A Guide for Undergraduate Students
To 2011 Summer Housing Policies

Summary of Major Decisions

1. Summer undergraduate student room assignments will be consolidated into two dormitories:
   - East Campus
   - MacGregor

2. Program and conference guest room assignments will be consolidated into five dormitories:
   - Baker
   - Burton Connor
   - McCormick
   - Senior
   - Simmons

3. Five dormitories will be closed for renovation and maintenance projects:
   - Bexley
   - New
   - Next
   - Random
   - Phoenix Group at Ashdown

Goal of proposed usage plan

Summer housing supports the educational and research mission of MIT by hosting three distinct audiences: undergraduate students, guests of MIT-sponsored programs, and participants in MIT-related conferences. As with last summer, the goal is to make efficient and productive usage of the Institute’s residential facilities by:

1. Consolidating residents
   - Maximize usage
   - Offer better support, security, service
   - Maintain communities

2. Closing buildings
   - Reduce utility costs
   - Reduce staffing costs

3. Performing targeted construction/renovation
   - Complete more work in less time
   - Reduce costs through efficient project management
   - Minimize disruption for summer residents

To read about the work done and benefit realized last summer, please visit:
What should students seeking to live in MIT summer housing know?

2011 summer schedule

Summer housing officially begins on Thursday, May 26 and ends Saturday, Aug.13. For a detailed schedule, visit: http://studentlife.mit.edu/sites/default/files/Summer2011_timeline.pdf

Moving and storage

In order to facilitate summer moves, the Housing Office will assist students with moving and storage. At no cost to students, the Housing Office will once again provide undergraduate students with curb-to-curb moving services for their belongings in May and August.

In addition, the Housing Office has negotiated favorable rates and service for off-campus storage that will include pick up in May, insurance coverage, and drop off in August. Note that students who use this storage will pay for the service themselves.

For detailed information about moving and storage, visit: http://studentlife.mit.edu/sites/default/files/Summer2011_moving-storage.pdf

Maintaining culture

Upon request, the Housing Office will maintain residential communities as much as possible by grouping room assignments for undergraduates from the same dorm.

How are decisions made on summer housing utilization?

The Housing Strategy Group (HSG) is a committee of faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, and staff with an advisory role for the Dean for Student Life and the Dean for Graduate Education on matters relating to the MIT Housing system. The committee is charged by the Chancellor to serve as a sounding board for the deans on issues ranging from summer housing to residence hall rules to rent schedules.

The specific buildings available each summer may change due to construction needs and other factors. The Housing Office works in conjunction each academic year to set the following summer’s housing utilization strategy. This office also consults with Housemasters, undergraduate and graduate students, and representatives of DormCon, the UA, and individual houses. Once a final proposal is in place, the Housing Strategy Group is asked to weigh in and recommend the plan to the Deans.

For more information about the Housing Strategy Group—including meeting minutes and archival information about the process that led to 2010 changes to summer housing utilization—please visit

Questions?

For more information, visit housing.mit.edu.

To contact the Housing Office, send an email to residence@mit.edu.