Recontracting FAQs (2016-17)

RECONTRACTING
Q: What is “recontracting”?
A: Recontracting is for students who currently live on the UNI campus and are completing a contract to return to living on campus in the fall. During recontracting students will select their roommate(s), meal plan, residence hall and room for the following academic year.

Q: What is the recontracting timeline?
A: Nov. 2, 2015 – Roommate Selection (this step is not necessary if you are requesting a single room)
Nov. 11, 2015 – Same Room Reservations (this step not necessary if you plan to change rooms)
Nov. 16, 2015 – Same Space Roommate Selection (this step is only for those who are remaining in their same room)
Dec. 1, 2015 – Same Hall – Upperclass (for students NOT in their first year at UNI)
Dec. 7, 2015 – Priority Room Reservations – Upperclass
Jan. 19, 2016 – Same Hall – First-Year (for students in their first year at UNI)
Jan. 25, 2016 – Priority Room Reservations – First-Year

Q: How is my priority reservation date determined?
A: Your priority reservation date is based on the date you originally contracted for housing, most likely prior to your first year on campus. Priority reservation dates will be announced the first week of November 2015 and the first set of dates begin on December 7, 2015 for upperclass students and January 25, 2016 for first-year students.

Q: I lost my priority reservation card and can’t remember the date and time, where can I go to find out this information?
A: Log-in to the Housing & Dining contract (www.uni.edu/dor) to find out your priority reservation date.

Q: Can I fill out a paper contract?
A: All contracts are filled out online through the Department of Residence website – www.uni.edu/dor.

Q: Is there a deadline to complete the contract?
A: Room selection is available through 5pm Friday, May 6, 2016.

TERMS & CONDITIONS
Q: Do I have to agree to the Terms & Conditions before my room is reserved?
A: Yes. Your room is not saved until you have agreed to the Terms & Conditions which completes your contract.

Q: Is there a deposit or prepayment?
A: No.

Q: What if I change my mind about living on campus after agreeing to the Terms & Conditions?
A: The contract becomes legally binding immediately upon agreeing to these Terms & Conditions. If you cancel your contract after agreeing to the terms & conditions, you will be assessed a penalty of 40% of the contract term so long as you remain enrolled at UNI and choose to live off campus.

Q: What if I’m only going to be on campus for the fall semester?
A: Students should complete the recontracting process as normal and then at the end of the fall semester complete the cancellation form at their hall office. Students graduating, withdrawing from classes or participating in a university sponsored program will have their contract canceled without penalty.
Q: What if I’m not going to be on campus for the fall semester, but will return and want to live on campus in the spring semester?
A: You should go to your hall office and complete a paper Hold for Return contract. This contract will guarantee you a placement in the hall of your choice, but not a specific room.

CP PARKING

Q: How do I request CP Parking?
A: Students request CP Parking by completing this step of the contract. Students must complete their contract by agreeing to the terms and conditions by February 26, 2016 to be eligible for CP Parking.

Q: Do I need to request CP Parking since I already have it?
A: Students who have a CP Parking pass for the current academic year are not automatically granted CP Parking for the following year, it must again be requested.

ROOMMATE SELECTION

Q: When does Roommate Selection begin?
A: November 2, 2015

Q: When roommate selection begins, do I need to make a note on my contract that I do not want a roommate next year, but a single room instead?
A: You should sign in to your contract and go to the Panther Picks Preference section and uncheck the box to remove yourself from the roommate search process. That way, no one will request you as a roommate for the next year. There are a limited number of single rooms next year, therefore all single rooms will go requested through a wait list. When your priority reservation time opens you may add yourself to the single room request list.

Q: How does a roommate group work?
A: First identify the person with the earliest Priority Reservation date to be the leader of your group. That student should request all other students to be included in the group as roommates. When room selection opens this leader will be able to log on, search for open spaces that will accommodate everyone in the group and then assign themselves and all other confirmed roommates to bed spaces in that room or apartment. It is important to remember that a confirmed roommate does not equal a reserved space in a room or apartment. Roommates must be assigned to bed spaces to reserve these spaces.

Q: Do I need to update my Panther Profile prior to roommate selection?
A: You do not need to; though it is advised to at least make sure the information is accurate if you are using this process to search for a roommate.

Q: How do I make sure I get the roommate(s) I want?
A: Roommate requests and roommate groups are created in Panther Picks. One person requests the other as a roommate and that second person is automatically accepted as the roommate. The second person does not need to log on to their contract to confirm the request. You should, however, review who has requested you and deny anyone you don’t wish to room with.

Q: Do I need to take further action if our roommate group leader saves a room, suite or apartment for me?
A: Yes. Once the roommate group leader assigns you to the bed space in the room or apartment, you will then need to confirm that you have been assigned to that room, make a meal plan selection and complete the remaining steps of the contract including agreeing to the contract terms and conditions during your priority reservation time.

