General Information

The Room Draw process and procedures are overseen and implemented by the dean in consultation with the Timothy Dwight Housing Committee. The Committee comprises two representatives from each class. New freshman representatives are suggested by the freshman counselors and chosen by the dean.

At any time students may make suggestions about changes to the room draw rules, but these suggestions must be received well before the Room Draw starts in order to give them full consideration by the housing committee. Changes to the rules are not made after the Room Draw starts, which is the Sunday of the Open House and Information Meeting.

Freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus; that is, students are required to live on campus during their first four terms of enrollment. On-campus housing is not guaranteed for juniors and seniors.

An applicant or his or her proxy must submit a room draw application by the deadline and be present at the appropriate lottery (number pick) and room pick in order to be eligible for on-campus housing.

Students who wish housing must submit an application by the published deadlines for the appropriate draw and for a particular kind of room (single, double, triple, quad, quint, sextet, or octet).

Each application is for a room type (single, double, etc). The room type is the same as the number of names on the application: an application with one name is an application for a single, an application with two names is an application for a double, and so forth.

A student who does not submit a room draw application by the deadline for his class forfeits his eligibility for the room draw. It will be assumed that a student who does not submit an application to enter a junior or senior draw is planning to live off campus. Freshmen must enter a sophomore draw because they must live on campus in their sophomore year. Freshmen who fail to submit applications for a sophomore draw by the published deadlines will be housed by the dean in rooms and with roommates the dean determines.

Late applications can be considered only after a written petition submitted to the dean and the TD Housing Committee, and approval of such petitions should not be assumed.

A student (or his proxy) who submits an application but is absent from the lottery (number pick), or a student who arrives after the completion of his or her part of the lottery, is assigned a number by the housing committee that places him or her at the end of his or her part of the lottery. A student who arrives late to pick a room is permitted to pick a room when he or she arrives, after the pick in progress is complete. A student who is absent from the room pick forfeits his or her chance to pick a room, and it is assumed that person has plans other than on-campus housing.

The order of the room draw is by class, seniors first, and by lottery within class, room type, and points. The students named on the application (or their proxy) pick a number in the appropriate lottery to determine the order that they will pick their rooms in the subsequent room pick.

Students who submit applications and enter the draw but for whom the room type requested is not available enter the Clean-up Draw, where students reconfigure as needed and draw for the remaining rooms.

Following the Clean-up Draw is the Slide Draw where rooms assigned are traded for rooms available. Rooms available are reconfigured at the discretion of the dean for the Slide Draw as another room type (for example, a quad not taken in the prior draws may become a triple for the Slide Draw). Before or during the draw, the dean in consultation with the Housing Committee may reconfigure rooms to meet the housing needs of the college. Students in the college will be notified in a timely way of any reconfigurations.

In the event a space in a room becomes available because a student who contracted for a space subsequently relinquishes it, the dean will house another student in the room in order to use the available space to meet housing needs. In addition, a student who contracts for a room and subsequently relinquishes it will be fined at least one quarter of the room charge (see "Rebate of Room Rent", Undergraduate Regulations). "Contracting" for a room is that point in a draw when the student picks a room and signs the application to take it.
Before the Room Draw starts, rooms will be removed from the list of rooms available for the room draws: rooms for freshmen and freshman counselors and other rooms according to the needs of Yale College and TD special needs. E-26 and E-36 will not be available at the start of the draw because they may be used to house freshmen. Singles C-23 and C-33 will not available in the draws unless they are needed to house juniors in the junior draw or to be assigned to students by the dean at the dean’s discretion. See Slide Draw, below.

If at the beginning of a term rooms become available, the dean will at his discretion make them available in a Special Slide Draw or assign them at his discretion to students returning from leaves of absence, withdrawals, junior terms abroad, or living off campus.

Also, the residents of A20, A30, C22, C32 are expected to be quiet and considerate because resident fellows and the dean live on the other side of the fire doors in one of the bedrooms in each of these rooms. A20 is right above the TD guest suites. Residents of A-20 and A-30 need to know they are not permitted on the roof deck. The door to that deck is locked for that very reason.

