

## Study Abroad & Co-op

### What if I am planning to study abroad or participate in a co-op for a semester?

Students participating in Study Abroad programs or Co-Op experiences in locations farther than 30 miles from SJU will be released from a Housing Agreement for the semester(s) of their experience. Any student who submits a Housing Agreement for the 2017-2018 academic year will be guaranteed on-campus housing for the semester they will be taking classes on campus.

### Fall Semester Departures:

Students planning to Study Abroad or participate in a Co-Op experience or internship for the Fall semester may participate in the Early Action Selection Process or may submit a Housing Agreement to be guaranteed on-campus housing for the Spring semester when they return. Students who are confirmed to participate in a Fall 2017 Study Abroad or Co-Op program will not be assigned a selection time to make a selection during the formal selection process. In November 2017, Residence Life will communicate with all students who are returning from a Fall experience to inquire about their housing preference for the Spring 2018 semester. NOTE: Returning students will be assigned based on vacant spaces in on-campus housing. If you intend to Study Abroad for the Fall semester, we suggest trying to find a student who intends to participate in a Spring semester experience. Our office can "trade" assignments, assigning you to the space to return in the Spring when the Fall student assignment is removed.

### Spring Semester Departures:

Students with a signed 2017-2018 Housing Agreement should participate in the Housing Selection Process to make a selection for the Fall 2017 semester. Students who are then confirmed for Study Abroad/Co-Op/Internship experiences for the Spring 2018 semester will be released from the Housing Agreement and may move out of their on-campus assignment at the end of the Fall semester.



**If you make a Housing Selection prior to the confirmation of participation in a Fall Study Abroad/Co-Op program, your assignment will be removed for the Academic Year. You will receive notification from our office in November to indicate your housing preferences for the Spring semester. NOTE: We are not able to guarantee your return into the originally selected space.**

**In addition** to the Exclusive Merion Gardens and Townhouse Communities, Juniors/Seniors wishing to live with a rising Sophomore students(s) may be pulled into a space by a rising Sophomore at the earliest selection time. Rising Sophomore selection will occur during the Housing Selection Process in the Spring 2017. (Sophomore selection occurs prior to Junior/Senior selection)

# Junior/Senior HOUSING SPECIAL EDITION

**The Office of Residence Life** is excited to offer Merion Gardens Apartments and the Morris Quad Townhouse Communities exclusively to Junior and Senior students. Rising Juniors and Seniors who wish to live on-campus will have the opportunity to live in a community of other Junior and Senior students in facilities offering important amenities desired by upperclassmen.

Due to the popularity of this community and feedback from Juniors and Seniors in previous years, we have updated our Housing Selection Process to include an "Early Action" Selection opportunity in addition to our regularly scheduled Spring Selection Process.

### Early Action Housing Selection – December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

*\*Single-occupancy apartments in Merion Gardens will NOT be available for selection during this process*

- Students may sign up for a space and THEN complete a Housing Agreement to confirm their reservation for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.
- Students will NOT need to commit to a Housing Agreement in order to participate in this process.
- Students may select their housing assignment IN PERSON on December 1<sup>st</sup> or December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Standard Housing Selection Process – April 2017

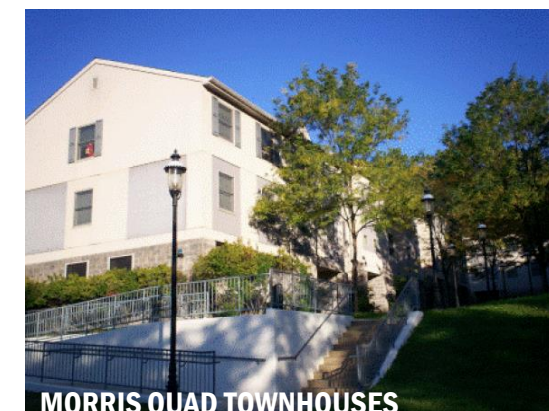
- Students must submit a Housing Agreement through The Nest to participate.
- Available spaces must be filled to capacity through this selection process.