Q: Can I save space in my room for a student who does not currently live on campus?
A: Yes, as long as that student has a completed contract on file and they meet eligibility requirements for the building being requested.
SAME ROOM RESERVATIONS

Q: I am currently a first-year student living in a Springboard Living Learning Community; can I stay in my same room next year?
A: Springboard communities are designed for first year freshman students only. Students currently living in Springboard communities will not be able to return to these communities for a second year.

Q: What if I changed majors; can I still stay in my same academic LLC?
A: Academic LLCs are designed to house students with those specific majors. If a student changes their major to something other than those identified in that academic LLC they will not be able to return to this community.

Q: My house designation is changing next year. If I don’t meet the requirements for that specific Living Learning Community, can I still keep my same room?
A: If you do not meet the qualifications for the Living Learning Community that will be designated to your current room for next year, you will need to search for another room, possibly in the same hall or a different hall, for next year.

Q: What if both my roommate and I want our same room as singles?
A: Students wanting a super single room will add their name to a request list and super single room offers will be made based on seniority of living in the residence halls.

SINGLE ROOMS

Q: How do I get a single room in a traditional residence hall?
A: There will be a limited number of physical single and super single rooms available in the traditional residence halls. In order to request a single room, you will need to add your name to the single room request list within the housing & dining contract. There will be three lists – Physical, Super Single North, Super Single South. You can add your name to only one list. Single room offers will be made during Phase #5 via email with instructions for updating and completing your contract. Single rooms will be guaranteed for students with an approved accommodation. Please note that Shull Hall is the only traditional residence hall that will be all super singles unless a double room is requested.

Q: What is the difference between a Physical Single and Super Single room?
A: Physical Single Rooms: Physical single rooms are smaller than a traditional double room and cost more to live in versus that of a double room. There is a limited number of physical single rooms available in Bender, Campbell and Dancer Halls.
Super Single Rooms: A "super single" is a double room contracted to one person as a single room. They are available in all of the traditional residence halls with limited availability. Super single rooms cost more than the double and physical single rooms.

Single rooms are also available within the Panther Village apartments and the 8-bedroom apartments in ROTH, both of which can be selected during the recontracting room selection phases. See our 2015-16 Housing & Dining rates to compare room costs.

2-YEAR ADVANTAGE

Q: If I’m signed up for the 2-Year Advantage, do I need to recontract?
A: Yes. You will still need to select your room and meal plan and roommate (if desired) for the second year of your contract. You will also need to agree to the contract terms and conditions to confirm the room and meal plan selections.

Q: I am not currently signed up for the 2-Year Advantage, is that still an option for me?
A: No, the Department of Residence no longer offers the 2-Year Advantage Plan.
MEAL PLANS

Q: Have there been any changes or additions to meal plans for next year?
A: No.

Q: I am a returning student; do I have to sign up for a meal plan?
A: Any student living in our traditional residence halls must have a meal plan. Visit www.uni.edu/dining/meal-plans to find out which plans are available. Meal Plans are not required for those students living in ROTH, Panther Village and Hillside-Jennings.

Q: What meal plans are available for sophomores, juniors and seniors?
A: The All-Access Plan and Panther and Basic Block Plans are available to those living in a traditional residence hall. Meal Deals and Weekly Plans are available to students living in apartment style housing. Dining Dollars are also available to purchase for all students to use in our convenience stores, dining centers, food carts and restaurants on campus.

OTHER

Q: When will I know if I got the room I requested?
A: The room is confirmed when the student agrees to the contract terms and conditions. If requesting a single room, offers will be extended during Phase #5 of recontracting. Assignment letters are mailed to home addresses in early June also confirming the room and meal plan selection.

Q: If I currently live off-campus, can I live on-campus next year?
A: Absolutely! You can begin the room selection process in April. Priority reservation dates will be assigned and this information mailed to students in late March.

Q: Am I eligible to live in ROTH, Panther Village or Hillside-Jennings?
A: Eligibility requirements for Roth: 30+ credit hours, at least 1 year on campus experience, 2.0+ GPA and no active discipline violations at the time of move in.
Eligibility requirements for Panther Village: 60+ credit hours, at least 2 years on campus experience, 2.0+ GPA and no active discipline violations at the time of move in.
Eligibility requirements for Hillside-Jennings (students must meet at least one of the following requirements): 21 years of age or older; be married, engaged or have a domestic partner (documentation required); graduate student, veteran.

Q: What is considered sophomore status?
A: As it relates to living on campus - 30+ credit hours and one year of on campus experience.

Q: What is considered junior status?
A: As it relates to living on campus - 60+ credit hours and two years of on campus experience.

Q: I am applying to be an RA next year, should I still complete the recontracting process?
A: All those interested in being Resident Assistant candidates should recontract for a space. If a job offer is extended and accepted, your contract will be changed as necessary.

Q: Can I live on campus over the summer?
A: Yes. Halls that will be open for occupancy over the summer include Shull, ROTH and Panther Village. When completing the recontracting process, you might consider selecting a room in one of these halls to also live in for the academic year so you do not have to move twice!