Study Abroad & Co-op

What if I am planning to study abroad or participate in a co-op for a semester?

Students participating in Study Abroad programs or Co-Op experiences in locations farther than 30 miles from SJU will be released from a Housing Agreement for the semester(s) of their experience. Any student who submits a Housing Agreement for the 2014-2015 academic year will be guaranteed on-campus housing for the semester they will be taking classes on campus.

Fall Semester Departures:

Students planning to Study Abroad or participate in a Co-Op experience or internship for the Fall semester may submit a Housing Agreement to be guaranteed on-campus housing for the Spring semester when they return. These students are still encouraged to make a housing selection as participation in these programs is usually not confirmed until April, after the housing selection process has ended. When confirmation of a student's participation is received in April, this student's housing assignment will be removed for both the Fall and Spring semesters. In November 2014, Residence Life will communicate with all students who are returning from a Fall experience to inquire about their housing preference for the spring 2015 semester. NOTE: Returning students will be assigned based on vacant spaces in on-campus housing. We are NOT able to guarantee that a student can return to the originally selected space. If you intend to Study Abroad for the Fall semester, we suggest trying to find a student who intends to participate in a Spring semester experience. Our office can "trade" assignments, assigning you to the space to return in the Spring when the Fall student assignment is removed

Spring Semester Departures:

Students with a signed 2014-15 Housing Agreement should participate in the Housing Selection Process to make a selection for the Fall 2014 semester. Students who are confirmed for Study Abroad/Co-Op/Internship experiences for the Spring 2015 semester will be released from the Housing Agreement and may move out of their on-campus assignment at the end of the Fall semester.



In addition to the Exclusive Communities in Merion Gardens, Townhouses and Rashford, all other UC campus housing options are available for rising Juniors and Seniors, including the following locations:

Ashwood Hall

Lancaster Court – Weymouth and Hastings

Pennbrook Apartments

Moore Hall (meal plan required)

Campus Houses (meal plan required)

Selection for these communities will be available during the general housing selection that will occur in on March 20-21, 2014. Selection times will be transferred to these new dates in the same order, allowing rising Juniors and Seniors priority selection of these spaces before rising Sophomore Housing Selection begins.

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JUNIOR/SENIOR EXCLUSIVE HOUSING INFORMATION ENCLOSED

JUNIOR/SENIOR HOUSING SPECIAL EDITION

The Office of Residence Life is excited to provide a unique opportunity for Junior and Senior students to consider when weighing "on-campus" or "off-campus" housing options. The Junior/Senior Community provides a variety of programs and experiences that will enhance students' second half of their undergraduate education at Saint Joseph's University while preparing them for their future beyond the walls of our institution. Rising Juniors and Seniors who wish to live oncampus will have the opportunity to live in a community of other Junior and Senior students in facilities offering the important amenities desired by upperclassmen including, parking, air-conditioning, an affordable 12-month agreement option, and modified residence life policies that promote a more independent living environment.

Examples of Events & Programs held in the Jr/Sr Communities

- Trip to Washington DC
- Preparing to Study Abroad
- Career Development Events
- Dinner with Campus Ministry
- Budgeting & Personal FinanceLocal Trip to Linvilla Orchards
- Exploring Graduate Programs
- Dinner with the President



The Career
Development
Center offers
evening drop-in
hours in Merion
Gardens once a
month!

Junior/Senior Housing Information Sessions

If you have questions or want to learn more, consider stopping by one of these sessions.

Tuesday, December 3rd – 11am, Forum Theater **Thursday, December 5th** - 5pm, Forum Theater

EXPLORE OUR EXCLUSIVE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS









Off-Campus

\$600/month per person

cable TV, phone)

Comcast Triple Play

*\$99.95 Activation Fee

\$33.33/month per person

Utilities (gas, electricity,

\$50/month per person

(depending on usage)

\$1.50/load Wash

\$1.50/load Dry

Transportation

Parking Permit

Peace of Mind

security

\$75/month for gas

*222 for SJU Commuter

Each off-campus housing

option differs in provided

amenities, service and

Communications (internet,

Deposit

\$500

water)

