

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY

STUDENT HOUSING

NEC USE ONLY		
	Yes	No
Housing Assignment	Housing Deposit Rec'd	Date Received

ALL INCOMING STUDENTS must fill out and return this form by June 1st to:

New England Conservatory, Office of Admissions
290 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

All unmarried undergraduate and graduate students have the option of living in the residence hall. For those who are not required to live in the residence hall, rooms are given on a first come first serve basis.

General Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
 Home City _____ State / Province / Region _____ Country _____ Citizenship _____
 Mobile Phone # _____ Gender _____ E-mail Address _____ I do not wish to have my e-mail or phone # shared with my future roommate.
 11-12 Class: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ 1st Year Graduate ___ 2nd Year Graduate
 Major Instrument / Voice Type _____ Degree _____

Housing Requirement

All undergraduates, including transfers, must live in the residence hall their first year at NEC.

Exemption from this requirement will be granted if the incoming undergraduate student is living at home with a parent, is over 21 years old, or is married.

- 1. If you are a first year undergraduate who will be living in the NEC Residence Hall check here: _____**
Skip to the Roommate Questionnaire on page 2 & 3.
- 2. If you are not a first year undergraduate and plan to live in the NEC Residence Hall check here: _____**
Skip to the Roommate Questionnaire on page 2 & 3.
- 3. If you are a Graduate Student who will be living off-campus check here: _____**
Skip to Off-Campus Housing on page 4.
- 4. If you would like to request an exemption from the Residence Hall requirement please fill out the information below:**

I would like to request exemption from the housing requirement because:

- _____ I am over 21
- _____ I am married
- _____ I will live at home with my parents as listed below:

Parent's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

- _____ I am requesting an exemption from the residence requirement for reasons other than above.
- _____ I have enclosed is a written petition detailing my reasons for this request.

Please Note: Students requesting exemption must include the \$525 housing deposit with this form which will be refunded if exemption request is approved.

Information regarding off-campus housing can be found on page 4.

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ROOMMATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NEC USE ONLY		Name _____	
Housing Assignment _____	Preference: 21 CO SS	Gender: M F	

This questionnaire is designed to help us give you the best possible roommate match. Please be honest and forthright. All responses will be kept confidential. We cannot guarantee a perfect match or that all requests will be granted. On Campus living is an experience that one never forgets. It provides an instant close knit community of friends and colleagues. Students who live on campus are always surrounded by people who support them, who they can talk with, eat with and share time with. With the many benefits also come challenges, which is why on campus living is often considered a character building experience. Living in close quarters with a roommate will for many be the first time in their life that they have had to share a room. It will require patience, honesty and kindness. It will require each roommate to learn to verbally express their needs, to consider each other's needs before their individual wants, and to learn to not take their roommate's habits and behaviors personally. By the end of their first year, many students have in their roommate a lifelong friend who they know and love like family.

Please complete and return with your housing application and \$525 housing deposit by June 1st to Admissions.

You may request a specific roommate under **Housing Preferences**. Only mutual requests will be granted.

General Information

Have you ever lived in campus housing at another university/college? YES NO
 Are you an International Student? YES NO
 Would you like to live with an International Student? YES NO
 Would you like a roommate with the same major? YES NO Maybe

Do you plan to study in your room? YES NO
 When do you usually study? Morning Afternoon Evening

Would you like to have visitors and guests in your room? YES NO
 Would you mind if your roommate had guests and visitors? YES NO

Do you plan to practice in your room? YES NO
Please note that practicing is not permitted in the residence hall after 9pm

Do you have food allergies? YES NO Please be specific: _____

Personal Interests & Personality

Do you like to listen to music in your room? YES NO
 What type of music do you listen to? _____

What is your favorite type of movie? Action Drama Comedy
 Anime Sci-Fi All types

Do you want to have a TV in your room? YES NO Maybe
 Do you play video games? Often Never Sometimes

What do you like to do in your spare time? _____

Are you religious? YES NO Please be specific: _____

Please check any that apply:

I am: Strong Willed Opinionated Easy Going Shy
 I am comfortable with: Diversity Different cultures Gay/Lesbian/Transgender/Bi-Sexual People
 I truly enjoy: most everyone I meet discussing differences getting to know new people
 I am generally: Outgoing -or- Quiet and Reserved -or- Somewhere In Between
 I would prefer a roommate that is: Outgoing -or- Quiet and Reserved -or- Somewhere In Between

ROOMMATE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTINUED

Lifestyle & Habits

What time do you get up in the morning? _____ 5am - 7am _____ 7am - 9am _____ Later
 What time do you usually go to bed? _____ 8pm - 10pm _____ 10pm - 12am _____ Later
 How many hours do you sleep per night? _____ 4-6 hours _____ 6-8 hours _____ 8-10+ hours

Rate your neatness. Please circle:
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Spotless Average Whoa!

I prefer to live with someone that has a neatness level of:
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Spotless Average Whoa!

Do you smoke? _____ YES _____ NO Would you mind if your roommate smoked? _____ YES _____ NO

Do you have any pet peeves or specific needs in order to live healthfully and happily? _____

Are you interested in getting involved with Student Life Events on campus? _____ YES _____ NO

Please share anything else that may help us in the roommate matching / room assignment process: _____

Housing Preference

Although we will try to place you according to your preference, due to space limitations, it is not always possible.

I Request to Room With (optional): _____

Please indicate your preference:

Rank by # with 1 being your top choice -OR- if only one choice appeals to you, simply place a check next to it.

