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Greetings from the Office of Residential Life & Housing,

We are gearing up for another exciting year! Please carefully review the updates below regarding student housing for the 2021-2022 academic year.

As a result of the national pandemic, there will be a total of 1,200 rooms available for returning sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students who desire to live on campus the 2021-2022 academic year. Housing is provided on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. If additional rooms become available, students will be notified by August 1, 2021. Once the housing capacity has been reached, returning students are encouraged to seek housing options off campus.

The Ernest Knight Living Learning Complex, New Student Residence Hall, and Normal Hills Student Apartments will continue to offer a non-traditional living option for returning students which includes suites/units, based on gender, throughout the buildings. The New Student Residence Hall will house returning students that have *at least 31 earned/passed credit hours* as of Spring 2021. Normal Hills Student Apartments will house returning students that have *at least 64 earned/passed credit hours including* graduate students as of Spring 2021.

It is very important for students to register for housing *early*. The priority application process opens on April 16, 2021, and will close on May 1, 2021. This year, priority will be given by student classification, starting with graduate students, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and returning freshmen. Each student classification will be given a designated date to complete the registration process. Returning students desiring to live on campus for the 2021-2022 academic year *must meet the following criteria*:

- Pre-register for Fall 2021 classes: minimum 12 credit hours (undergraduate students) and minimum 9 credit hours (graduate students).
- Pay \$100 non-refundable application fee
- Pay \$250 deposit (should already be on file before registration opens)
- Have the 2021-2022 FASFA, or a verifiable method of payment on file with Financial Aid

For additional information regarding our fall housing registration and move-in processes, please visit our website at [www.aamu.edu/housing](http://www.aamu.edu/housing). If you have questions, please contact the Housing office at 256.372.5797 or [housing@aamu.edu](mailto:housing@aamu.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karla Miller".

Karla Miller  
Director, Office of Residential Life & Housing

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. I am not sure what student classification means or the credit hours associated with it?

If you have earned/passed	Then you are a...
0-30 semester hours	Freshmen
31-63 semester hours	Sophomore
64-94 semester hours	Junior
95 or more semester hours	Senior
Master's or Doctoral Degree	Graduate student

### 2. I am a returning student, what if my deposit is not on file?

The deposit was waived for new students enrolled as of Fall 20/Spring 21 (only). You will need to pay your deposit prior to the housing application opening. Payments for the housing deposit will not be available to pay once the application opens in April.

#### First-time Fall 20/Spring 21 Students

Please log into the housing portal and pay your deposit starting at midnight on March 8<sup>th</sup> until April 10<sup>th</sup> and ending at 11:59 pm.

#### Returning Students

Returning students should have a deposit already on file unless you canceled your assignment and requested it to be refunded. *However, the ability to pay the fee will be available to all returning students in the housing portal IF you need to pay it.*

Please do not pay the deposit if it is already on file. We do not have the manpower to check each students' account nor refund your fee immediately should you make a mistake.

### 3. I am a returning student applying for housing, why am I unable to access the housing application?

If you are a returning student, and you cannot access the housing application you may not have met the criteria. Please make sure the following has been met before you apply.

- Have the 2021-2022 FAFSA, or a verifiable method of payment, on file with Financial Aid
- Pre-register for Fall 2021 classes: minimum 12 credit hours (undergraduate students) and minimum 6 credit hours (graduate students)
- Pay \$100 non-refundable application fee
- Pay the \$250 deposit (Should already be on file)

### 4. I am a returning student and there is a "hold" on my account. Will this keep me from applying for housing. Yes. If you have a "hold" on your account, it will prevent you from registering for classes. Now is the time to have those "holds" removed. The most common "holds" are the following:

- Medical, you need to submit your documents to the [Health and Counseling Center](#).
- Accounts Receivable (A/R), you need to make an appointment to schedule a payment plan. After all your aid has posted, and you still have a balance. Use the virtual lines to make an appointment <https://www.aamu.edu/campus-life/virtual-lines.html>

If your financial aid has not posted, along with accepting your loans. You need to reach out to financial aid first by making an appointment using the Virtual Lines <https://www.aamu.edu/campus-life/virtual-lines.html>

- [Judicial](#), you need to complete the sanctions given based on your Student Conduct Issue.

*It is the students responsibly to take care of having the “holds” removed. No excuses. However, it is the various offices responsibility to respond to your issue in a timely manner. You are welcome to reach out to [housing@aamu.edu](mailto:housing@aamu.edu) for directions on how to proceed.*

5. **Do I need to complete the criteria listed before applying? Yes**
6. **Can I skip some of the criteria listed and apply for housing? No**
7. **I want to apply to stay in normal hills for fall 2021, I will be a junior at the end of the semester, will normal hills be available for me to choose?**

You will only be able to select Normal Hills as an option if have passed (earned) 64 plus hours at the time you apply for housing. The current semester and/or future hours anticipated completing will not be considered.

8. **I want to room with my friend what do I need to do?**

All students wishing to reside together must meet all application criteria in order to access the housing application. You need to send a roommate request to your friend within the housing portal. Once they approve, only one person needs to choose the room. Wherever you go your friend will show up.

9. **I don't see the residence hall/apartment community that I desire to reside. Can my application be canceled and resubmitted? No**
10. **If I do not select a room because I do not see the hall, complex, or community desired, can my application fee be refunded? No.** Students who pay the nonrefundable application fee are only eligible to choose an assignment, which is based on availability.
11. **If a selection is not made, will housing assign me to a room? No.** It is very important not to delay your housing selection.