

WIESS HOUSING RULES

I. Housing pecking order

The housing order of priority is as follows:

1. Those guaranteed beds by the athletic department, University, or by the Wiess Constitution.
2. Incoming students (freshmen and transfers).
3. Rising seniors.
4. Rising juniors.
5. Rising 5th years that have lived on campus less than 3 years (being on for part of a year counts as a full year).
6. Rising sophomores.
7. Rising 5th years who have lived on campus 3 years or more.

The class standing of students who matriculated as freshmen at Rice is defined by how many years they have been at Rice, not how many credit hours they have. The class standing of students who matriculated at Rice as transfers from another college or university is defined by credit hours according to the registrar's records. Transfers shall be considered as 5th year students when and only when they have spent three years at Rice.

Those who are classified as items 1-4 are usually guaranteed housing in the coming year.

In the rare event that Wiess cannot accommodate all those students who fall under items 1-4 above, the housing committee will execute a jack among those rising juniors who lived on campus for all or part of their sophomore year and who are not guaranteed housing by item I.

In order to claim his/her spot on campus, the student must email the housing coordinator by the deadline set by the housing committee. If the student misses the email deadline, he/she will be accommodated last in the housing order of priority.

II. The Freshman Jack

Freshmen vie for spots on campus through the freshman jack. The freshman jack occurs a few weeks before the general room jack. In the freshman jack, freshmen who are not guaranteed housing by section 1 in the coming year submit their names to try to win a spot on campus. Freshmen must declare their intent to live on-campus by the deadline set by the housing committee in order to participate in the freshman jack. Freshmen are not required to participate in the freshman jack if they do not want to be considered for on-campus housing or if they receive housing under item 1 in section I. The freshman jack will consist of two separate drawings for each gender. The first drawing, comprising the bottom of each list, will consist of freshmen who have not completed four freshman service hours. The second drawing, comprising the top of each list, will consist of freshmen who have completed at least four freshman service hours and submitted their names to the sophomore representatives by a designated deadline. The submitted names are chosen at random one at a time by the housing coordinator. The first name selected goes to the bottom of the waiting list for housing. The last name selected goes at the top, and so on. Males and females are selected separately.

III. Presidential Privilege

The president with a full suite trumps squatters and gets first choice of room at the college. If squatters are trumped, they get first choice room within their point category.

IV. Points

Students are assigned points for the purposes of squatting on and jacking for rooms according to following point schedule:

Rising seniors=4
Rising juniors=3
Rising sophomores=2

Rising fifth years (including those guaranteed beds by Section I, item 1)=1

A group's point total is defined as the sum of the individuals' points. For example, a suite that has 2 rising seniors, 1 rising junior, and a rising sophomore will have 13 points.

V. Squatting

Groups must have at least 7 points, as outlined in Section IV, among the current occupants who want to stay in the room for the coming year to squat on a suite. No one may squat on freshman suites. Groups sign up to squat using the map of the college posted in the commons by the deadline for room draw forms set by the housing committee, before the general room jack. Groups that squat on their room are not required to attend or participate in the general room jack. NOTE: The presidential choice of suite supercedes squatting rights over any suite.

VI. 2-man, 3-man and 5-man suites

Groups may jack for any 2, 3, or 5-person suite that is not being squatted on by signing up for the 2, 3, and 5-person jack. The jack for these rooms will occur before the general room jack on a date set by the housing committee. Rooms are awarded to groups starting highest point total and working down. In the case of point total ties, the housing coordinator randomly selects groups' names. At least one representative from each group entering the jack must be present at the jack to participate.

VII. General Room Jack

Groups must consist of full suites in order to enter the general room jack. Full suites enter the general room jack by submitting a room jack form, which can be obtained from the Wiess College Coordinator. Room jack forms are due back to the housing coordinator by the deadline set by the housing committee. If an individual submits his or her name on a room jack form, but subsequently withdraws from the room after the room jack form submission deadline, he or she will be fined \$100 by Wiess. Students may appeal fines to the college masters.

Those who are guaranteed housing but fail to find a group of 4 and/or fail to submit a room jack form will be assigned to whichever beds remain after the room jack is completed, by the housing coordinator in consultation with the housing committee.

During the general room jack, groups are randomly chosen according to their point totals, starting with the highest and working down to the lowest. As a group is selected, at least one representative from that group must be present to indicate which suite they will claim from the remaining suites. If no representative is present from the group, they will be assigned to the remaining unclaimed rooms after the general room jack is completed. Groups who have received a 2, 3, or 5-person suite or those who have successfully squatted are not required to attend the general room jack.

VIII. Leases

Leases may be obtained online, on Esther, when available from Housing & Dining. Any student who intends to live on-campus must sign the online lease by the deadline set by the Housing Committee and denoted on the lease by Housing & Dining.

Failure to turn in a Signed lease will result in a student's forfeiting his/her spot on campus to the next student on the waitlist.

IX. Appeals

Any request for an appeal of any of the above rules must be submitted in writing for consideration to the housing committee through the College Master.

X. Housing Committee

The Housing Committee consists of at least one Resident Associate and three additional students (one from each class). These students are appointed at the end of their freshman year and normally serve for the next three years. Students shall be appointed in a process to be determined by the President, in consultation with the housing coordinator.

XI. Parking Procedures

The coordinator of the housing committee is in charge of assigning the South Lot parking spaces that are allotted to Wiess each year. Parking spots will be given to seniors on a first-come first-serve basis and seniors receiving a spot will have a South Lot parking pass for the entire year. Remaining parking spaces will be given to juniors; if there are more juniors who would like spots than there are spots available, then the non-senior parking spaces will be divided into semester-long parking passes and given to juniors on a first-come first-serve basis. Students who would like a South Lot parking space must email the housing coordinator by the designated deadline. There is one parking spot reserved for the college president, one parking spot reserved for the housing coordinator, one parking spot reserved for a social vice president, and one parking spot reserved for the college coordinator each year.

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