreement and continue through April. Students should schedule an appointment by emailing [residencelife@alma.edu](mailto:residencelife@alma.edu). Students also can visit residence life staff during office hours to select a room or make an appointment.

**Students with accommodations who wish to live in spaces with additional eligibility criteria (i.e. apartment buildings and small/fraternity/sorority housing), first need to participate in the selection processes for those spaces. Then, if they are selected to live in one of these spaces, the Residence Life Office will work with them individually to make a housing selection.**

### **Opera House Apartments- Tuesday, March 31**

#### Selection Requirements

To be eligible for the Opera House Apartment selections process, students must meet all eligibility criteria and complete the apartment application and housing agreement by Tuesday, March 31, at 11:59 PM. Each roommate must submit this application by the deadline, and roommate groups must match on all applications for the group to be considered. Applications that are incomplete or do not contain matching roommate groups will not be considered. Similarly, if any member of a roommate group does not meet the eligibility criteria, the entire group's application will not be considered.

#### Selection Order/Ranking

Roommate teams will be weighed by the total number of credit hours earned by the team; this is calculated by adding together the earned credits of each team member. Currently enrolled but not completed credits will not be considered. The higher the score, the higher the ranking. Average group GPA will be considered in the event of a tie.

**Please keep in mind that the apartment process is highly competitive and in a typical year less than half of the teams that apply will be selected to choose an apartment. All apartment teams are encouraged to develop an alternative plan for housing.**

#### Selection Process

Students will be notified of the application decision on Wednesday, April 1. Because of the Opera House's unique room configurations, Residence Life will make housing assignments for the students living in the Opera House. If students are not selected for the Opera House they will automatically be moved to Wright Ave/Wright Hall selection process unless the team identifies otherwise; in this case, they will move to the four-person group or two-person group selection processes instead. Students applying for the Opera House must complete a housing agreement before their assignment will be finalized.

### **Super Singles – Friday, April 3**

#### Selection Requirements

To be eligible for a Super Single, students must meet all eligibility criteria and complete the Super Single application and housing agreement by Friday, April 3, at 12:00 PM. If you are interested in requesting a suitemate, they must also submit this application by the deadline, and suitemate requests must match on both applications to be considered. Though suitemate requests are considered, students will be selected for the Super Singles on an individual basis, and one student may be selected while their suitemate is not.

#### Selection Process

Students will be notified of the application decision on Monday, April 6 by 5:00 PM. Because of the suite-style room configurations and gender-based needs related to bathroom access, Residence Life will make housing assignments for the students living in the Brazell and Dunning Hall Super Singles. If students are not selected for a Super Single, they are encouraged to join four- or two-person selection with roommate(s). Students applying for the Super Singles must complete a housing agreement before their assignment will be finalized. Placements for selected students who have completed their housing agreements will be finalized on Monday, April 13 by 5:00 PM and communicated via email.

### **Wright Hall and Wright Avenue Apartments – Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 PM, application due Tuesday, March 31 at 11:59 pm**

#### Selection Requirements

To be eligible for the Wright Hall and Wright Avenue Apartment selection process, students must meet all the eligibility criteria stated above and complete the apartment application, housing agreement, and roommate selection by Tuesday, March 31, at 11:59 PM. All roommate teams must be groups of 2 or 4; two-person apartments are highly competitive. Each roommate must submit this application by the deadline, and roommate groups must match on all applications for the group to be considered. Applications that are incomplete or do not contain matching roommate groups will not be considered. Similarly, if any member of a roommate group does not meet the eligibility criteria, the entire group's application will not be considered.

#### Selection Order/Ranking

Roommate teams will be weighed by the total number of credit hours earned by the team; this is calculated by adding together the earned credits of each team member. Currently enrolled but not completed credits will not be considered. The higher the score, the higher the ranking. Average group GPA will be considered in the event of a tie. This is a blind selection process, and no other criteria are considered in these decisions.

**Please keep in mind that the apartment process is highly competitive and in a typical year less than half of**

**the teams that apply will be selected to choose an apartment. Additionally, some Wright Avenue Apartments will be offline and reserved for medical emergencies. All apartment teams are encouraged to develop an alternative plan for housing.**

#### Selection Process

Students will be notified on Wednesday, April 1 by 5:00 PM via email if they will be selecting an apartment or if they will be in residence hall room selection the following week.

All eligible students will be assigned a selection time. Selection times will be published on the student's housing portal. At their assigned time, students will be able to select a room for themselves and their roommate(s). The first roommate to select a room will select a room for all roommate(s). Students are encouraged to discuss their preferences with their roommate(s) in advance.

