



LA CASA HISPANICA 2012 – 2013 APPLICATION

RETURN APPLICATION TO: The Office of Residential Life, Chase Hall, Suite 213
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 pm, Monday, March 19

Since its founding in 1948, La Casa has been the residential focus of Latino, Spanish-American and Spanish cultural vitality at Haverford. It is dedicated to supporting the endeavors of students interested in organizing programs concerned with the cultures and civilizations of the Spanish-speaking world. Preference will be given to students who enroll in courses in the Department of Spanish, are Spanish or Comparative Literature majors or minors, follow a concentration in Latin American and Iberian Studies, or are members of relevant student organizations (e.g., ALAS). Residents are encouraged to organize tertulias (informal discussions) and any other activities that raise campus awareness of Spanish and Spanish American cultures.

LA CASA contains six single bedrooms — 22, 23, 31, 32, 34 and 35 — and a small third floor lounge for student residents. Residents must be on the meal plan. Smoking is not permitted in bedrooms 23, 34 and 35, the third floor lounge, and the second and third floor corridors because smoke in these areas leaks into the faculty residence. Smokers need to keep this in mind when choosing their bedrooms. The foyer, stairway, classroom, first floor bathroom, and basement, including the laundry room, already fall under the College's no smoking policy because they are considered public areas. Parking is not allowed in the driveway of the house, which is for the sole use of the residents of the faculty residence and College service vehicles. Parking is illegal on Oakley Road. Students and their guests must use on-campus parking areas. All student residents are expected to use their Haverford College mailboxes as their return address for mail and package delivery during the school year. The La Casa street address should never be used by student residents to receive mail.

Since La Casa is a faculty residence and is located off-campus in a residential neighborhood, it is considered a "quiet house." As a result, students and their guests are expected to keep noise at La Casa and while walking to and from, activities and houseguests to a minimum. Residents and guests must be mindful of the residential nature of the surrounding community, as our ability to continue to use it as a student residence depends on following the above guidelines.

"CONVIVENCIA"/ATTENDING TO DIFFERENCES under a common roof. For residents and their guests, "convivencia" means that respect for all and consideration for everyone's safety and security must be adhered to. Actions that undermine the principle of "convivencia," or that violate any other consensually determined values, could therefore result in losing the privilege of living in La Casa.

After March 19, applications will be reviewed by Professor Lopez-Sanchez, and students will be notified of her decisions on Monday, March 26. Students will then be responsible for working out their room assignments and confirming their room numbers with the Office of Residential Life by 5:00 PM, March 30.

PLEASE NOTE: A student who applies for and receives housing within La Casa Hispanica may not drop the room and enter another part of the Draw.

APPLICATION FORM on the REVERSE →

2012-2013 APPLICATION for LA CASA HISPANICA

This application, properly filled out & signed must be submitted to the Office of Residential Life (Chase Hall #213) by 5:00 pm, Monday, March 19. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Students, by their application for La Casa Hispanica, are committing to this housing if their application is accepted and once accepted may not enter Room Draw.

While applications will be accepted only from individual students, students who wish to apply as a group* may indicate their preference. Bryn Mawr students may apply, but at least fifty percent (50%) of the residents must be Haverford students. Bryn Mawr students must follow the exchange rules – i.e., equal numbers of Haverford and Bryn Mawr students must live at the opposite college.

As part of this application, students asked to please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and submit it with each application form. Thanks for taking the time to answer these questions.

1. What have been the latest activities that you have been involved in/attended/ helped organized, that somehow relate to issues having to do with the Spanish speaking world and community. (These can be talks, 'field trips' to areas/ countries with an important Hispanic community, volunteering in Hispanic communities etc.)
2. What activities are you going to be involved in in the near future that somehow relate to issues having to do with or take place in the Spanish speaking world or Hispanic communities (This would include internships through the CPGC, courses in the Spanish dept, or in the Iberian and Latin American concentration, study abroad stays, activities w/ ALAS etc – La Fiesta counts too... but other than that.... what else? : -))
3. Write a brief statement of purpose (one page) outlining what activities and/or programs you may help to organize at La Casa in the coming year, such as gatherings to discuss/learn about those activities you will soon be involved in/ or activities that you were just involved in. (For example, if you participate in an internship w/ the CPGC this summer, you could do a presentation to talk about it, including perhaps a poster that could stay in the big foyer room for people to look at; if you are planning to go abroad-- find people that have been abroad to that country and organize a discussion w/ them, etc.)
4. A list of courses taken in the Spanish Department, courses taken in Spanish-related subjects, or courses taken in other relevant subject areas taken or planned for next year.

All students participating in the Room Draw process, by their signature, acknowledge their responsibility to read, understand, and abide by all policies and procedures in the Spring Room Draw Guidelines and the Honor Code.

APPLICANT NAME & SIGNATURE

Name (please print), Year, ID#

Signature

Date

*If possible, I would like to live with the following students who have applied:

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I approve the above student(s) for residency in La Casa Hispanica.

Professor Ana Lopez-Sanchez

Date

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ROOM CONFIRMATION

Each resident must confirm her/his room number for next semester with the Office of Residential Life by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 30.