Making a Reservation in EMS

A Student Organization Guide to Making Reservations in the MSC



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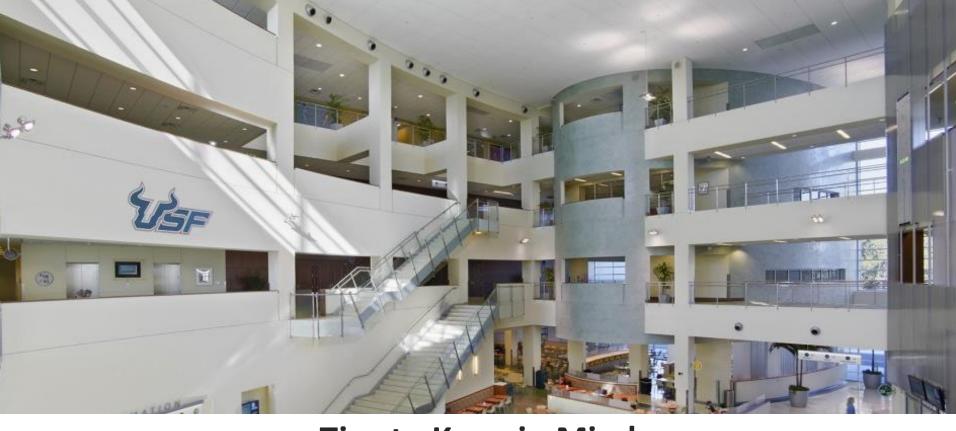
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Tips to Keep in Mind Before Making a Reservation



Review the MSC Policies & Guidelines

- Meetings must be reserved at least ten (10) days ahead of time.
- Student Organizations are allowed one (1) meeting after 5pm every seven (7) days.
- All other events are considered socials and must be reserved at least three (3) weeks ahead of time.
- Student Organizations are allowed one (1) social event after 5pm every fourteen (14) days.

- Meeting rooms have stock setups. These setups cannot be adjusted or changed!
- Painting can only take place in 2708 or the MSC outdoor locations.
- Review all guidelines and policies on our website at https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/msc/documents/ems-combined-policy.pdf



Review the Meeting Time Blocks Chart on our website.

MSC Meeting Time Blocks for MEETING Reservations AFTER 5:00pm

Click on the Room Number to see a diagram of the After 5:00pm Room Set Up

Room	Room Name	Meeting Block Rotation	Stock Set-up	Max # of Attendees	Max # of Tables in Room
2702	LEGACY	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	U-SHAPE	30	0
2703	HONORS	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	CLASSROOM	30	0
2705	INTERNATIONAL	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	CONFERENCE	15	0
2706	YBOR	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	CONFERENCE	29	0
2707	SPIRIT	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	THEATER	60	2
3701	PALM	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	CONFERENCE	15	0
3704	TARPON	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	THEATER	44	1
3705	MANATEE	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	THEATER	90	2
3708	SANDHILL CRANE	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	THEATER	48	0
3709	HERON	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	THEATER	87	2
3711	EGRET	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	THEATER	66	2
3712	COLUMBIA	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	HOLLOW SQUARE	20	0
3713	CHALLENGER	5:30 - 7:00 PM 7:15 - 8:45 PM 9:00 - 10:30 PM	THEATER	35	1
		On certain days, some Social Rooms are used as Meet	ting Rooms:		
2709	HILLSBOROUGH	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	THEATER	153 SUN-WED	2
2708	PLAZA	5:00 - 6:30 PM 6:45 - 8:15 PM 8:30 - 10:00 PM	THEATER	200 SUN & MON	2
		SOCIAL ROOMS			
Social Rooms on SOME Days:			Social Rooms on ALL Days		
	2708 is a Social	Room on Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat.	3707 Oval Theater		
	2709 is a 3	Social Room on Thurs, Fri and Sat.	Outdoor Spaces Ballroom		

Student Organizations are able to reserve the Oval Theater 1 time per semester.

Student Organizations are able to reserve the Ballroom 1 time per semester.

Painting can only take place outdoors or in 2708.



Understand Meetings VS Socials

All events that take place in the MSC are categorized in one of two ways – a meeting or a social. You can find more information on these categories below.

