

**USFSP Department of Residential Life and Housing
Temporary Room Assignment**

Frequently Asked Questions

How long will the student be in the temporary assignment?

As the Department of Residential Life and Housing receives Contract Cancellations, students will be moved out of the temporary assignment (double or triple) by mutual decision or by Student Housing Contract received date. Student Housing Contract received dates are determined by the date a student submits the Housing Contract to the USFSP Cashier's Office.

Who moves out of the temporary assignment?

After the semester begins the Resident Assistant for the floor will have a meeting with the three students in the tripled room to discuss and decide which student wants to move. This discussion between the roommates should be based on compatibility and relationships between roommates, among other considerations. If the three roommates cannot mutually decide among themselves who is to move the roommate with the latest Student Housing Contract received date will move.

Can students stay in a temporary assignment?

Students can stay in a temporary triple room if all roommates agree. Remember there are other suitemates you should include in the conversation. In all likelihood rooms will be de-tripled by the end of the fall semester.

How many temporary assignments are in RHO?

We have about 21 temporary assignment spaces (the temporary triple and the temporary double spaces) in the residence hall affecting 56 students, 7 of whom are USFSP University Housing RA staff members. The numbers change daily as students cancel.

Won't it be cramped in the room with all that furniture?

Yes, it will be a bit tight. Storage space will be limited to the shared closet space and under the beds. Not all the furniture will be identical. Here are some creative, yet safe ways of arranging furnishings in order to save space and maximize the amount of open floor space:

- Bring storage drawers or boxes that fit under your bed.
- Hang a shoe organizer inside your suite and bathroom door.
- Bring a small stool to reach the upper levels in the closet.

Each student should restrict the items he/she brings to campus, particularly by leaving least essential items (e.g.: winter clothing) at home. A practical rule of thumb would be to restrict your possessions to what fits in/on your dresser and a closet. Roommates are strongly encouraged to speak with one another where possible prior to move-in day and to ensure that unnecessary duplications (e.g.: TV, refrigerator, etc.) are avoided. Families who travel to campus for move-in day should plan to take back home with them items such as empty trunks and suitcases or duplicated items.

I'm concerned about my ability to study and rest in the temporary assignment. What can you suggest?

Roommates in a temporary assignment should discuss issues that affect any one student's ability to study in the room or get the proper rest. Issues include: daily schedules for being in and away from the room; hour to rise and hour to go to bed; frequency and number of visitors; and use of phone, computer, TV, stereo, radio, etc. that affects another's ability to study or rest. Your RA is

available to assist to prompt discussion of these issues with all residents of the room/suite. The RAs are the person you need to contact to assist in resolving any difficulties that may come up during the semester. Each suite has a common area too for study purposes and each floor in the residence hall has a lounge at the center of the two wings for study and relaxing.

How is the furniture and space allocated in each temporary assignment?

Each temporary assignment is furnished with one bed per person. The rooms also have the standard room furniture. Division of space will be discussed by roommates. Roommates are expected to be considerate and fair to determine what constitutes "living space" and "personal space." We have learned from experience that many students use laptop computers, and do not study in their room. Students who need additional desk space may use the table in their suite or the tables in the lounge located on each floor or share a desk with a roommate. Desk(s) and storage space in the bedrooms and common areas in the suite are shared space while the room is designated a temporary assignment unit.

Is USFSP the only university using temporary assignments?

Actually, many universities use triples and/or temporary assignments as a method to get more students on-campus. Examples include Florida State University, University of Central Florida, Florida Atlantic University, University of Florida, University of North Florida and University of West Florida. Even smaller schools and private Universities such as; the University of Tampa, have used triples or what are commonly referred to as temporary assignments.

How does the Internet work in temporary assignment?

There are two Internet ports in all temporary assignment doubles. There is also wireless Internet connection in floor lounges and in the main lobby in RHO to assist. Students assigned to the temporary double suites have access to the USFSP wireless network.

Are there any benefits to living in a temporary assignment?

Since the likelihood is that a permanent room assignment will become available in the first approximately two months of the semester, students receiving a **temporary assignment receive an alternative rental rate while the room is a temporary assignment. Living in a temporary assignment room** gives you more of an opportunity to meet friends and become engaged in the community.

How much will living in the temporary assignment room cost?

The temporary triple room rental rate is \$2,324.00 per person for the fall semester. The temporary double assignment rental rate is \$2973.00 per person for the fall semester. When a permanent assignment is available the occupants will receive updated rental charges on their OASIS student accounts to reflect the additional rent owed due to no longer being in a temporary assignment.

What are the options if a student with a temporary assignment no longer wants to live on-campus?

You may cancel your Fall/Spring 2009-2010 Housing Contract. To cancel your Housing Contract complete and submit the Request for Cancellation Form found on our website at: <http://www.stpt.usf.edu/housing/>.