Check out our website for updates and additional information about these processes!

[www.sju.edu/reslife](http://www.sju.edu/reslife)



**Explore our exclusive housing options for Juniors and Seniors.**



MORRIS QUAD TOWNHOUSES



MERION GARDENS APARTMENTS

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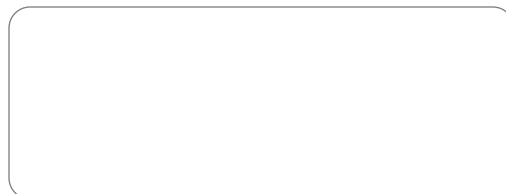
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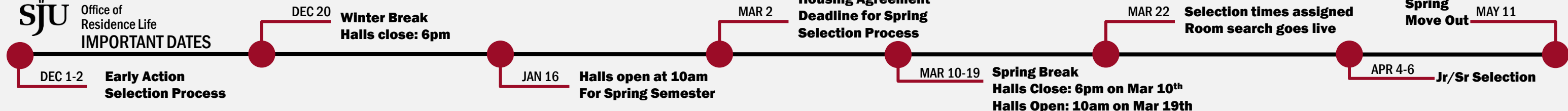
**JUNIOR/SENIOR EXCLUSIVE HOUSING INFORMATION ENCLOSED**



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**SJU** Office of Residence Life



**Some Important Considerations for the On-Campus or Off-Campus Decision:**

**On-Campus Housing Provides:**

- ✓ Proximity to campus, campus transportation and SEPTA
- ✓ 24-hour Public Safety & Maintenance availability
- ✓ University internet & cable services
- ✓ 24-hour SJU Maintenance staff
- ✓ Free residential parking
- ✓ Access to residential fitness centers
- ✓ Academic year term with an affordable 12-month option

**Considering Off-Campus Housing? Here are important questions to ask:**

- ? **Rent:**
  - How much is it?
  - When is it due?
- ? **Deposit:**
  - How much is it?
  - How and when is it refunded?
- ? **Subletting:**
  - Is it permitted?
- ? **Parking/Transportation:**
  - Is it available?
  - How will I get to campus?
- ? **Utilities:**
  - What is included in the rent?
  - What are the billing/payment procedures?
- ? **\*Educational Housing District Law:**
  - Is the lease compliant with this law?

**Commonly Asked Questions**

**Is the Housing Agreement binding for one semester or the entire year?**

For the entire academic year. Students who are participating in an off-campus program (Study Abroad/Co-Op/etc.) will be released from the Agreement for the semester during which they are away. See the reverse for additional information specific to Study Abroad and Co-Op.

**Can I submit a Housing Agreement as a back-up plan in case I am unable to secure off-campus housing?**

NO! A student should not enter into a University agreement AND an off-campus contract. In doing so, the student would be held financially responsible to the cost of the University's Housing Agreement. If a student is not able to secure off-campus housing, we may be able to accommodate late Housing Agreements even through the summer prior to the start of the academic year.

**Is there a deposit required to participate in the Housing Selection Process?**

A \$350 Reservation Payment is required to participate in the Housing Selection Processes. This payment will be credited toward the 2017-2018 Housing Charges.

**How are the selection times assigned?**

No selection times will be assigned for the Early Action Selection Process in December. This process will allow students to make their selection in the order that they arrive to the event.

During the Spring Selection Process, selection times are randomly assigned by class year, through an automated computer program.