MEETINGS AFTER 5:00PM

- Must be reserved at least 10 days in advance.
- Student Organizations can reserve 1 meeting after 5:00pm per 7 days.
- Maximum time allowed is 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- Must use the stock set up of the room. See chart for the setup of each room.
- Meeting room set ups can not be changed and we can not add any additional furniture to the room.

SOCIALS AFTER 5:00PM

- Must be booked at least 3 weeks in advance.
- Social can ONLY be booked in certain rooms on certain days:
 - 2708, 2709, 3707, Ballroom, Oval Theater or outdoor space.
 - · View the bottom of the Meeting Time Block Chart for socials!
- Must complete an Event Review at least 14 days prior to your event.
- Student Organizations can reserve 1 social after 5:00pm per 14 days.
- No limitations on the length of your event!
- You can have a custom set up this means you are not restricted to the stock room set up!
- Requires at least 90 minutes of flip time between social events. Ballroom requires 2 hours of flip time between events!



Sample Calendar

Plan out your semester events.
It helps to layout your meetings and events on a calendar.

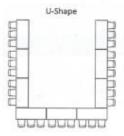
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		30 GENERAL BODY MEETING 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	1	SOCIAL EVENT Guest Speaker 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM	3		Be sure to include holidays & other organization's events that you want to attend!
5	6	7 E-BOARD MEETING 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	8	9	10	holi o	
12	13	14 GENERAL BODY MEETING 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	15 Awards Ceremony Planning MEETING 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	16	SOCIAL EVENT Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	ever	
19	20	E-BOARD MEETING 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	22	23	24		
SOCIAL EVENT Awards Ceremony 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	27	28 GENERAL BODY MEETING 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM	29	30	31		

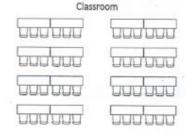


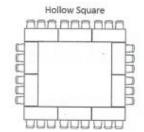
KNOW YOUR ROOM SET UP OPTIONS

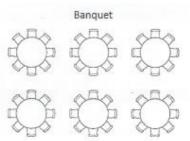




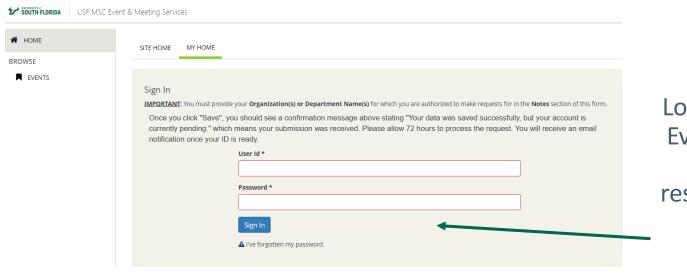








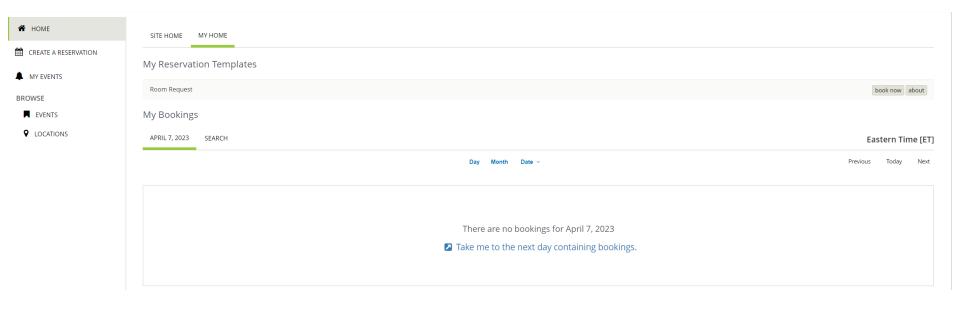




Log in to the MSC Event & Meeting Services web reservation portal <u>Virtual EMS</u>.