#### **Four-Person Group Selection – Wednesday, April 08, starting at 2:00 PM**

##### Selection Requirements

Any returning student may participate in this process, regardless of class standing, if they meet the following criteria:

- All roommate selection must be completed by 9:00 AM on Monday, April 6.
- Roommate group consists of four total students, including themselves.

##### Selection Order/Ranking

The number of credits earned at the time of selection will determine the order of selection, with students who have the highest number of earned credits selecting first. Currently enrolled but not completed credits will not be considered. Individual GPA will be used to determine any ties. Everyone will receive their own selection time and ranking, regardless of roommate's ranking; the first roommate to select will select for all roommates.

#### Selection Process

All eligible students will be assigned a selection time, which will be published on the housing portal 24 hours before selection begins. At their assigned time, students can select a room for themselves and their roommate through the online housing portal. Links to room selection will be on the housing portal home page. The first roommate to select a room will select a room for all roommates. Students are encouraged to discuss their preferences with their roommates in advance.

#### **Two-Person Group Selection – Thursday, April 09, starting at 2:00 PM**

##### Selection Requirements

Any returning student may participate in this process, regardless of class standing, if they meet the following criteria:

- All roommate selection must be completed by 9:00 AM on Monday, April 6.
- Roommate group consists of two total students, including themselves.

##### Selection Order/Ranking

Number of credits earned at the time of selection will determine the order of selection, with students who have the highest number of earned credits selecting first. Currently enrolled but not completed credits will not be considered. Individual GPA will be used to determine any ties. Each individual will receive their own selection time and ranking, regardless of roommate's ranking; the first roommate to select will select for all roommates.

#### Selection Process

All eligible students will be assigned a selection time, which will be published on the housing portal 24 hours before selection begins. At their assigned time, students can select a room for themselves and their roommate through the online housing portal. Links to room selection will be on the housing portal home page. The first roommate to select a room will select a room for all roommates. Students are encouraged to discuss their preferences with their roommates in advance.

### **Small and Fraternity/Sorority Housing- Monday, April 13**

#### Selection Requirements

Small and Fraternity/Sorority housing residents will be selected by the organization sponsoring the house and must receive approval from the faculty/staff advisor.

#### Selection Process

House rosters will be submitted by the house manager to the Residence Life Coordinator no later than Monday, April 13 at 9:00 AM. Students living in a small house are ineligible for any other selection process. Students applying for Small and Fraternity/Sorority housing must complete a housing agreement before their assignment will be finalized.

### **Residency Exemption Application**

The residency exemption application is available online in the housing portal. While any student can apply for an exemption at any time, the exemption criteria is very specific, and unless your request aligns with the criteria, it is extremely unlikely that your request will be approved by the committee. Students are encouraged to submit their application by Monday, March 23 to receive a decision before housing selection processes begin. If a student is approved for a residency exemption, their financial aid will be reduced. Details about the financial aid reduction and eligibility are outlined in the full policy on our website under “Important Housing Policies and Information”

All students receiving the Full-tuition scholarships, Tuition Exchange (domestic and international) and Alma College National Merit Scholarship are required to live in college owned housing for all of their years on campus.

## Meal Plans

### Meal Plan Selection

Meal plan registration is available for all students after they complete housing registration. Students cannot register for a meal plan until they are registered for a housing assignment. All students must register for a meal plan through the housing portal. After completing meal plan selection, students may change their meal plan by until Friday, August 14. No changes can be made after this date.

Students who do not register for a meal plan during the housing process will be enrolled in the 210 Block Plan. Students automatically enrolled in a meal plan are responsible for all costs associated with it.

### Meal Plan Descriptions

Below is a summary of all meal plan options. Costs, meals, and Munch Money are all per semester unless otherwise indicated. Students will be able to select from all plans for which they are eligible. If a student believes that they should be eligible but are not able to select their desired plan, they should contact [residencelife@alma.edu](mailto:residencelife@alma.edu) with their request.

Plan	Eligibility	Cost per semester	Meals included	Munch Money
19 Meal Plan	All students	\$3,045	19 per week	\$175
210 Block Plan	All students	\$3,045	210 meals per semester	\$400
120 Block Plan	All small house, apartment residents, and all seniors, regardless of housing assignment	\$3,045	120 meals per semester	\$900
160 Block Plan	Apartment residents (Wright Hall, Wright Avenue, and the Opera House)  Select seniors who are living on campus while engaged in an Alma College-sponsored, full-time training program off-campus (i.e. nursing or full-time student teaching*).	\$2,444	160 meals per semester	\$400

### Meal Plan Exemptions

All students who live on campus are required to have a meal plan. Release from the meal plan is only available for students with a documented accommodation through the Academic Support and Disability Services Office. More information about disability services at Alma, including information about dining accommodations, contact information, services, and policies and procedures can be found here or by emailing [disability\\_services@alma.edu](mailto:disability_services@alma.edu).