**Points for RH triples and quads (except RH 112) , Quads C-22 and C-32**

Points are not cumulative across years but can be held over (“banked”) for a future draw if they are not used. A student can enter a draw, therefore, with no more than one point. Points can be banked for no more than one year. Also, points cannot be split to be used for more than one room draw.

If a student uses a point to enter a draw and subsequently relinquishes housing, he or she does not recover the point, with the exception of juniors in the singles draw who may “bank” the point and use it in their subsequent senior draw.

A student earns one half-point (.5) for each term he or she resides in an RH triple or quad (except RH112) , or if he or she resides in C-22 or C-32 as quads (not if they are reconfigured as triples).

In the senior draw points are averaged to determine the draw order. For example: a two point double will enter the one point draw, and a one point double will enter the .5 point draw. Points are also averaged for clipping in the senior draw (see “Clipping” below).

In the Junior and SophomoreDraws points are added. For example, an application for a double with a student with one point and a student with a half point enters the 1.5 point draw. Reminder: Points are not added among clipped applications (see "Clipping" below).

**Points for Juniors “Forced Off”**

Any junior who enters the room draw and chooses to live or is forced to live in Yale annex housing because TD does not have enough room will earn .5 points for each term. This year annexed housing will NOT be in Swing Space as it was last year. It will be on Old Campus. If they are needed to house juniors “forced off,” the rooms on Old Campus will be identified and available at the start of the junior room pick to be picked in the draw order established by the lottery. If they are not picked that way, they will be available in the Junior clean up draw as any room not picked is available in a clean-up draw.

**Points for Three who live in a Designated Three-Room Double**

This option is not available in the sophomore draw because doubles are not available in the sophomore draw. This option is available only for designated three-room doubles in the junior and senior draws. This is the option: three students may submit an application for a double and, thus, enter the junior double draw or the senior draw with a double application. If at their time to pick in the junior double or the senior draw as established by the lottery a designated three-room double is not available, the application with the three must pass to the clean-up draw (see rules on clean-up draws). Also, with the permission of the dean, a third person may join two in a designated three-room double after all room draws are completed. However it happens, each of the three students in a designated three-room double earns .5 points for each term.
Class Standing

Each student enters the room draw with a class standing: senior, junior, or sophomore. Acceleration cannot be used to determine class standing for the purposes of the draw. Class standing is determined only by terms of enrollment: After 1 or 2 terms of enrollment, a student is eligible to enter the sophomore draw; after 2 or 3 terms of enrollment, the junior draw; after 5 or 6 terms of enrollment, the senior draw.

Submitting an application for a room with a member of another class is permitted and will change class standing for the purposes of the draw to be entered: an application must enter the draw of the member with the lowest class standing. For example, an application with a junior and senior for a double must enter the junior doubles draw. A quad with 3 sophomores and 1 junior must enter the sophomore quad draw.

Clipping

Reminder: Each room draw application is for a room type (single, double, etc). The room type is the same as the number of names on the application: an application with one name is an application for a single, an application with two names is an application for a double, and so forth.

That reminded, room draw applications may be attached together ("clipped") to pick one shared number in the lottery as a clipped group. The group subsequently picks rooms at the same time. Two singles attached together, for instance, will share a number and then pick the two singles (not a double) at the same time in the draw order.

For the sophomore and junior draws, clipping may only be done within a given draw (see "Draws" below). For instance, quads may only clip with quads, triples only with triples, doubles only with doubles, and singles only with singles. For seniors this limitation does not apply. Participants in the senior draw may clip across room types (for example, a single may be clipped to a double to share a number in the lottery and subsequently pick rooms at the same time).

Points and Clipping for Sophomore and Junior Draws: When members of a clipped group have points, the point value of the clipped group is the point value of the lowest member of the group. For example, a clipped group comprising a two-point double and a one point double would have a point value of one point as a clipped group. If all applications in a clipped group cannot be housed, the entire group must pass (see "Passing") and enter the Clean-Up Draw or some application(s) in the group must pass as the group decides. Groups reconfigure into new room types as needed in the Clean Up Draw.