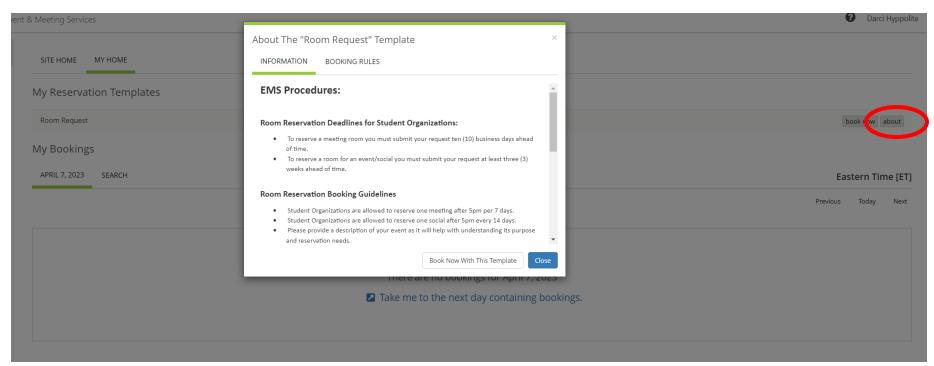
Once you log into the system, it will take you to the home page.

Here you can create a reservation, view your events, and more!



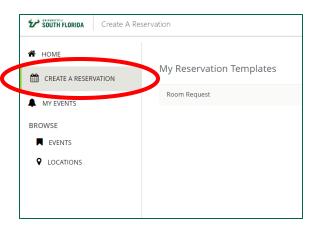
By clicking the "about" button on the home page you can learn about some of our important policies, guidelines, and booking procedures.

Be sure to review these prior to making reservations!

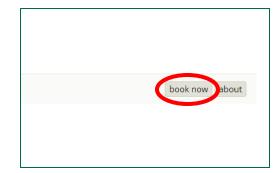


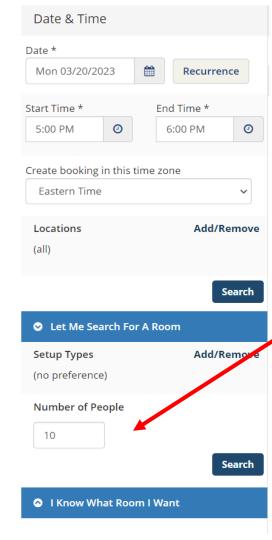
To make reservations you can either select the "Create a Reservation" button located on the left.

Or you can select the "book now" button on the right.

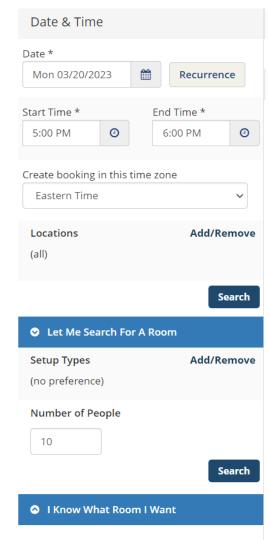


Please note, if you select "Create a Reservation" on the left, you will still need to select "book now" on the next page to get to the reservation request.





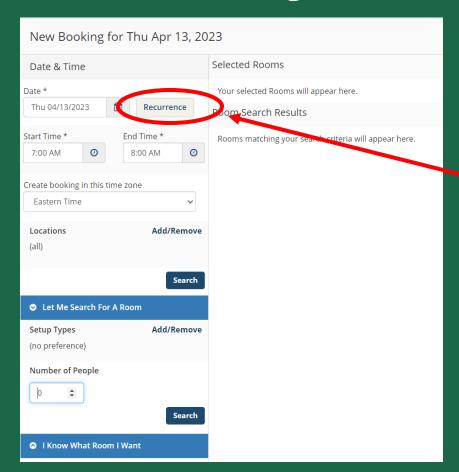
- Use the menu on the left of the page to search for available spaces based on your event dates, times, and expected attendance.
- Your attendance estimate NEEDS to be as accurate as possible. If you report a small attendance for a larger event, your event may be moved to a room that is too small for your needs.
- The MSC reserves the right to move events to suitable rooms based on the event description and our discretion.



Important Note!

- Start Time: This is time you would like to have access to the space. Be sure to include enough time for your organization to setup before your event starts! Please note, your room will be unlocked at this time. We do not unlock rooms earlier than your reservation start time.
- End Time: This is the time your organization would need to be cleaned up and exited from the space. Be sure to reserve enough time after your event to cleanup!
- NOTE: The times you request may not be approved and/or may be changed. Be sure to read your reservation confirmation email from our team carefully.

