

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Residential College & Language House Applications are due November 14th
- Rising 2nd Year applications are due December 1st
- Rising 3rd and 4th year students seeking new assignments: Applications are due January 20th

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## Application for 2012-13 On Grounds Housing

There is a space for you in On Grounds Housing! If you are a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year student, you are guaranteed an offer if you apply by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If you already live in an upperclass housing space, you always have the right to re-sign to stay in the same space next year. If you wish to change rooms, there has typically been enough space so that you will receive an offer. On Grounds housing provides an environment that is designed to help you find a comfortable, affordable and safe place to live so that you can be successful as a student.

The reasons students share with us for choosing to remain in on-Grounds housing include:

**Location:** Closer to classes, bus stops, libraries, and food service outlets.

**Convenience:** Your electricity, water, heat and Internet access are included in your room rate.

**Flexibility:** You can change rooms, if necessary – a luxury you won't have off-Grounds.

**Services:** Maintenance staff take care of problems and are available

24/7 for emergency repairs.

**Resident Staff:** Our student staff members living in each area support your personal and academic success.

**Safety and Security:** You live exclusively with other students in an environment where your safety is a priority. Lock and access card systems govern access to the buildings. Lock cores are changed whenever keys are lost. The University has to meet high standards for fire safety and our facilities are inspected annually by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

**9 Month Lease:** For undergraduate students the term of the contract is for the 9 months of the academic year.



## Rising Second Year Housing

It is important that you understand the process that you are about to enter in applying for upperclass housing. Pay close attention to the information on applying as a group and applying with a current upperclass student as either part of your group or as your preferred roommate.

### No Hurry

Apply by December 1, 2011. As a Rising 2nd Year student, you are guaranteed an offer for upperclass housing for 2012-2013 if

you apply by December 1, 2011. Applying early does not mean that you will receive preference in your housing offer.

### Process

The process is much the same as for the First Year housing applications: all applications are received and held in a database until the deadline. At that time, the computer assigns a random number to each application. The applications are processed by the Accommodations Office in

numeric order of the randomly assigned number. We offer first choice as long as possible, then offer second choices, thirds choices, etc...

### My roommate or my area??

Roommate requests take precedence over area requests. This means that if you have a group of, say, 4 students and have requested Lambeth Field as your first choice and we do not have

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# Language Houses

The University has five language houses:

**LA MAISON FRANÇAISE (French), LA CASA BOLIVAR (Spanish), GERMAN HOUSE (Bice), RUSSIAN HOUSE (Slavic), and SHEA HOUSE (Arabic, Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Italian, Japanese and Persian).**



**LA MAISON FRANÇAISE (French House)**

Acceptance to Shea House will be based on your completed application which will be evaluated by a committee consisting of faculty members from UVa's Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, the Department of East Asian Languages, Literatures and Cultures, and the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. Applications for **Shea House** are available online at <http://web.virginia.edu/Shea/apply.aspx> or call 982-2304.

For details and/or applications for other houses, contact the individual language departments or see the Housing website at <http://www.virginia.edu/housing>.

*Looking for something different? Check out the language houses or one of the Residential Colleges.*

## Brown Residential College

Established in 1986, Brown College was the first residential college at the University of Virginia. Here, students and faculty live and work in close proximity to one another in an arrangement of interconnected buildings called "portals", fostering an atmosphere of community. About forty facul-

ty fellows from many departments and schools of the University maintain close ties to the College. The College is governed by a committee of approximately 30 Brown residents who make decisions, organize events and disburse funds to enrich life in Brown. To obtain an application and

more information, visit the Brown College website at [www.virginia.edu/browncollege](http://www.virginia.edu/browncollege). Upperclass students living in Brown College are normally required to participate in a meal plan. Please contact Dining Services for more information.

## Hereford Residential College

Students choose Hereford College because of its active programming and events built around themes of sustainability and cultural diversity. A core of 40 faculty, grad student and community Fellows are committed to engaging Hereford's 200 residents outside the classroom through dinners,

field trips, and short courses. The spacious Hereford grounds include play fields, outdoor tables, a mini-farm garden, hammock terrace and hiking and biking trails. The location is also close to the stadium and two fitness centers, many science and engineering buildings, and Runk

Dining Hall. To learn more and see the current calendar of events, visit the Hereford College website at [www.hereford.virginia.edu](http://www.hereford.virginia.edu). Upperclass students living in Hereford College may be required to participate in a meal plan. Please contact Dining Services for more information.

