

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who is eligible for summer housing?**

Summer housing is available only for undergraduate TCNJ students enrolled in summer classes, TCNJ students working full-time for a college department, or TCNJ students participating in a summer program approved by Residential Education and Housing.

### **What is the cost of summer housing?**

Summer housing costs \$193.27 per week. The total for Maymester (3 weeks) is \$581.10 while Session A and Session B (5 weeks) is \$966.35. Further, summer housing is billed based on the number of weeks in housing and not days. Information on the billing schedule can be found with Student Accounts.

### **What if I am not living on campus for an entire session?**

Students are billed in full in advance for an entire session. Any refunds will be given to a student once they have officially checked out of their room. If a student is entering housing after a session begins, they will be charged in full on a pro-rated basis.

### **How do I sign up for Summer Housing?**

Students need to apply for each summer session that they are requesting housing for. All of summer housing is done on-line via My Housing. Please view the summer housing timeline on the summer housing page.

### **What if I miss any of the dates listed on the time line?**

Summer housing is a rolling process throughout the summer. If you do not make a deadline to apply for the initial date for room selection, it does not impact your ability to receive housing. While you will receive a time slot to select a room, you will only be able to select what is left from those who have already picked a room.

### **Where do students live for the summer?**

Students will be housed in Hausdoerffer Hall for Maymester and Phelps Hall for Session A and B. As space and maintenance needs change, this plan may be altered. Students staying for both Maymester and Session A will need to move from Hausdoerffer to Phelps for Session A housing.

### **What types of rooms are available for me to live in?**

Phelps and Hausdoerffer are apartment-style residence halls. Each apartment houses five students in one double and three singles. However, Residential Education and Housing will initially limit students to live in the single rooms only. As we progress through the summer, the availability of single rooms will become limited and we therefore will need to open up the double rooms for students to live in. In addition, students should expect that their apartment could have all the spaces being used.

### **How do I choose a room?**

Students will select a room on-line similar to the room selection process that took place in March of this year. If you are unsure of how to select a room on-line, please refer to our web demonstration on how to select a room, located on our lottery and room selection web page.

### **What if I want to live with someone else?**

You are allowed to live with someone else in summer housing, provided they have applied for the same session as yourself. In order to have the opportunity to live with another student(s), you need to be accepted roommates on My Housing. If you are not accepted roommates by the initial date of room selection for a particular session, it may not be possible for you to live with that person(s).

**Can I live with someone of the opposite sex?**

While both Phelps and Hausdoerffer are co-ed residence halls, the apartments are single sex.

**What if I want to stay in my space from one session to the next?**

This is normally what is referred to as squatting. Squatting can only take place if you are living on campus for concurrent sessions. This option will not be available for students living in Hausdoerffer for Maymester.

Residential Education and Housing will automatically place you in the same room for consecutive sessions so long as you create an application on time. A student would not need to go through the on-line room selection process. However, please note that if you do not apply by the time room selection begins for a specific session, your room will be available for someone else to select. We cannot hold your space for the next session if you have not applied on time.

**What if I don't want to stay in the same space from one session to the next?**

Students wishing to change rooms from one session to the next simply need to contact our office. This will ensure that we do not place you in the same room that you had in the previous session and you will be able to participate in the on-line room selection process.

**What if I do not like where I am living during the summer?**

If you are having roommate issues or any other concern about your living arrangement in the summer, please contact the student staff member on your floor or the professional staff member in Phelps and Hausdoerffer that oversees the residents in summer housing. They will work with you to rectify your situation.

**What if I currently live in Phelps or Hausdoerffer and plan on being in housing for Maymester?**

Before we start the room selection process for Maymester, Residential Education and Housing will review who has applied for Maymester and also live in one of these two buildings. If you live in Hausdoerffer, you will be able to stay where you currently are. If you live in Phelps however, you will need to go through the room selection process since Phelps is closed for Maymester. We will automatically create a booking for students who are living in Hausdoerffer and these students will not need to go through room selection.

**What if I currently live on campus and will be living here for Maymester?**

Students currently living on campus for the 2014 spring semester can stay in their spring assignment until Sunday, May 11. However, if they cannot move in during the designated time for Maymester, they will need to vacate their spring assignment and move into their Maymester assignment at a later date. Students cannot stay in their spring assignment past the initial Maymester move-in date and time.

**Can I be moved during summer housing?**

In order to maintain occupancy and building service needs, students who are here for Maymester and Session A will be required to move from Hausdoerffer to Phelps. These students will participate in room selection with everyone else who wants housing for Session A. However, while we do our best to not consolidate during summer housing, it is possible students can be moved from one room to another. This will typically happen if a student is by themselves in an apartment but there are available spaces in others.

**Is there a meal plan associated with summer housing?**

There is no specific meal plan associated with summer housing. Each apartment, however, has its own kitchen with a full-size refrigerator, microwave, stovetop, cabinet spaces for kitchen items, and a small eating area. The college's dining service, Sodexo, also operates a dining facility during the day in the Brower Student Center and other food purchasing options for students in summer housing. Please refer to the link on the summer housing web page about summer dining.

**Do I have to sign a contract?**

Yes! After you select a room on-line, you will be taken to the contract step for summer housing. In order to live in housing for the summer, this contract must be signed. Each session living on campus requires a student to sign a contract. Signing the contract for Maymester does not mean you do not have to sign the contract for Session A, as an example.

**What if I need to cancel my contract or application?**

If you have not yet selected a room for a particular session, you can cancel your application on My Housing. If you have picked a room and signed the contract, please contact us if you are no longer interested in summer housing.

**What if I am participating in the MUSE program?**

Students participating in MUSE will be considered living on campus during Session A and B. Our office will communicate with MUSE students with specific instructions in terms of how and when to apply, where they will be living for the summer, and the process for selecting a room.

**What if I am working for CSMS?**

CSMS staff will end up being here for all three summer sessions in some form. Our office will communicate separately with these students with specific instructions in terms of how and when to apply, where they will be living for the summer, and the process for selecting a room.

**How does billing work for CSMS and MUSE?**

If CSMS or MUSE is covering any portion of your summer housing, you will need to speak with those organizations to ask how they work with Student Accounts as it relates to your bill for summer housing. Residential Education and Housing must bill every student here for summer housing, regardless of whether it is covered through a different office on campus.

**What is the electrical shutdown?**

Each May, the college's Facilities office performs an annual high voltage shutdown. This requires shutting down the main transformers on campus that will take down power to the entire campus. This will affect both apartment buildings on Saturday, May 17 from 6 AM-6 PM and will mean no power, air conditioning, or hot water being available. This annual maintenance is required to ensure that the campus electric grid is safe and reliable. We are providing this information ahead of time so students can plan to make alternative arrangements for this day should they choose.

**What if my question is not answered here?**

Please contact Residential Education and Housing at [housing@tcnj.edu](mailto:housing@tcnj.edu), 609-771-2301, or 609-771-3455 and we will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you have.