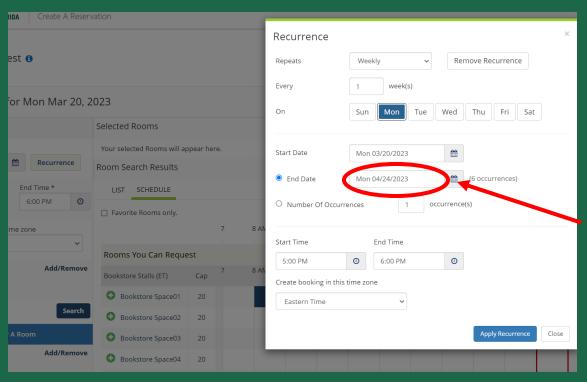
Making a Reoccurring Reservation



To set up a reoccurring reservation, such as weekly meetings, you will need to click the "Recurrence" button.

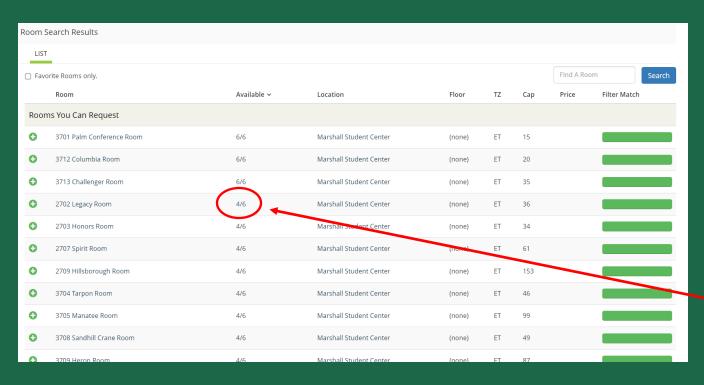
Making a Reoccurring Reservation

Once you select the "Recurrence" button it will take you to this screen.



- PLEASE NOTE: You need to fill out this entire field to book reoccurring reservations.
- Here you will need to adjust the "Repeats" by selecting the frequency of when you would like your meetings to occur.
- Be sure to set the "end by" date in order to reserve multiple dates.
- You MUST click "Apply Recurrence" or else it will not save!

Making a Reoccurring Reservation in Virtual EMS

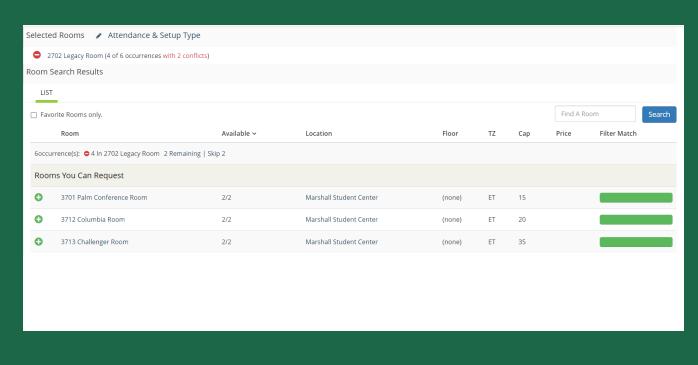


- Once you click the "Search" button you will be taken to this page.
- PLEASE NOTE:

 The room you are looking for may not be available on all the dates requested.
- This list will tell you how many of the dates the room was able to accommodate.

Making a Reoccurring Reservation

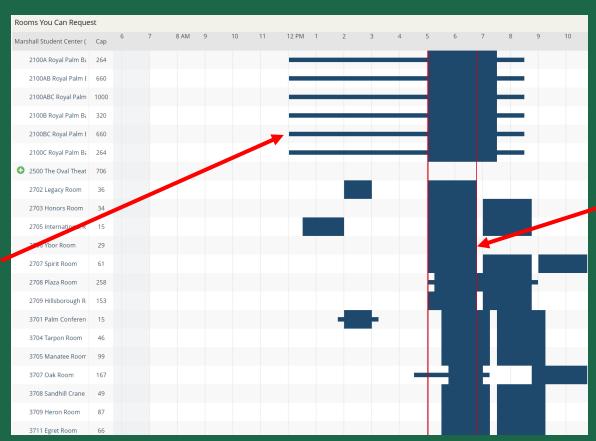
Once you select a room by clicking the green + on the left side it will take you to this page!



- This page will show the room you selected at the top and if any of the dates had conflicts.
- NOTE: If the room shows a conflict, the room will not be reserved on those dates.
- You will need to select another room, if available, for the other dates.
- If there are no other rooms available, then the MSC does not have availability on that date and time.

