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 2020-2021 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 2020 Study Abroad or Co-op program will not be assigned a selection time to make a selection during the formal selection process. In November 2020, Residence Life will communicate with all students who are returning from a Fall experience to inquire about their housing preference for the Spring 2021 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 2020-2021 Housing Agreement should participate in the Housing Selection Process to make a selection for the Fall 2020 semester. Students who are then confirmed for Study Abroad/Co-Op/Internship experiences for the Spring 2021 semester will be released from the Housing Agreement and may move out of their on-campus assignment at the end of the Fall semester.

Space Retention: Stay in the same assignment for 2 years!

We are excited to offer current students in Merion Gardens and the Townhouses the opportunity to retain the same assignment for the 2020-2021 academic year. This would allow current residents intending to return to on-campus housing for the 2020-2021 academic year the chance to be automatically reassigned to their current assignment.

This means that you would not have to participate in the large Housing Selection Process and you would not have to move all of your belongings home for the summer and move them back in for the fall!

Current Sophomores who complete a Housing Agreement to live in the Junior/Senior Communities for the 2020-2021 academic year may be eligible to retain their space for 2021-2022!

Information regarding this process will be emailed directly to students who are eligible to retain their current space.

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 Merion Gardens and Townhouse Communities, Juniors/Seniors wishing to live with a rising Sophomore student(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 2020.

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

The Office of Residence Life is excited to continue to offer Junior/Senior Communities in Merion Gardens Apartments and the Morris Quad Townhouses. 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 including parking, spacious apartments, and access to all University services.

Space Retention/Selection for current Merion Gardens & Townhouse Residents – November 20th and 21st

• Current residents in Merion Gardens and Townhouses may complete their selection first, either to retain their current space or select from a different space within their community.

Early Action Housing Selection – December 5th

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

• Students may stop by to ask questions and participate in this process without committing to a Housing Agreement for 2020-2021.

• Students may select their housing assignment IN PERSON on December 5th.

• Students may sign up for a space and THEN complete a Housing Agreement to confirm their reservation for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Continuing Housing Selection Process – Spring 2020

• Multiple Selection Days will be available for rising Juniors and Seniors to make a selection from what is available.

• Students may complete a Housing Agreement at the time of their selection on the designated selection days.

Check out our website for updates and additional information about these processes! www.sju.edu/reslife

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The Nest
SPECIAL EDITION

Explore our housing options for Juniors and Seniors.

Please visit the SLC website for a full list of available housing.

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Chief Officer of Residence Life
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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 parking
- Access to residential fitness centers
- Academic year term with an affordable 12-month option

**Off-Campus Housing Questions to Ask**
- **Rent:**
  - How much is it?
  - When is it due?
- **Deposit:**
  - How much is it?
  - How will it be used?
  - How and when is it refunded?
- **Subletting:**
  - Is it permitted?
- **Parking:**
  - Is it available?
- **Utilities:**
  - What is included in the rent?
  - What are the billing and payment procedures?

**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 lease/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?*
There is no deposit required to participate in the Junior/Senior Housing Selection Process for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

*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.

A similar first-come, first-served process will be utilized for the Junior/Senior Housing Selection Processes in the Spring semester.

*Can I select a housing assignment and still apply to be an RA?*
We recognize that the Early Action Housing Selection Process happens BEFORE other exciting opportunities, such as applying to be an RA. If you make a selection in December and are later selected for an RA position, we will remove your original selection and place you into your newly assigned RA space. Any roommates with whom you selected would receive information about and options for the resulting vacancy.

**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

**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

**Summer Housing in the Jr/Sr 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 who have the completed 12-month Addendum will additionally be required to stay in their space during University breaks through the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

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

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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).