

Legacy House Proposal & Expectations

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Legacy Houses are those Special Interest Houses that are retained year-to-year by a recognized student organization, Faith-Based groups, Academic/Department sponsored houses, or Athletic-related houses. In order to be considered a Legacy house, groups must have lived in Special Interest Housing for three years prior to requesting status as a Legacy house. Read through the Legacy House Expectations articulated below. If your group is interested in becoming a Legacy house, please create a proposal with responses to the question prompts below. **Proposals must be emailed to housing@udayton.edu by January 14, 2022.**

Proposal

1. Group Name
2. Group Mission & Purpose
3. Describe your interest in having a legacy house. Describe how having a permanent presence as a legacy house will serve the group and the surrounding neighborhood where the house is assigned.
4. State your Requested House Occupancy.
 - a. Describe your plan for filling the house each year. How will your group fill vacancies?
 - b. Note: Groups must fill the house. If there are vacancies in any given year, the house is placed on probation and is at risk of losing the status of Legacy house (of which there is a 3 year consecutive wait period).
5. Provide a letter of support from the organization president which articulates their support for the Legacy house (Applicable to RSO and FSL).
6. Provide a letter of support from the organization or department adviser which articulates their support for the Legacy house and an understanding of their role as an adviser to maintain the Legacy status for the organization.
7. For RSO and FSL, receive approval from the Center for Student Involvement. Other Legacy groups should receive approval from their connected office/department.

Review Criteria

Special Interest Housing is the pinnacle of learning in residence. An application for a legacy house should include evidence of how a legacy house will provide learning opportunities for their community. Additionally, legacy house applications can only be considered as space is available. There is a limited number of legacy designations.

Legacy House Assignment

Once approved, Legacy houses are assigned within the student neighborhood based on the PATH credit of the group making the application. The house assignment will remain the location for the group as a Legacy house.

Expectations

The expectations below apply to all groups that are awarded a special interest house. Legacy houses are unique in that they are retained year-to-year by a recognized student organization, Faith-Based groups, Academic/Department sponsored houses, or Athletic-related houses. They also include students living at ArtStreet or the Global Learning Living Community in Caldwell apartments. Failure to meet any of the expectations below may result in revocation of the house as well as applicable disciplinary consequences.

Legacy groups have the option of working with the Special Interest Housing committee and Facilities Management to have signage placed on their house, identifying their group. Because these houses are representative of groups and are readily identified with their group, they have a higher standard to uphold. In addition to the expectations of all Special Interest Houses, Legacy houses and those of Recognized Student Organizations have a set of additional expectations.

- **PATH Credit:** Each group member living in the house must demonstrate engagement with their living community by earning 8 PATH credits in order to retain the house for the following year. PATH credit requirement applies to those students living in the house and those applying to live in the house for the next academic year. All PATH credit must be earned and verified by the end of the fall semester.

- Adviser: All Special Interest Houses must have a faculty/staff adviser for the house who commits to helping the group establish and complete a SMART goal that positively impacts their group and the Student Neighborhood. The adviser must be the organization's adviser of record with the Center for Student Involvement. Groups may also have a second adviser who works specifically with Special Interest Housing-related concerns. The advisers must be committed to working with the students to ensure that the house is representative of the mission/values of the organization or group and is filled from year to year.
 - Meet with the house adviser to review a plan to meet SMART goals and discuss safety and risk management. Advisers must complete an online form by October 31 annually.
- Housing Contract, Student Code of Conduct: All other policies and behaviors from the University Housing Contract and the Student Code of Conduct are applicable to Special Interest Houses.
 - Condition of house/apartment (cleaning, damages): There must not be any excessive trash in any rooms of the house. In addition, the yard and porch (if applicable) must be kept free of trash.
 - Alcohol: The use of alcohol containers, packaging, or signage for decoration is not permitted in common areas of Special Interest Houses/Addresses, as they contribute to a culture that promotes excessive drinking of alcohol. All decorations and signage should be considered for their alignment with group and institutional values. In addition, recognized student organizations with liquor liability insurance must follow all of the CSI policies (and their inter/national office policies) for hosting an event with alcohol. All alcohol, if present, must be stored responsibly. Because the house is identified with a group or organization, and that group or organization may be inviting others (who may be under the age of 21) into the house for purposes related to the group or organization, alcohol should not be visible in a common space to anyone visiting the house. If a group's inter/national parent organization does not allow alcohol in organizational housing, that policy must be adhered to as well.
 - Warnings/Citations: Citations or warnings from any University official could result in a review of Legacy status for the group or ability for the Recognized Student Organization to attain a Special Interest House for the following academic year. Egregious violations could result in immediate removal from Special Interest Housing. Warnings include noise and party violations issued by Public Safety. Citations include those issued by Residential Properties for trash, litter, and debris.
- Maintain full occupancy of the Special Interest House for both semesters by junior/senior students.
 - **NOTE**: Groups will be provided the opportunity to fill any vacancy that occurs within a special interest house. In cases where a group is unsuccessful in filling a vacancy, Housing and Residence Life can assign a student into the vacancy.
 - **NOTE**: Should a special interest house fall below half of the group's capacity, Housing and Residence Life may reassign the students living in the house to other housing as outlined in the housing contract.
- Completion of SMART goal progress reports and presentation to your community in a district Community Building Meeting. Progress reports are due by October 31, November 30, and February 28 annually. Completion of your SMART goal presentation to your district in a Community Building Meeting is due by March 30.