If you did not select reoccurring reservations you will be taken to this page.

- Rooms that are marked in blue have already been reserved for other events. This means the rooms are not available.
- Thin lines extending before and after existing reservations indicate that the room is reserved for set-up/cleanup time for that event.

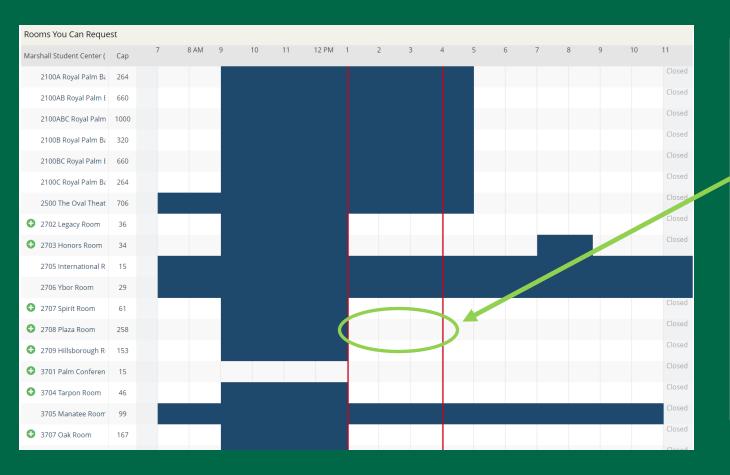


This red bar indicates the time frame you selected in the Room Request Form.

Things to Keep in Mind When Making Reservations

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The MSC Events Team needs time in between events to break down the first events setup and set the room for the next event.
- We require 15 minutes of flip time between our stock set-up meetings and a minimum of 90 minutes between all other events.
- **NOTE:** The MSC Ballroom requires 2 hours of setup time in between events!
- If you do not leave flip time between reservations, the MSC reserves the right to adjust your reservation times accordingly.

Things to Keep in Mind When Making Reservations

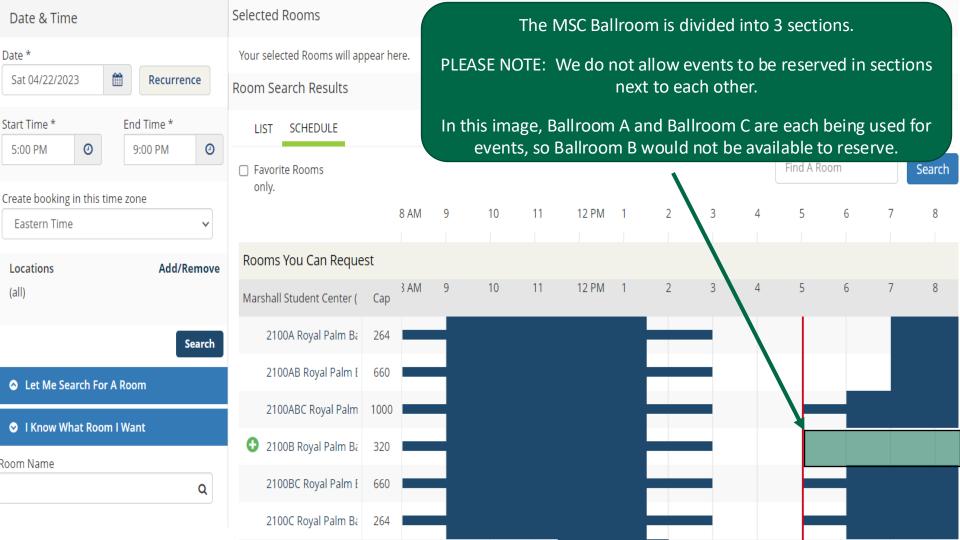


- Reminder, the red lines are the times you are reserving.
- This request for 2708 would NOT be approved.
- For this reservation to be approved you would need to leave 90 minutes after the first reservation ends.
- This means your reservation would need to start at 2:30pm or later.

