

## Students Resuming from a Leave of Absence

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When the time comes for a student to return to the College, if they would like to return to live in the House System, they need to submit the following three items:

1. Housing deposit check for \$150 (which will be credited against their first quarter's housing charges). Checks should be written out to "University of Chicago".
2. Housing Contract/Application card
3. Housing Preference Sheet

When a student decides to resume their studies, they must initiate resumption paperwork with the College prior to submitting their housing deposit check, Housing Contract/Application card and Housing Preference sheet. The Office of Undergraduate Student Housing is unable to make a housing assignment until we receive confirmation from the College that a student has been approved to resume their studies. If the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing receives a student's housing deposit check and paperwork before their approval is granted, we will hold the check and paperwork until we receive the confirmation from the College.

**Students who are resuming their studies in Autumn quarter** cannot independently reserve a room for the Autumn quarter during the Spring Lotteries as the Spring Lotteries are exclusively for the participation of currently enrolled College students, and students' requests to resume studies for Autumn quarter are typically not approved by the College until August. Students who hope to resume their studies in Autumn can, however, be pulled into multiple occupancy rooms. If a student is pulled into a multiple occupancy room/suite during the Spring Lotteries, that room assignment will be a tentative assignment until the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing receives confirmation from the College that the student has been approved to resume their studies. Students who are not pulled in will be assigned to a room in the House System at the end of August. All housing assignment confirmations for resuming students will be mailed out via postal mail in late August/early September.

**Students who are resuming their studies in Winter or Spring quarters** are permitted to participate independently in their former House's end-of-quarter room lotteries. To do so, students must have a housing application on file with the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing, and must contact the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> week, the quarter before they hope to resume their studies.

Example: If you plan to return for Winter Quarter:

1. Contact the College at least 6 weeks prior to the start of Winter Quarter to begin the resumption process.
2. Submit housing application paperwork to the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing.
3. Email the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing at [housesystem@uchicago.edu](mailto:housesystem@uchicago.edu) before the Friday of 8<sup>th</sup> week of Autumn Quarter to indicate interest in returning to your former House.

Please note how the rules of seniority are affected by your Leave of Absence and dictate your participation in your former House's lotteries, if applicable, upon your return:

Each quarter that a student is on a Leave of Absence counts as a quarter against the seniority they had in their House (the House they lived in immediately prior to their departure); effectively a "negative" quarter. Thus, someone with six (6) quarters in a House, after taking a Leave of Absence for two (2) quarters, would resume their housing with four (4) quarters of seniority in their former House. A student will not have any seniority in their former House if they live in a different House upon their return to housing. Students on a Leave of Absence do not maintain their number of quarters in the College, minus the quarter(s) away.