Points and Clipping for the Senior Draw: Seniors may clip across room types (a double may be clipped with a single, for example). In the senior draw clipped groups average their points and the draw order is determined that way. For example:
- A one point single and a two point double should enter a 1 point draw.
- A one point single and a one point double should enter a 2/3 point draw.
- A one point single and a zero point double should enter a 1/3 point draw.
- A zero point single and a two point double should enter a 2/3 point draw.
- A zero point single and a one point double should enter a 1/3 point draw.
- A zero point single and a zero point double should enter a 0 point draw.

Rule added after the spring 2009 draw to preserve the spirit of the draw order: If a member of a clipped group with points does not take a room, the entire group must pass. The reason is to prevent those who plan to move off campus from subverting the spirit of the room draws by clipping with others in order to give the clipped group (and thus its members) higher points and then, at the room pick, passing or not selecting a room at all. That would subvert the spirit of the purpose of points.

If, however, a member of a clipped group without points does not take a room, the other members proceed to pick rooms in the draw order established. The draw then proceeds to the next one in the draw order to pick rooms.
Clipped groups must draw the room type indicated on their application; thus, two clipped singles cannot pick at double. Likewise, a double application may not pick to singles instead of a double at their turn in the draw. To reconfigure the room desired room types, applicants must pass to the clean-up. Reminder: an entire clipped group must pass; a single member may not separate from the clipped group and pass. See “Passing” below.

**Passing**

An application that has picked a number in the lottery (number pick) may decline to pick a room at the room pick and "pass." Those who pass are eligible to enter the Clean-up Draw for their class (see “Clean-up Draws” below). Passing does not result in a loss of points.

A clipped group must pass as a group; that is, all members of the clipped group must pass if passing is chosen as an option at their turn in the draw. The reason is to prevent those who plan to move off campus from subverting the spirit of the room draws by clipping with others in order to give the clipped group (and thus its members) higher points and then, at the room pick, passing and not selecting a room at all.

**Gender Neutral Housing**

Mixed-gender housing is available only to juniors and seniors. Those who wish to apply for mixed-gender housing use the same room draw application form as everyone else does for all the TD draws.

In the draw for rooms, a mixed-gender group is permitted to take a room only under these conditions:

1. Each bedroom within a suite must be able to be single sex; thus, although a man and a woman may share a suite, each must have the option to live in a single-sex bedroom within the suite. For example, a two-room double is not available for mixed gender housing, but a three-room double is.

2. No student will be assigned to a mixed-gender suite if he or she is not willing to be it.

Mixed-gender housing groups will get no advantage or disadvantage in the housing room draw.

At their turn in the draw, if members of a mixed-gender group cannot select a permissible suite (see above) to accommodate them, in the TD draw they must “pass” to the “cleanup draw” to reconfigure into different groups that may or may not be mixed gender.

Advice: Students in intimate relationships are strongly discouraged from rooming together. Strong emotions may change strongly.

**The Octet Draw**

One room is an octet: A-20. This octet will be available in the Octet Draw. The draw order is this: **If the room is not taken in the senior draw**, rising juniors pick ahead of rising sophomores. The applications of both are due at the same time and the draw proceeds shortly after on the same day. Unsuccessful applicants in the Octet Draw may reconfigure and submit new applications for subsequent draws. If no one submits an application for the Octet Draw, the room will be filled to capacity with rising sophomores in the Sophomore Clean-up Draw.