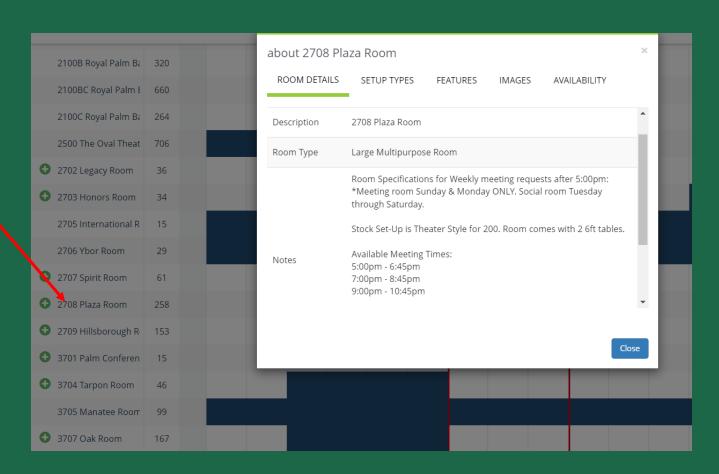
New Booking for Sat Apr 22, 2023 Selected Rooms Date & Time When making reservations in the Ballroom, we require a Date * Your selected Rooms will appear here. minimum of two (2) hours of flip time between events so Sat 04/22/2023 Recurrence Room Search Results our staff has enough time to reconfigure the room. End Time * Start Time * LIST SCHEDULE **②** 3:00 PM **(** 5:00 PM Find A Room □ Favorite Rooms Search only. Create booking in this time zone 8 AM 10 12 PM Eastern Time Rooms You Can Request Add/Remove Locations 3 AM 12 PM (all) Marshall Student Center (2100A Royal Palm Ba 264 Search 2100AB Royal Palm E Let Me Search For A Room 2100ABC Royal Palm ✓ I Know What Room I Want 2100B Royal Palm Ba Room Name 2100BC Royal Palm E 660

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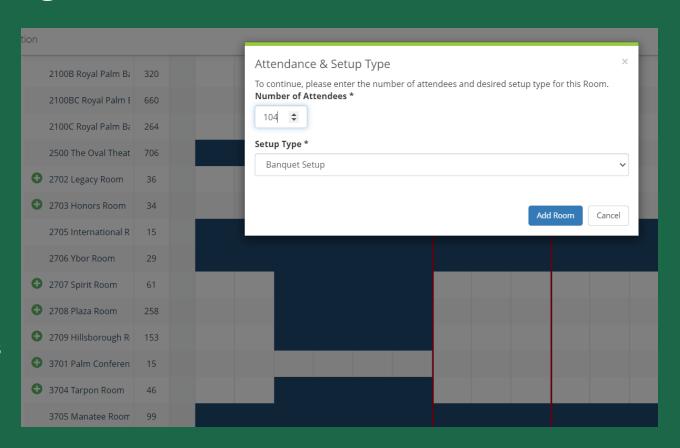


You can view more details about the room by clicking on the room name.

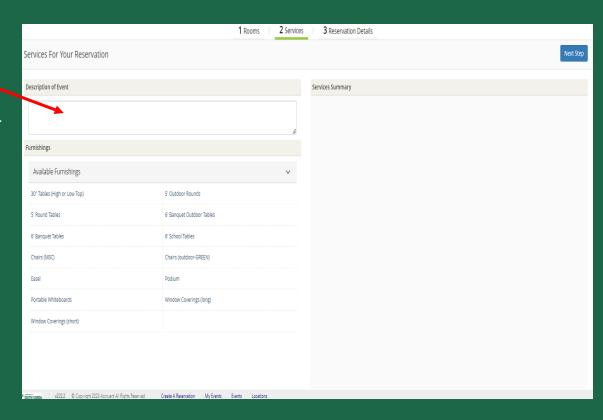


- To select the room for your event, click
- You will be prompted to input your attendance and setup type.

 Be sure your attendance estimate is as accurate as possible.



- Be sure to provide a brief description of your event!
- If you have any special requests or accommodations, please list them in your description, and we will reach out to see if we are able to meet your request.
- This helps our team better understand your request and the event your are planning.



- After selecting the space and inputting your event description, enter your event details in the Reservation Details form.
- Be sure to fill out all the required fields!
- The information listed in this section is used by both the MSC Event Planners and the MSC Logistics team on the day of your event/meeting!