_____ **Single Sex floor**, Substance Free, no alcohol is permitted regardless of age.
Floors 2 and sometimes Floor 3 for Males, Floors 6 and 7 for females

_____ **Co-ed floor**, Substance Free, no alcohol is permitted regardless of age.
Floor 4 and sometimes Floor 3. Bathroom is co-ed; showers and toilets are enclosed and private. Rooms are single sex. There are single-sex floors/toilets above and below if students wish to use other facilities.

_____ **21+ Co-ed Floor**, Alcohol Permitted, Reserved for Graduate Students & Upper-Class Undergraduate Students.
Floor 5. You must be over 21 years old to live on this floor. Bathroom is co-ed; showers and toilets are enclosed and private. Rooms are single sex. There are all female floors above in floors 6 and 7 and all male on floor 2 if students wish to use single sex facilities.

_____ **SEVERAL DELUXE SINGLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS. THESE WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH WE RECEIVE HOUSING DEPOSIT & APPLICATION**

_____ **Shared Graduate Suite.**
Floor 8. Reserved for Graduate students. Alcohol is permitted in the Graduate Suites. Only 2 Suites available. Each graduate suite has two rooms with a shared bathroom, and shared door for two Graduate Students. THESE WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH WE RECEIVE HOUSING DEPOSIT & APPLICATION

If you have any questions while completing this form please call (617) 585-1294

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OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

If you will be living off-campus
feel free to detach & keep this page

Apartment hunting in Boston is challenging! With over 60 colleges in the Greater Boston area, student housing is in high demand. It is also one of the most expensive housing markets in the country. It is best to start searching early and is not advisable to wait until late July or August to find an apartment as your options will be more limited.

NEC Roommate/Apartment Finder:

The Student Activities Center hosts a Roommate/Apartment Finder group on Facebook where you can find other students looking for roommates, apartments, or both. Go to necmusic.edu/residence-life/off-campus-housing to find a link to the Facebook group.

Apartment Hunting Tips:

Realtors

Boston is full of realty agencies. It is recommended to use several. Give yourself several days to look for an apartment to get a feel for how far your money will go. Only you can decide how much you are willing to pay per month. Tell the realtor what you are willing to pay less \$50 to \$200 dollars. Most will show you places that are just above the price range you tell them.

Most apartments are shown by several realtors. They are competing with each other to fill the apartments. If you feel uncomfortable with a realtor, trust your instinct and go elsewhere. When you are looking at apartments, if you don't like the place, building, or neighborhood, be sure to express that to your realtor.

Never give cash to hold an apartment. Make payments using a check, and make sure that if you hand over paper, you get a lease and/or receipt in return. Many landlords require a co-signer and/or credit check, which will cost \$30 to \$50. The realty agency will often take care of this as well. Ask plenty of questions. Remember, you are the customer and your realtor is there to *serve* and *help* you. The agency will make anywhere from \$500 to \$1500 or more when you sign a lease. If there is no fee, the landlord is paying them the fee.

Where to Look

Before you begin, try to have a clear sense of what you are looking for. The neighborhoods within walking distance are Symphony, South End, Fenway, and Back Bay. If you don't mind a bit of a commute, your choices are greater and your rent will be less expensive. You could try Jamaica Plain, Forest Hills, Malden, (Orange Line T Accessible); Mission Hill (Orange, Green E Line, or #39 bus); Cambridge, Somerville, South Boston (Red Line); Brighton, Allston, (Green B Line), or Brookline (Green C or D Lines).

Some students have had success finding roommates and apartments on craigslist.org as well as furniture to furnish their apartment. You may also have luck looking at independent college housing establishments who may offer 9-10 month stays.

Leasing and What to Look For

Most places do not rent for the academic year so expect to sign a lease for a full year. Expect them to hold you to it. Many landlords do not permit subletting. Make sure the apartment has everything you need and is free of things that you do not want, such as mice, cockroaches, trash in the foyer, etc. The building should look well maintained. You will not necessarily pay more for new paint and good management. What you will pay for is size and location.

Commuting

Most students do not bring their cars to Boston their first year. Boston drivers are infamous for their "creative" driving habits. Additionally, street parking in the city is limited. Fortunately public transportation is a reliable option, and Boston is extremely walk-able. If you look at places that will require a commute, try the commute yourself before you sign a lease. Keep in mind that Boston is much busier when colleges are in session. NEC is closest to the Mass. Ave T Stop on the Orange Line (2 blocks), the Symphony Stop on the Green E Line (1 block), or the Hynes/Convention Center stop on the Green B, C, & D Lines (half mile).

Word to the Wise

Put everything in writing. Make sure all pertinent information is on the lease. For example, if your landlord agrees to paint or clean your apartment, include that on the lease. Do not leave anything to memory. Expect to pay a large sum when you sign the lease. Typically landlords ask for first and last months' rent, and a security deposit of up to one month's rent. In addition, you may have to pay a realtor's fee, which can also be up to a month's rent.

Temporary Lodging

If you need an inexpensive place to stay in Boston, you can check out the YMCA at (617) 536-7800, or the Youth Hostel at (617) 536-1027. Both are located close to NEC. They will fill up for late August/early September, so reserve early.

Other Resources:

Check out www.bostonlanguage.com/esl/housing.htm & www.umb.edu/students/housing/shorttermhousing.html

Check out our website: necmusic.edu/residence-life/off-campus-housing

Contact the Student Activities Center if you need assistance at (617) 585-1320 or by e-mail at thesac@necmusic.edu

Please note: This document is prepared solely as a courtesy to incoming students and does not represent an endorsement of any of these resources. NEC does not guarantee the quality, safety, or service of any business or resource listed above.