
Response to Room Draw Randomization Concern

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Dear Students,

On April 8, a student brought to Housing's attention a concern related to the randomization of draw times for the upper-class room draw. The student pointed out similarities between the selection orders of the 2018 and 2019 upper-class draws. We appreciate the student sharing this information with us.

Housing has been working to understand the issue, how many students are affected, and how best to proceed with the room draw process. Housing has engaged with CBORD, the vendor that provides software to manage the draw process, but the cause of the issue is not yet known.

Times for the upper-class room draw are assigned to draw groups randomly using an algorithm provided by CBORD. However, according to our analysis, students who are in the same upper-class room draw group this year as last year are more likely than expected to have drawn times in the same order as they did last year.

The roughly 220 students directly affected are all rising seniors. Overall, their draw times are improved from last year because of their seniority on campus. However, their order among other rising seniors does not appear to be random when compared with last year's draw times. Housing has reviewed several alternatives for how to proceed with the room draw process and has consulted with the executive committee of the Undergraduate Student Government and representatives of ODUS.

Given that the room draw process is already well underway and the end of the semester is near, we have decided to continue the room draw with the current draw list. However, those rising seniors who are directly affected by this issue and who are in the lower half of their class' draw will receive a \$1,000 reduction on their 2019-20 housing fee. This reduction will be applied during the regular 2019-'20 billing cycles. Affected students have been contacted individually by email.

If students have questions regarding this issue, they can submit their questions and/or concerns via email at 2019draw@princeton.edu. Housing staff will respond to all inquiries.

We realize this may leave some students feeling they are at a disadvantage in the draw. We regret that we have not delivered a definitively random draw this list year. We will continue to work to understand this issue and ensure it is resolved before next year's room draw process begins.

Sincerely,

Dorian Johnson

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