	I Rooms	2 Services 3 Reservation Details
Reservation Details		
Event Details		
Event Name *	Event Type *	
		<u> </u>
Customer Details		
Customer *		
Event and Meeting Services		
1st Contact		
(temporary contact)		
1st Contact Name *		
1st Contact undefined *	1st Contact undefined	
1st Contact Email Address *		
2nd Contact		
(none)		
2nd Contact Phone	2nd Contact Fax	
2nd Contact Email Address		

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Additional Information		
Day of Event Contact *		
Do you need an LCD Projector for the event? *		
Choose one	~	
Day of Event Phone *		
Will alcohol be served at this event? *		
Choose one	~	
Will there be food and beverage at your event? *		
Choose one	~	
If Yes, who will provide the food and beverage?		
	~	
Is the topic of your event currently active in the news, world-wide media, social medior controversial? This information helps us to plan your event. *		
Choose one	•	Chek Create Nesel vation
Will there be an admission charge for the event? *		at the bottom right to
Choose one	~	submit your request!
Do you agree to abide by the Marshall Student Center and Event & Meeting Services P	olicies? *	\
Choose one	~	
) I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions		Course
Go Back		Create Reservation

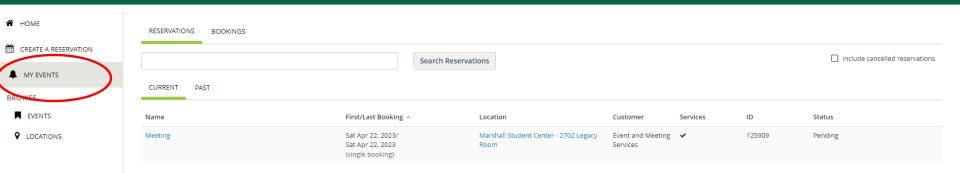
 Once you submit your request, you will see this message on the page

Reservation Created

What would you like to do now?

> Add to my calendar.

- To review your reservation details, go to the My
 Events tab on your EMS home page, and select your reservation name to see the details.
- Be sure to carefully read through everything and ensure it is correct!
- NOTE: If you are booking a reoccurring reservation, be sure that ALL of your dates are listed here. If they are not listed on this page they will not be reserved!



Things to Keep in Mind When Making a Reservation

- Reservations are not automated and are processed individually.
- The EMS team addresses requests on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- While we typically respond to all requests within 72 hours, during our reservation book opening dates, it may be several weeks before you receive a response by email due to the large amount of reservation requests.



Error Messages

Request violates building hours

If you receive the following error, it means that the MSC building is not open during the requested hours.

Please resubmit dates and times. Please contact the EMS office if you believe there has been a mistake.



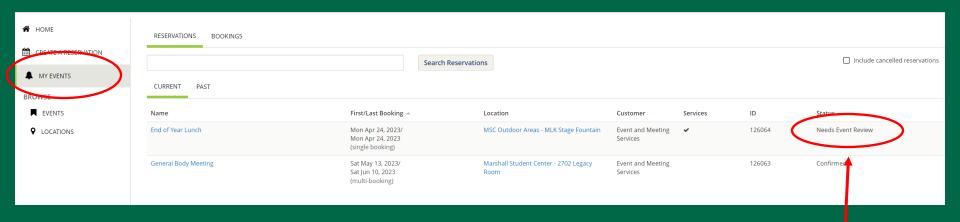
If you receive the following error, it means that the there is a conflict with one or more of your booking requests. Please click into your events to review which rooms were actually reserved. If a room does not appear under the request, a space was not reserved on this date/time.



Reviewing Reservation Requests

Reviewing Reservation Details

Click on the "My Events" Tab on the left to view all of your submitted requests for the semester.



- Make sure all the events you have reserved are appearing on this screen.
- You can also view your reservations by selecting "Bookings" and going to the event date.

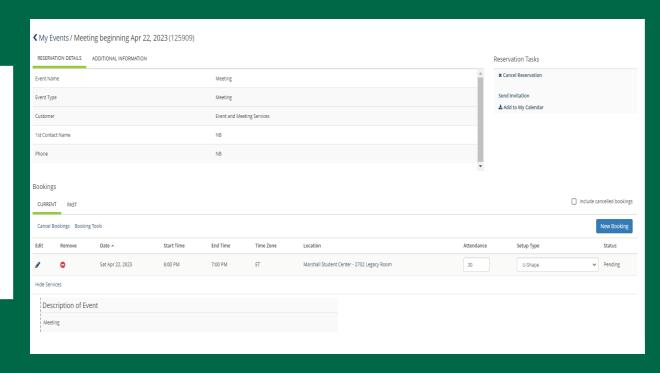
• You can review your Event Statuses here.