Laundry

Rent/Rate

FEB 10

MAR 9-15 **Spring Break**

DEC 17 Halls close at 6pm for Winter Break

Cost Comparison

Off-Campus vs. On-Campus

The cost for off-campus housing can range dramatically. Despite

the variance in cost, we have gathered some average cost

comparison information so that an informed decision can be

made between on-campus/SJU housing and off-campus housing

For the cost comparison below, rent is based on the average

cost of an apartment shared by 3 occupants on a 12-month

lease renting for \$1800 per month. *denotes a one-time fee

Deposit

No deposit

Rent/Rate

cable TV, phone)

support services)

water)

Laundry

On-Campus

\$4160-\$5130/semester

Communications (internet,

\$60/semester per person

(Includes 24-hour SJU IT

Utilities (gas, electricity,

Included in semester rate

Free in all SJU facilities

Parking Permit included &

campus transportation

All SJU buildings are

SJU shuttle available for on-

monitored 24-hours a day by

Facilities and Residence Life

staff are available to address

a timely and professional

any concerns that may arise in

Transportation

Peace of Mind

Public Safety.

manner.

Housing Agreement JAN 16 available via MySJU

Commonly Asked Ouestions

Is the Housing Agreement binding for one semester or the entire year? For the entire year. Once a student submits a Housing Agreement, there is no option to be released for an off-campus option. A student should not enter into a University agreement AND an offcampus contract. In doing so, the student would be held financially responsible to the cost of the University's Housing Agreement.

How are the selection times assigned?

then rising Juniors and then rising Sophomores.

Can a student select into an apartment and then be assigned "random" roommates?

No. All students will be required to fill a space to capacity. Capacity information for all housing locations will be available through the Room Search feature prior to the selection process.

Yes! Students may elect to remain in their current space as long as at least 50% of the current occupants agree to stay in the same assignment for the 2014-15 academic year. You may request other students who have completed a Housing Agreement to fill the space to capacity.

Rising Juniors and Seniors who select Merion Gardens, the University breaks through the 2014-15 Academic Year.



Selection times are randomly assigned by class year, through an automated computer program. Priority is given first to rising Seniors,

If I am currently living in an Exclusive Upperclassman Community, may I stay in this space for the next academic year?

Are there summer housing options in the Exclusive Upperclassman Communities?

Townhouses or Rashford will have the opportunity to complete a 12-month Housing Addendum, allowing them to move into their assignment in May for an additional cost. Students with a completed 12-month Addendum will be permitted to stay in their space during



Merion Gardens Apartments

Lottery times assigned

Room search goes live

FEB 17

220 students call Merion Gardens home. The apartments in this facility are predominantly 2-person units (see typical floor plans below). There are also several 4, 5 and 6-person apartments available. Most of the larger occupancy apartments have unique layouts. All spaces are single sex by apartment. Each apartment is equipped with in-wall air conditioning, full kitchen/bathroom, hardwood floors and basic furniture. Free laundry facilities and a fitness center are located in the basement. Merion Gardens also features a security-monitored parking lot behind the building.

Floor Plans of Typical 2-Person Apartments



Morris Ouad Townhouses

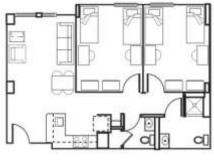
The townhouse community houses 116 students in single bedrooms within both 4-person and 7-person units. We recognize that 7-person townhouses can be challenging to fill to capacity, so some units are split in the selection process into 3 and 4-person groups. Each space is single sex by townhouse. Each unit includes a kitchen, 2-3 full bathrooms, washer/dryer and basic furniture. They are located next to Moore Hall, which houses the Career Development Center and a fitness center. The townhouses also feature a security-monitored parking adjacent to the buildings.

Floor Plans of Typical 7-Person Townhouses



Rashford Hall

Rashford offers twelve 4-person apartments and 2 double apartments per floor. The 5th floor may be made available during Jr/Sr Housing Selection if warranted by demand. All spaces are single sex by apartment. Each apartment is equipped with central air conditioning, full kitchen/bathroom and basic furniture. Free laundry facilities and lounge/study space is available on every floor. Rashford also features a security-monitored parking lot behind the building.



4-Person Unit



2-Person Unit

Educational Housing District Law

Section 9-2805. Zoning Compliance

The Educational Housing District Zoning Code states that no more than three unrelated people can live in a legal onefamily off-campus dwelling. No matter how many bedrooms a house or apartment has, each one-family dwelling can have no more than three occupants.

Violations to this code may include tenant and/or landlord fines and/or eviction. This code extends to houses in Manayunk, Lower Merion, Upper Merion and Overbrook Farms (All of Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties).