Ohio University has partnered with My College Roomie (MCR) to offer a dynamic roommate matching option for incoming students. This document contains a timeline, helpful hints, and step-by-step instructions on how to successfully select a roommate.

**HOW TO FIND A ROOMMATE**

1. Log on to [OHIO.MYCOLLEGEROOMIE.COM](https://ohio.mycollegeroomie.com)

2. Complete **PROFILE & QUESTIONNAIRE**

3. Review **POSSIBLE MATCHES & CONNECT WITH OHIO STUDENTS**

4. Match with **PREFERRED ROOMMATES**
   - Prior to May 2 at 5PM

5. Continue to **CONNECT WITH OTHER BOBCATS**
   - May 21-August 22

**ALREADY HAVE A ROOMMATE?**

Match through May 2 on ohio.mycollegeroomie.com or match up on ohio.edu/myhousing beginning May 3 and prior to selecting a room

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Use your OHIO username and password to log in
- Bookmark ohio.mycollegeroomie.com
- A tablet or computer is recommended when completing the questionnaire
- First, ‘friend’ other first-year Bobcats; then you can request to be roommates
- Before you select a room in May, make sure you are still ‘matched’ with desired roommate(s) at ohio.edu/myhousing
- Up to three roommates can be added
- You must complete a profile on MCR to be searchable

**TIMELINE:**

**MID MARCH-MAY 2:**
Log on to ohio.mycollegeroomie.com. Complete your questionnaire and search for friends and roommates

**MAY 2:**
Finalize all roommate matches at ohio.mycollegeroomie.com by 5 p.m.

**MAY 3:**
Log on to ohio.edu/myhousing to confirm your room selection time and verify that you are correctly matched with your roommate(s)

**MAY 3-MAY 21:**
Ohio.mycollegeroomie.com will be unavailable during this time. You can continue to match with roommates at ohio.edu/myhousing

**MAY 10-11 & 14-18:**
Room selection takes place at ohio.edu/myhousing. Review your housing portal to ensure you are correctly matched with all preferred roommates prior to selecting a room

**MAY 21-AUGUST 22:**
Continue to search for friends in your hall and connect with other Bobcats at ohio.mycollegeroomie.com
LOG ON TO OHIO.MYCOLLEGEROOMIE.COM

2. Select ‘University Login’.
3. Use your OHIO ID and password to log in.

*Tip: Your OHIO ID is the first part of your OHIO e-mail (ex: ab123456)

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Housing and Residence Life

housing@ohio.edu or 740.593.4090
COMPLETE PROFILE AND QUESTIONNAIRE

The first time you log on, you will be asked to complete the preliminary profile question and upload a photo.

Complete your profile

Fill out the following fields to complete your profile.

Gender *
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female

Picture

Upload picture
- [ ] Browse...
No file selected.

Your virtual face or picture. Pictures larger than 1024 x 1024 pixels will be scaled down. You are encouraged to upload a photo of yourself to encourage others to interact with you. Pictures should be of you, the owner of the user account, only, and should be appropriate to all audiences. You may not use pictures of others or any photography that is provocative or lewd. Abuse of this system is a violation of the terms of use and can result in disciplinary action.

Save

COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

Under ‘Edit Profile’, you can change your photo, create a short bio, add social media contact info, and answer profile questions. This information is made available to other students who view your profile.

1 To edit your profile, go to ‘Friends & Messages’ and ‘Edit Profile’.
The MCR questionnaire contains a variety of topics, all designed to help determine your lifestyle choices and assist with finding the qualities you are looking for in a roommate. This questionnaire is the basis for all match calculations on MCR.

Types of questions:
- **Lifestyle**: Six questions about studying and sleeping habits
- **Social**: Five questions about extracurricular options and social engagement
- **Room**: Six questions about how you might function within your room over the academic year
- **Personality**: Six questions about personal preferences

2. If you have not completed a questionnaire, the system will prompt you to do so. Select ‘Student Survey’ and MCR will take you directly to the questionnaire.

For each question, rate the characteristics for both yourself (top scale) and your preferred roommate (bottom scale). To complete the questionnaire, follow the steps below for each question.
3. Use the top scale to rate yourself.

In the example below, if you go to bed around midnight, you would set the top button somewhere near the far right. If you go to bed around 10 p.m., you would set the button to the far left.

4. Use the bottom scale to rate what you are looking for in a roommate.

In the example below, if you are looking for a roommate who will go to bed somewhere around 12-1 a.m., you would set the scale somewhere near the far right.

If you do not have a preference for what time your roommate will go to bed you would select the ‘I don’t care’ option. This action expands your match results.

5. When you have finished the questionnaire, select ‘SUBMIT’.

This message will display: ‘The changes to your questionnaire have been saved’. The next step will be to explore matches.
EXPLORE MATCHES AND CONNECT WITH STUDENTS

1. Review your calculated matches at any time under ‘Matches’. While My College Roomie does pull the highest matches to the top, you will be able to view all students who have completed a profile by scrolling through the ‘Matches’ page.

   ![Matches Tab]

   If you have just completed the questionnaire, you will see a message regarding a delay while MCR calculates your matches. This process may take up to 10 minutes. In the meantime, you can edit your profile or review notices in the ‘Announcements’ tab.

ADD FRIENDS

2. To confirm friends, log on to My College Roomie and accept the request. Friend requests will also generate an e-mail to the student’s OHIO e-mail account.

   When the student has confirmed your friend request, you will then have the option to request the friend as a roommate.

   ![Add Friend Button]
Friends can be viewed in two places – under ‘Friends & Messaging’ and under ‘Matches’.
When you have added friends to your MCR account, you can add your chosen roommates from your friends list. You can request up to three other roommates for a total of four students per room. All roommates need to request each other to create a matched group.

1. Send roommate requests.

2. To approve or act upon roommate requests, go to ‘Friends & Messaging’ and select ‘Roommate Request.’ From this page you can approve, ignore, or block roommate requests.

3. Finally, ensure all roommates are properly matched prior to selecting a room. You can confirm roommate selections at ohio.edu/myhousing beginning May 3.
CONTINUE TO CONNECT WITH OTHER BOBCATS MAY 21 - AUGUST 22

After the room selection process is over, continue to connect with your fellow Bobcats! You will not be able to select roommates, but you will be able to search for students who will also be living in your hall.

A Final Note:
A successful roommate relationship is all about personal fit. Sometimes opposites attract, and sometimes a very specific characteristic, such as what time a roommate goes to bed, will be the core of a great roommate relationship. What is most important is that you are able to work with each other to build a cohesive, quality living environment.

It's okay if you don't find somebody on this system. That happens! If you were not successful with finding a roommate, you can still select a room, and your designated roommate(s) will be the other students who also select into room.

The college transition is a big step. You may experience changes in your preferences, personality, and lifestyle choices, and your roommate might too. You will complete a roommate agreement after arriving to campus to help you navigate those changes. You can revisit and update this agreement throughout the year. Our in-hall staff will be ready to assist you with any concerns.

Housing and Residence Life is committed to providing you with the best service possible. You can contact us at 740.593.4090 or housing@ohio.edu.

We can't wait to see you on campus!

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