

Priority Point Benefits

ROOM SELECTION: The biggest benefit of priority points comes during room selection time. When spring room selection comes around, you are asked to form groups who will live together. The Priority Points totals from each member of your group are added together to give your group an overall point value. This point value determines the time your group will be allowed to select its room for your fall assignment — the more points you have, the sooner you select!



FINAL tallies of points for room sign-up purposes will be provided via your individual housing contracts.



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Dear WCSU Residents,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 academic year! You've heard a lot and seen a lot about Priority Points, but you probably don't know much about how to earn them or what value they have to you—especially at room selection time. So let's talk about it a little.

The Priority Points Program allows resident students to earn points for actively participating in and/or taking leadership roles within their residential communities. Much of this opportunity revolves around participation in residence hall programs, Hall Council, and IRHA. A bulk of your point total also comes from your academic success and progress — your GPA adds to your point total, as does the number of credits you earn throughout the year.

Just as residents can earn points, they can also lose points for damages or involvement in policy violations / documentations. In fact, this brochure will outline the ways a resident student can earn and lose points, in addition to the specific point values attributed to each.

When possible, Priority Points totals can earn rewards throughout the year, but they ultimately aid students in the Department's annual Room Selection Process in the late spring. Students who have accumulated many points receive priority to sign up for their rooms; essentially, the more points a student has, the earlier that student can sign up.

If you have any questions, contact your RD for answers. Overall, we want to encourage all resident students to earn as many points as possible!

Good Luck!



Priority Points

Listed below are the ways that Priority Points can be earned or lost:

Point Factors	# of Points to Earn
# Semesters Completed	+1 points per semester
# of Credits Earned	+ total # of credits
Cumulative G.P.A.	+ G.P.A. cubed ($3.0 \times 3.0 \times 3.0 = 27$)
PASS Volunteer (per Semester)	+3 points for under 5 people assisted +4 points for 5-15 people assisted +5 points for 15-25 people assisted +6 points for 25 or more people assisted
Leadership Position (Hall Council, IRHA)	+ 5 points per semester
Housing and Residence Life Staff (SAA, Desk Staff, etc.)	+ 5 points per semester
Programs/Activities	+1 point for each program attended +2 for each program sponsored
Policy Violations	+10 points for NO VIOLATIONS per semester -5 points for each policy violation
Final/Spring Check-out	+5 points for proper check-out -5 points for improper check-out
Hall Council and IRHA attendance	+ 1 per meeting