



Western Connecticut State University Honors Housing

The Honors Housing Program at Western Connecticut State University was established to provide honors students with an opportunity to live together within a living and learning community. With the support of the Honors Program and the Department of Housing & Residence Life, the 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 Honors Housing 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 residential program 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

Honors Students are housed in Pinney Hall. During the academic year there will be no more than six (6) apartments made available to the Honors Housing program. These will be located in Pinney Hall on the 1st floor, in sections C and D. There is an RA who will be working and living within the Honors Housing Program floor.

Students living in the Honors Housing program are encouraged to work with the Honors Program Director and the Department of Housing & Residence Life to develop programs and activities throughout the academic year. Honors Housing students may receive funding support for programs from the Honors Program, the Department of Housing & Residence Life and the Dean of Students and may be eligible to apply for additional funds from the Pinney Hall Council, IRHA and Student Government.

Important Notice:

Failure to pay a Housing Deposit on time will negate any Honors Housing request. Failure to turn in an Honors Housing application on time may result in the denial of application for Honors Housing.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to consolidate spaces based on availability. All students must continue to maintain a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Students applying for Honors Housing will also have to complete and sign a regular Housing contract.

Suggested list of activities:

- Beginning of the semester meet and greet for all Honors Housing students with invited faculty and/or administrators
- Working with Pinney Hall ARMS as PASS members to provide tutoring to Pinney residents
- Cultural programs
- Working with an RA and Hall Council to plan and coordinate hall-wide programs

Selection Process:

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

Freshmen and transfers applying to and/or assigned to Honors Housing will be assigned on a space-available basis. Honors Housing will attempt to place freshmen in a double bedroom with other freshmen. Freshmen will not be eligible for single bedrooms.

Under no circumstances can fewer than four(4) Honors Students sign up for an Honors Housing apartment together.

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

- Priority Points
- Participation in campus wide activities, clubs, intercollegiate athletics or community service.
- Good judicial standing with the University

Freshmen

If there is space available, Honors Housing will place freshmen in with upperclass Honors students.

Waiting List

If a student desires to live in Honors Housing but was unable to secure a space during room sign up (upperclassmen) or upon entering (freshmen) s/he may put his/her name on a waiting list. As vacancies occur over the summer and throughout the semester, students will be moved from the waiting list and assigned into an open space in Honors Housing based on the next option listed on his/her housing application.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to fill empty spaces in Honors Housing with students who are not in the Honors program and/or who did not choose Honors Housing at a point in the year when the waiting list is depleted. The Department of Housing and Residence Life will attempt to speak with these potential roommates to see if they will participate in Honors Housing programs.

Honors Room Selection Process

The non-refundable Housing Deposit must be paid prior to students being considered for the Honors Housing option. **All students MUST be registered for 12+ credits. Any student not registered for 12 credits may be dropped from housing.**