

Housing & Residence Life



Requirements

Activities for the semester may include:

- Dinner for HHP students with invited faculty and/or administrators;
- Speaker events open to all Pinney Hall residents;
- Working with Pinney Hall ARMS as PASS members to provide tutoring to Pinney residents;
- Cultural programs;
- Service on the Pinney Hall Council;
- Membership on the Honors Housing Advisory Council which meets monthly;
- Working with RAs and Honors Housing Council to plan and coordinate hall-wide programs.

Each HHP student is required to participate in no fewer than four program/activities per semester.

Selection Process

Upperclass students

Priority will be given to students who are in the Honors Program but other students may apply on a space-available basis:

- Five honors students of the same gender who have paired off as a group with two doubles and a single, based on application date;
- Three honors students of the same gender who have paired off as a group with one double and a single, based on application date;

- Two honors students who are entering as a double, based on application date;
- One honors student entering as a single, based on application date;
- An honors student who is entering with a non-honors program roommate who has at least a 3.4 grade point average;
- An honors student who is entering with a non-honors program roommate who has a grade point lower than 3.2 but not less than a 3.0;

Freshmen and transfers applying to and/or assigned to the HHP are assigned on a space-available basis. The HHP attempts to place freshmen in a double room with their peers. Freshmen are not eligible for single rooms. If a pair of honors students (or a pair and a single) are willing to live with freshmen, a double with freshmen may be assigned to an apartment with upperclassmen.

Under no circumstances will there be fewer than three honors students in an HHP apartment.

Freshmen

If there is space available, the HHP will place freshmen with upper-class honors students. There are no all-freshmen apartments in the HHP. The Department of Housing & Residence Life works with an ad-hoc HHP Selection Committee to review applications. A special HHP application is mailed to any incoming student selected for the HHP. The selection committee establishes criteria at their first meeting.

In the case where there are more students applying for the HHP than there is space available, the following criteria also will apply:

- Students who participate in campus-wide activities, clubs, intercollegiate athletics or community service will be given preference.
- Students must be in good social (judicial) standing at the university.

Waiting List

If a student desires to live in the HHP but is unable to secure a space during room sign up, students may put their name on a waiting list. As vacancies occur during the summer and throughout the semester, students will be moved from the waiting list and assigned an open space in the HHP. These assignments are based on seniority and student preferences on housing application.

Note: Students accepted into the HHP in Pinney, who would not normally be eligible for housing there, will not be able to move to other open spaces in Pinney during the year. If they choose to leave the HHP, their "normal" housing eligibility level will be in effect.

Room Selection Process

HHP deposits are due when the regular housing deposit is due. This is a non-refundable deposit so please make certain that you want to live in honors housing. Once you've made a selection for the Pinney Hall HHP you will not be allowed to change into another Pinney Hall room unless you meet all of the Pinney Hall requirements.

Regular housing room selection for traditional housing is held in early April. Honors housing selection will occur prior to the regular selection process.

Note: The Department of Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to fill empty spaces in the HHP with students who are not in the honors program. The department also reserves the right to transfer students from one room to another, should we need to consolidate spaces, but will do so in consultation with the director of the Honors Program and the individual students involved within the affected apartment.

All other relevant criteria are applied for housing eligibility, including the fact that students must maintain a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Students applying for the HHP also will have to complete and sign a regular housing contract.





Honors Housing

The Honors Housing Program (HHP) at Western Connecticut State University was established to provide honors students with an opportunity to live together within a living and learning community at Pinney Hall. With the support of the Honors Program and the Department of Housing & Residence Life, this program provides a place for students to interact on an informal basis outside the classroom and to share their academic experiences as well as all other aspects of their WestConn experience. The goals of the HHP include:

- To offer a range of formal and informal programs that supplement the classroom experience;
- To encourage and promote collaboration among the honors students, faculty and staff;
- To provide a living experience that is supportive of the honors students' academic success;
- To provide leadership opportunities for honors students within the university residence life program and to create programs for all students living in the hall as well as the general campus community;
- To provide a special interest housing program that sets an example for a strong one-to-one environment.

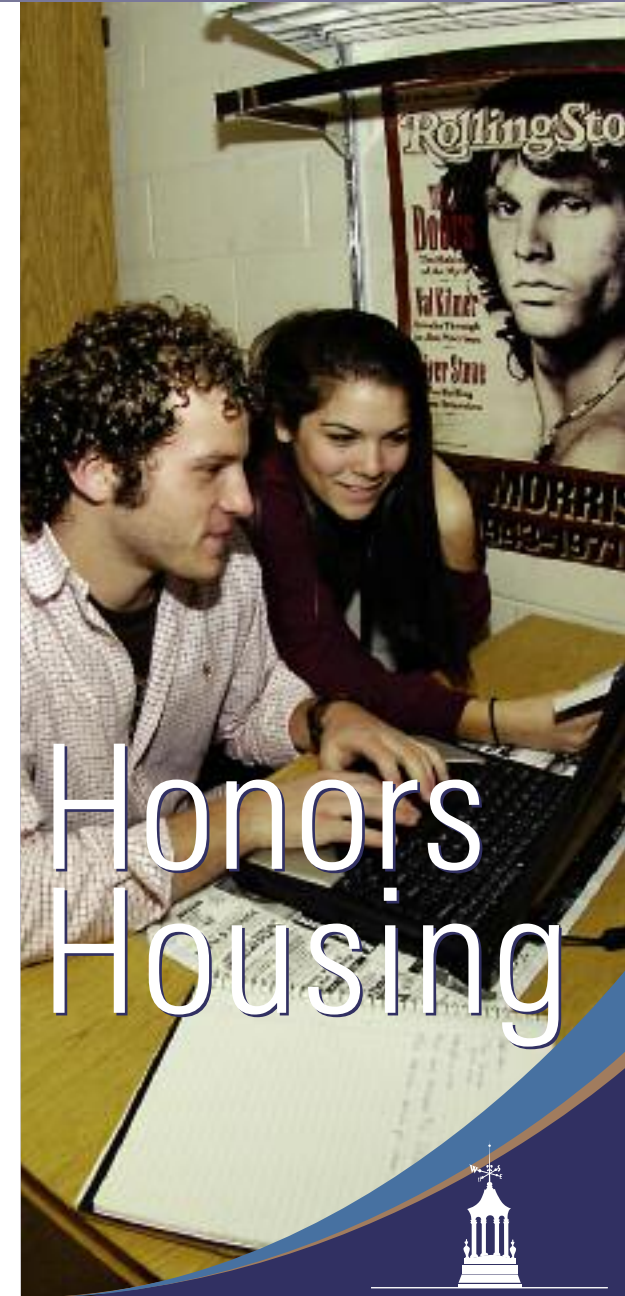


Pinney Hall

This residence hall provides a limited number of five-person apartments in a wing of the building for Honors Housing. These apartments are located in Pinney Hall. The apartments are associated with a "knuckle" lounge that is used for programming for honors students as well as programs developed by HHP students for all Pinney Hall residents. HHP students may develop a hall-wide program to be presented in the main Pinney lounge. Students living in the HHP are encouraged to work with the Honors Program director and the Department of Housing & Residence Life to develop a year-long program of activities. HHP students receive support from the Honors Program, the Department of Housing & Residence Life and the dean of students and are eligible to apply for additional funds from the Pinney Hall Council, the Inter-Residence Hall Association and the WestConn Student Government Association. A resident assistant (RA) in Pinney Hall works with HHP students on a part-time basis to assist them with the development of their community and in planning activities.

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