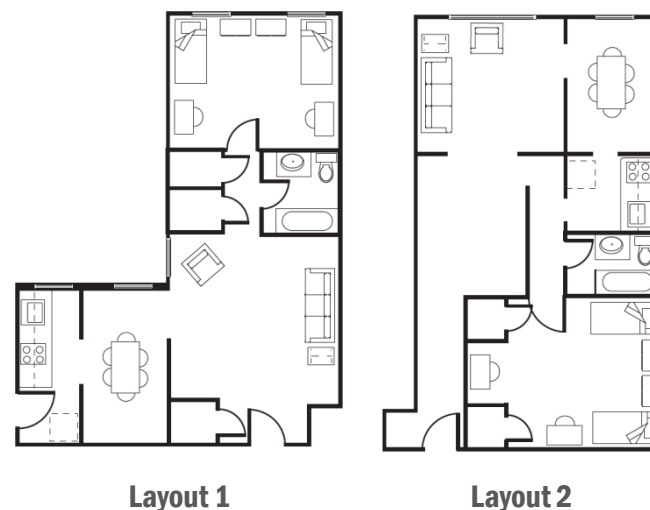
**Are there summer housing options in the Exclusive Upperclassman Communities?**

Rising Juniors and Seniors who select into Merion Gardens or the Townhouse Communities will have the opportunity to complete a 12-month Housing Addendum, allowing them to move into their assignment in May for an additional cost. Students with a completed 12-month Addendum will be permitted to stay in their space during University breaks through the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

**Merion Gardens Apartments**

- Predominantly 2-person units (see typical floor plans below)
- Several 4, 5 and 6-person apartments available.
- In-wall air conditioning units
- Full kitchen/bathroom
- Hardwood floors
- Basic furniture
- Free laundry facilities
- Fitness center located in the basement
- Security-monitored parking lot behind the building

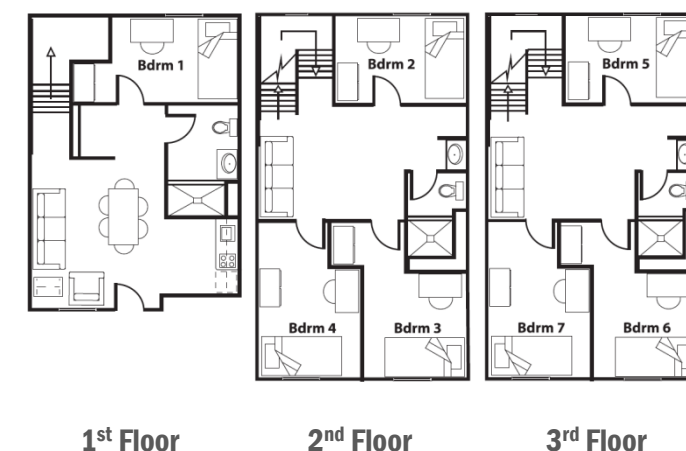
**Floor Plans of Typical 2-Person Apartments**



**Morris Quad Townhouses**

- 4-person & 7-person townhouses
- Single bedrooms
- Central air conditioning
- Kitchen and 2-3 full bathrooms
- Washer/dryer unit in each Townhouse
- Basic furniture.
- Access to fitness center located in Moore Hall
- Security-monitored parking adjacent to the buildings

**Floor Plans of Typical 7-Person Townhouses**



**Examples of Events & Programs held in the Jr/Sr Communities**

- Trip to Washington DC
- Preparing to Study Abroad
- Career Development Events
- Dinner with Campus Ministry
- Budgeting & Personal Finance
- Local Trip to Linvilla Orchards
- Exploring Graduate Programs
- Dinner with the President

**Junior-Senior Exclusive Housing is shaped by the different goals and interests of older students.**

**\*Educational Housing District Law**

Section 9-2805. Zoning Compliance

The Educational Housing District Zoning Code states that no **more than three unrelated people** can live in a legal one-family off-campus dwelling. No matter how many bedrooms a house or apartment has, each one-family dwelling can have no more than three occupants.

Violations to this code may include tenant and/or landlord fines and/or eviction. This code extends to houses in Manayunk, Lower Merion, Upper Merion and Overbrook Farms (All of Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties).