

French House Action Plan First-Year Housing Assignments

La Maison Française (French House) is a collaborative and inclusive environment that seeks to build a strong community through our cooking and cleaning system as well as through social events. In order to ensure that we are able to maintain this community, it is important that incoming first-year students who live in the house are aware of the requirements and ready to participate in our house activities and contribute to a successful, enjoyable, and healthy year. The main requirements for house members include participating in nettoyyages (weekly cleaning chores) and grand nettoyyages (large cleaning chores at the start and end of the semester) as well as being a member of a cook team, which entails cooking once a week from 4-7:30 pm.

The way in which French House selects which first-year students will live in the house is as follows:

- French House receives the list from housing of students who are interested in living in the house (ranked French House in top 5)
- French House REX chairs email all students and ask them each to sign up for an information session with a current REX chair through a SignUpGenius. Meeting links are included in the SignUpGenius.
- REX chairs and first year students meet for a 30 minutes slot based on the time the first year student signed up for. During the information session, the following occurs:
 - Personal Introductions
 - REX chair gives description of French House (cooking system, weekly chores, fun events, community, traditions, french connections)
 - REX chair asks first year student the following questions to gauge interest:
 - Why are you interested in French House?
 - What are you looking for in a living community?
 - What is your background/interest in French language/culture?
 - What is your experience/interest in cooking?
 - Would you prefer to live in a single, double, or do you have no preference?
 - What is your noise tolerance?
 - First year students are given the opportunity to ask any questions
 - First year students are told to email HRS confirming or declining their interest in French House
- If there are more interested students than space in the house, students who ranked French House higher and demonstrated strong enthusiasm towards participating in house commitments and activities are given more weight. In addition, students room preferences are taken into account to ensure that there are the necessary types of rooms available. From these students, a list is randomly selected of students to live in the house. In addition, a waitlist is generated in case a student declines interest in French House.
- The list of students is sent to HRS.