**The Sextet Draw**

The sextets are I-26, I-36, and A-30. The sextets are for the Sophomore Draw only. Unsuccessful applicants for the Sophomore Sextet Draw may reconfigure and submit new applications for a subsequent Sophomore Draw. Any sextet not assigned in the Sophomore Sextet Draw will be filled to capacity with rising sophomores in the Sophomore Clean-up Draw.
The Quint Draws
One room is a quint: RH-109.
Junior Quint Draw Order: (a) 5-point applications (b), 4.5 point applications, (c) 4-point applications,
(d) 3.5 points, (e) 3 points, (f) 2.5 points, (g) 2 points, (h) 1.5 points, (i) 1 point,
(j) .5 points, (k) 0 points

Unsuccessful applicants for the Sophomore Quint Draw may reconfigure and submit new applications for a
subsequent Sophomore Draw. If the Quint is not taken in the Junior or Sophomore Quint Draws, it will be
filled to capacity with rising sophomores in the Sophomore Clean-up Draw.

The Quad Draws

Applicants for the Junior Quad Draw may withdraw their applications before or at the draw itself before
they pick a room so that they might reconfigure and submit applications for a subsequent Junior Draw.

Junior Quad Draw Order: (a) 4-point quad applications, (b) 3.5 points, (c) 3 points,
(d) 2.5 points, (e) 2 points, (f) 1.5 points, (g) 1 point,
(h) .5 points, (i) 0 points

Sophomore Quad Draw: If there are more applications in the Sophomore Quad Draw than there are quad
available, the unsuccessful applicants may reconfigure and submit new applications for the Sophomore
Triple Draw. That said, in the sophomore quad draw, an application must take a quad if one is available.
Any Quad that is not taken in the Sophomore Quad Draw will be filled to capacity in the Sophomore
Clean-up Draw.

Single-Sex Bathrooms

A student are expected to use clipping to try to secure a single sex bathroom or are expected to enter draws
for these rooms: B11 and C10 each has an interior bathroom, the double L10 has its own bathroom, quad
RH 112 and octet A20 and the sextet A30 each has an interior bathroom (which the occupants must clean
themselves, by the way).

Students who for some extraordinary and compelling reason need to be assured housing with a single-sex
bathroom must petition the dean in writing no later one week before the beginning of their room draw. The
dean will consider the merits of the petition and consult as needed with the TD Housing Committee and the
Yale College Dean of Student Affairs. The dean, at his discretion, may remove one or several of the above
rooms from the draw in order to accommodate a compelling reason for a student to have a single-sex
bathroom.
**The Draw Order**

Draw order within each draw below is established by the numbers picked at the lottery (number pick):

**Senior Draw**

All available rooms (except the sextets) in TD and RH are included in this draw.

The Draw Order: By lottery and in order of points, highest to lowest.

[Note: The draw order is not by room type; it is established by points.]

**Octet Draw**

The Draw Order (if octet is not taken in senior draw): By class (juniors first) and lottery.

**Sextet Draw**

Rising Sophomores Only

The Draw Order: By lottery (number pick).

**Quint Draw**

The Draw Order: By class (juniors first) and lottery (number pick)

**Quad Draw**

The Draw Order: By class (juniors first) and lottery (number pick)

**Junior Draws**

**Triple Draw**

Note: Applicants for the Junior Triple Draw may withdraw their application before or at the draw itself before they pick a room so that they might reconfigure and submit applications for the Junior Double and Single Draw (this rule parallels the rule for the Junior Quad Draw)

**Double and Single Draw**

Junior Draw Order: By lottery (number pick) for each room type.

(1) Junior Triple Draw    (a) 3-point applications, (b) 2.5 points, (c) 2 points, (d) 1.5 points, (e) 1 point, (f) .5 points, (g) 0 points
(2) Junior Double Draw      (a) 2-point applications, (b) 1.5 points, (c) 1 point, (d) .5 points, (e) 0 points
(3) Junior Single Draw    (a) 1-point applications, (b) .5 points, (c) 0 points

**Sophomore Draws**

The Draw Order: By lottery (number pick)

**Crowding**

With prior permission of the dean, an application for a room type in the draw for that room type may include more members than the room type designates; for instance, three may submit an application for a double because they are willing to crowd a double when triples (for instance) may not be available. That crowded application would enter the draw for a room designated a double in a draw for doubles—not the draw for triples. Singles, quads, and sextets cannot be crowded. Crowding is voluntary and each member of a crowded suite earns .5 point for each term in the crowded room. De-crowding—housing fewer than the number designated for a room type—takes place during the Slide Draw (see below).