## International Residential College

The IRC is a residence for undergraduate students who are looking for a global perspective. The IRC includes a variety of options for students with an interest in cultural diversity and international issues. Beautifully furnished

lounges and common areas provide space for residents to come together for formal programs or informal socializing. To learn about or apply to the International Residential College, please visit the IRC website at [www.virginia.edu/](http://www.virginia.edu/)

irc. In addition, you can find a link to a YouTube movie created by IRC student residents. Upperclass students living in the IRC may be required to participate in a meal plan. Please contact Dining Services for more information.

# Rising Second Year Students

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any available 2-bedroom apartments left in Lambeth Field, then we will go to your second or even your third choice. Occasionally groups may be split in order to make an offer.

## If I choose a current upperclass student??

If a Rising 2nd Year student (current First Year student) applies to room with a student who is currently an upperclass student, whether as part of a group or as a specified roommate, the entire group will be shifted to the existing upperclass offer schedule and WILL NOT receive an offer until the current upperclass student offer period in January.

## An OFFER, not an Assignment

You will receive an OFFER, not an assignment. You may choose to accept the offer, sign the contract, and pay the

\$100 prepayment,

OR

You can choose to decline the offer by taking no action before the contract deadline. You may then submit a waiting list application to receive another offer later. If you decide to do this, you will not receive another offer until after the existing upperclass students have also been offered spaces. So, it will be much later in the process before you will receive another offer.

OR

## Future Assignment Change Request Period

Another option is to accept the current offer, knowing that you may not receive another offer that you would prefer (so be prepared to live there), and you can submit a Future Assignment Change Request beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7th. These

requests are handled on a first-come-first-served basis, and constitute a waiting list for spaces. If a space becomes available and your name is at the top of the FACR list, then you will be changed to the requested space. **YOU WILL NOT BE CONTACTED TO VERIFY THAT YOU STILL WANT THE CHANGE**, so be sure you want it if you apply for it. If you change your mind, please send an e-mail to [housing@virginia.edu](mailto:housing@virginia.edu) promptly so that your name and request is removed from the list.

The FACR period will continue throughout Spring semester, but no further FACR's will be accepted after Friday, April 13th. Once Spring semester ends, no further changes in assignment will take place. We must move on to handling the incoming student applications and assignments for the next academic year.

Questions about housing??

Check out the Housing website,

[www.virginia.edu/housing](http://www.virginia.edu/housing).

Floor Plan of a typical Bice Apartment; see our website for more floor plans



## Hall Information and Details

The Housing Division offers a wide variety of housing options for returning students. We offer single and double occupancy rooms within apartments, suites and hallway-style buildings. Our inventory of rooms is designed to accommodate the diversity of student housing needs.

For detailed information on all of our housing option, including pictures and floor plans, please refer to the Housing Division website at:

[www.virginia.edu/housing](http://www.virginia.edu/housing)

# Important Dates

- November 14, 2011 Application deadline for **Residential Colleges and Language Houses**, including those currently residing in the residential colleges who desire a different room.
- December 1, 2011 Application deadline for **Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year students**.  
  
Deadline for **Upperclass Students to remain in same room** –sign contract & make \$100.00 prepayment.
- December 8, 2011 Cancellation deadline for students who signed to remain in the same room.
- December 9, 2011 Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year offers sent.  
Offers for Residential Colleges and Language Houses sent.
- January 20, 2012 Deadline for Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> year students to sign contract & make \$100.00 prepayment  
  
Application deadline for current **Upperclass Students wanting a different room**.
- January 27, 2012 Offers sent to Upperclass students wanting a different room.
- February 3, 2012 Deadline for Upperclass Students wanting a different room to sign contract & make \$100.00 prepayment  
  
Application deadline for Waiting List: **Upperclass Students living Off Grounds who desire On Grounds Housing**.
- February 7, 2012 **Future Assignment Change Requests** become available for students with a current assignment for 2012-2013 who wish to request a change.
- February 15, 2012 **Waiting List** offers sent; continues through May 20, 2012.
- April 13, 2012 **Future Assignment Change Request:** Last date to submit a request. Requests already received will remain active until end of May 2012.  
**After that date, no changes will be made (not even direct swaps).**



**Lambeth Field, one of our apartment style communities**