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

HOW TO FIND A ROOMMATE

1. Log on to OHIO.MYCOLLEGEROOMIE.COM
2. Complete PROFILE & QUESTIONNAIRE
3. Review POSSIBLE MATCHES & CONNECT WITH OHIO STUDENTS
4. Match up with preferred Roommates on OHIO.EDU/MYHOUSING
   May 2-12
5. Continue to CONNECT WITH OTHER BOBCATS
   May 21-August 22

HELPFUL HINTS

- Use your OHIO username and password to log in
- Bookmark ohio.mycollegeroomie.com
- You must complete a profile on MCR to be searchable
- A tablet or computer is recommended when completing the questionnaire
- Before you select a room, make sure you are ‘matched’ with requested roommate(s)
- There is no limit on how many ‘friends’ you can connect with, but you can only have up to three roommates

TIMELINE:

DECEMBER 7-MAY 7:
Log on to ohio.mycollegeroomie.com. Complete your questionnaire and search for friends and roommates

MAY 2-12:
Finalize all roommate matches on ohio.edu/myhousing. You can continue to match with roommates at ohio.edu/myhousing or until you select a room

MAY 12-29:
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.

ohio.mycollegeroommie.com will be unavailable during this time

MAY 20-AUGUST 21:
Continue to search for friends in your hall and connect with other Bobcats at ohio.mycollegeroomie.com

ALREADY HAVE A ROOMMATE?

Match up on ohio.edu/myhousing beginning May 2 and prior to selecting a room. Log on to My College Roomie at any time to connect with other Bobcats.
1. Visit 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
The first time you log on, you will be asked to complete the preliminary profile question and upload a photo.

**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

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:
COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE

RATE YOURSELF

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.

RATE YOUR ROOMMATE PREFERENCE

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.

   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 ten 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.
EXPLORE MATCHES AND CONNECT WITH STUDENTS

Friends can be viewed in two places – under ‘Friends & Messaging’ and under ‘Matches’
Once you have decided on your roommates, visit ohio.edu/myhousing to ‘match’ with your roommates. 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. You can match roommate selections at ohio.edu/myhousing beginning May 2

2. Choose ‘Room Selection’ from the drop down menu and select ‘Roommates/Suitemates’

3. Choose the Fall term of 2019-2020
4 Match with Roommates at Ohio.edu/MyHousing

4 Complete the form with your chosen roommate’s information and click ‘Begin Search’

5 Your roommate request will be saved. All roommate requests must be accepted before the match is confirmed

6 Confirm that the roommate group is fully matched prior to selecting a room
CONTINUE TO CONNECT WITH OTHER BOBCATS MAY 20- AUGUST 21

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 that room.

The college transition is a big step. You may experience changes in your preferences, personality, and lifestyle choices, and your roommate’s preferences might change as well. 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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