**Clean-up Draws**

Students who pass and students who submit applications and are not housed after the previous draws enter the Clean-up Draw. Remaining rooms are included in this draw, except those reserved by the dean for special circumstances or expected contingencies.
Participants pick rooms as individuals, and rooms will be picked according to the established draw order. Participants who share the same number from their previous lottery (were clipped, for example) will pick new numbers to determine the draw order among them.

At a participant's turn to pick, he or she picks roommates and a room to fill. All rooms must be filled to capacity. For example, a triple must house three students.

If necessary, the dean will assign rooms and roommates in order to house sophomores. If housing is short, juniors will be housed before sophomores only to the point that will allow sophomores to be housed because sophomores are required to live on campus.

If TD does not have enough beds to house the rising juniors who enter the junior draw, rooms will be made available as needed on Old Campus.

Because the TD Housing Committee will know whether or not TD has enough beds for those who enter the junior draw BEFORE the room pick for the junior draw, the rooms on Old Campus (if they are needed) will be put on the board at the start of the room pick. Students who pick those rooms will earn .5 point for each term in those rooms.

Slide Draw

Rooms not taken in previous draws are available for the Slide Draw. The Slide Draw proceeds by the draw order in previous draws (see “Draw Order” above). For the Slide Draw those who were housed in a clean-up draw are then placed at the end of the draw order for their class and room type and in the order they reconfigured and then picked rooms in their clean-up. In the Slide Draw, rooms will be re-designated at the dean’s discretion to make them available. A room will not be re-designated for the Slide Draw to the extent that a bedroom remains unoccupied. Before the Slide Draw the dean may remove rooms available for the slide in anticipation of some possible future need (roommate difficulties, for instance).

C-23 and C-33 are not available in the draws, including the slide draw. They will be used to house 2 international exchange students who will be assigned to TD. Also, as noted elsewhere, rooms E-21, E-26, and E-36 are not available in the room draws, including the slide draw, because they will be needed to house freshmen.

Changing or switching rooms after the end of the Room Draw

Students must enter the TD room draw with the expectation that they will indeed live in the room they select in the draw. In the exceptional and unusual circumstance that students need to switch rooms, this must be discussed with Dean Loge who may or may not approve the switch. Students who enter the draw must assume that the dean will not permit a change or switch of rooms after the draw is over.

Relinquishing a room after the Room Draw

By a signature on the application after a room is taken from the draw, each named on the room draw application acknowledges that by accepting university housing that each is financially responsible for the fall term room charge and are eligible for rebates only in accordance with the Undergraduate Regulations.

In the event a bed in a suite becomes available because a student in that suite subsequently moves off campus, withdraws, or takes a leave of absence, the Dean will house another student in that suite in order to use the available space to meet TD or Yale College housing needs. The dean may also house a student in a room when a student goes on junior terms abroad in a spring term and thus leaves a space in a room that may be needed to house students who return from a fall terms abroad, leaves of absence, withdrawals, or moving into the college from off campus.
The regulations state that a student who accepts housing for fall term in the room draw and subsequently relinquishes that housing is subject to a charge of at least 1/4 the term room charge.

**Housing and a Fall-Term Abroad**

Students who plan to be on a fall-term junior year abroad are not eligible to enter the room draw. When students return to campus in the spring, ordinarily rooms are available in TD to house them, including singles, because rooms are vacated by students who study abroad in the spring term. The housing of students returning from a fall term abroad is done by the dean of Timothy Dwight. Sometimes students who will be abroad in the spring are permitted to plan ahead and arrange a space for themselves this way: when they return they take the bed in a fall-term room of friends because one of those friends vacates the bed by studying abroad in the spring term.

**Housing in Swing** [if applicable in a given year in the TD room draw]

Swing Space is still on-campus housing and therefore requires participation in a meal plan. Students who are scheduled to be house in Swing will need to go online in the fall and select the meal plan. Their current choice will not automatically carry over.