

LASELL UNIVERSITY

SUPPLEMENTAL HOUSING INFORMATION FOR FALL 2024

The residential experience provides an important foundation for overall academic and social success. As an integral part of our living and learning environment, students can expect an inclusive living environment fully supporting all students regardless of their gender, gender identity or gender expression. In order to negate the systematic barriers faced by queer, gender-nonconforming and transgendered individuals when attempting to access safe housing; **Lasell announces it is now a Gender Inclusive Housing community.**

All resident students may establish roommate and suitemate groups in an ungended fashion. Students can create roommate groups without binary gender barriers. Single gender groups need to be aware that some rooms in their community may be ungended.

Living in Gender Inclusive Housing requires all resident students to commit to the following:

- Respect all community members by contributing to a safe and comfortable living environment, free of discrimination based on characteristics including but not limited to race, sex, color, age, national origin, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or religion;
- Use inclusive and socially just language within and outside the residential community;
- Seek to understand different experiences; and support social justice and diversity initiatives within the community;
- Be accountable for one's guests in the residences and educate them regarding community expectations and values; and
- All residents are encouraged to attend Gender Inclusive Housing education, which will be offered frequently in the residence hall communities.

AVAILABLE HOUSING OPTIONS:

Residence Halls

Most incoming students will be assigned to housing in traditional-style residence halls. The traditional style residence halls tend to be larger communities which house primarily first year students. Typically, this housing style features shared single gender bathrooms in a common hallway or corridor.

Residence Houses

There are a limited number of spaces available for first year students in the residence houses. The residence houses are smaller communities, housing between 13 and 37 students. The residence houses are occupied by students of all class years including some new students. Some are themed and designated as Specialty Housing.

SPECIALTY HOUSING

There are a number of Specialty Housing options available at Lasell University. There are limited space availability and new students who seek to live in one of our special communities will be assigned based on resident student deposit date. Incoming students may request to live in more than one type of community. Students selecting specialty housing must agree to the community expectations as outline by the community contract. Students not meeting the expectations set forth by the community maybe required to relocate.

Equity & Intersectionality Housing

The Equity & Intersectionality Living Learning Community is a space for those invested in community initiatives that center and promote diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Residents that are accepted to live in the house must be open-minded individuals who are willing to be engaged in DEI related initiatives throughout the academic year. Residents living within the house will work with the Resident Assistant (RA) as well as with each other to actively support personal and academic growth as well as further development within the larger Lasell community as it relates to DEI. Lastly, residents living within the house must remain in good academic and judicially standing with the University. Previous Equity House programs have included discussions, films, guest speakers, and activities to promote social justice.

Honors Community Housing

For incoming first-years as well as upper-class students, the residence will provide another dynamic community setting for social and academic programming focused on the whole person and some of the key elements of the Honors experience at Lasell –confidence, creativity, and fun; dialogue and debate; social difference, diversity and inclusion, and global perspectives on life challenges. Living-learning programming might include: group dialogues led by faculty on topics developed by students; workshops on confidence and common interpersonal dilemmas; activities with featured clubs or off-campus organizations; film nights; artistic collaborations (drawings, paintings, sculptures, poems, music, stories). Activities will also take place in the Honors Common and other spaces on or off-campus. Honors housing will be subgroups of students in the various halls across campus.

Quiet Study Housing

There are limited spaces available for incoming students wishing to live in quiet study housing. Students choosing to live in Quiet Study Housing agree to maintain a quiet environment conducive to studying. 24-hour quiet hours will be in effect between 7 p.m. on Sunday through 4 p.m. on Friday. Weekends will have a combination of quiet and courtesy hours. Quiet hours are those times when there will be no unreasonable noise. Courtesy hours are those times when excessive noise will not be allowed. Any guests brought into the Quiet Study House must abide by all community rules.

Wellness Housing

There are limited spaces available for incoming students wishing to live in Wellness Housing. Students choosing to live in the Wellness House are committed to a healthy life style that will focus on balanced living in a variety of areas including nutrition, exercise, healthy relationships and living substance free. All students living in this community will agree to refrain from use of substances such as alcohol, tobacco products and/or other illicit drugs, at all times (in and out of the House), and students agree never to return to the community under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any guests brought into the Wellness House must abide by all community rules. Depending on the interests of the residents, programming may include: community dinners, presentations on the mind-body connection, yoga and exercise, stress reduction, and spirituality.

Women's Only Housing

Incoming female students have an opportunity to request all women housing. If you do not indicate a preference for all women housing, it will be assumed that you wish to be placed in a coeducational living environment. Important note: Due to the gender breakdown of the Lasell resident student population, there are frequently more all women housing options than there are female students requesting a single gender living environment. As a result, some female students, who did not indicate this preference, may be assigned all women housing.

WAITING LIST FOR A SINGLE ROOM

At the time of this mailing, we do not anticipate any single rooms being available for incoming students. In the event that single rooms become available, the Office of Residential Life will establish a waiting list. Single room assignments will be made in the order of enrollment deposit date. **Please remember that there is an additional \$1300 charge per semester for a single room.**

SPECIAL REQUESTS

All accommodation (e.g., medical, accessibility issues) requests should be documented by a medical provider, on their official letterhead, and include a diagnosis and what accommodations are being requested and submitted in writing to the Office of Accessibility Services. **Requests for specific buildings cannot be honored. Return special requests and documentation to the Office of Accessibility Services by July 12, 2024 at the following address: Lasell University, Office of Accessibility Services, 1844 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466 or accessibilityservices@lasell.edu.**

ROOMMATE REQUESTS

New students are welcome to make roommate requests. If you are requesting an incoming resident student (first-year or transfer) he/she must also request you as their preferred roommate. If the person(s) is a current resident student at Lasell University then you both must notify the Office of Residential Life, in writing, of your roommate request by emailing residentiallife@lasell.edu. **IF ALL PARTIES DO NOT MAKE MUTUAL REQUESTS, THE ROOMMATE REQUESTS CANNOT BE FULFILLED.** Note: Many incoming students will be housed in triples. Please be aware that by requesting only one roommate you are not guaranteed a double room, as the numbers of double rooms are limited. For example, you and the requested roommate may be assigned to a triple with a third roommate. The Office of Residential Life makes every effort to but cannot guarantee that all requests will be met.