Reservation Details

If you click on the reservation name it will take you to this page.

Here you can review all of your event details including:

- Location
- Time
- Date
- Setup Type
- Reservation Status



Reservation Details

If you click on "view services" it will show you more information regarding your reservation.

Once your reservation has been processed by our team it may include additional details such as:

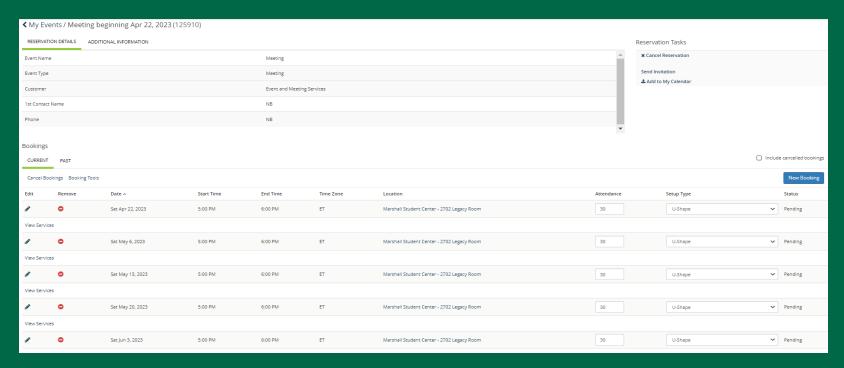
- Furnishings (tables, chairs, etc.)
- A/V Items
- Notes from your Event Planner
- Staffing (If it applies.)

Any items that have charges will be listed here.

A/V M	edia		
Qty.	Item	Price	Special Instructions
3	LED Uplights	\$ 10.00	
1	Microphone (Wireless)	\$ 0.00	
1	HDMI Cable (Laptop to Projector)	\$ 0.00	
Furnis	hings		
Qty.	ltem	Price	Special Instructions
8	5' Round Tables	\$ 0.00	SEE DIAGRAM
64	Chairs (plaza room)	\$ 0.00	
8	Table Cloth- Round (85x85) Black	\$ 4.00	
2	6' Banquet Tables	\$ 0.00	
2	Table Skirts/Cloths (114x52) Rectangulars	\$ 6.00	white banquet cloth/black skirt
1	Podium	\$ 0.00	
Points	of Clarifcation		
Qty.	ltem	Price	Special Instructions
1	Serving Food in the MSC	\$ 0.00	

Reservation Details

If you click on a reoccurring reservation name it will take you to this page.



Be sure all the dates you are looking to reserve are listed under "Bookings" for this reservation.

Pay attention to the location for each date as this may change once your reservation has been processed.

CANCELLATIONS

- Cancellations will be accepted by the EMS Team up to three (3) business days prior to the event.
- If you do not cancel prior to three (3) business days you may incur charges.
- Cancellations MUST be submitted in writing to your MSC Event Planner.



If your organization does not provide notice of cancellation within three (3) business days of your event; or if your organizations does not show up for your scheduled reservation, you may incur charges. If this is a continuous issue, your organization may lose the ability to make reservations in the Marshall Student Center.

Event Statuses

Pending: This means your reservation is still being processed.

*Please note, pending reservations may not be approved. Some details of your request may be adjusted to fit within MSC reservation guidelines. Once your request is processed you will receive a confirmation email with an updated event status. While your request is still Pending you should not market/advertise your event.

Tentative: This means your MSC Event Planner still needs some details from you to finalize your reservation. This could be your final guest count, Day of Show, Food Release Form, etc.

Needs Event Review: This means you must meet with your MSC Event Planner to discuss the details of your event. Your Event Review must take place at least 2 weeks before the event or you risk your event being cancelled.

Confirmed: This means all details have been confirmed. Any changes to your event after it has been confirmed must be submitted to your Event Planner in writing at least 72 hours before your event.

Needs Event Review Status

Important notes regarding Needs Event Review Status!

- You are responsible for reaching out to schedule your Event Review with your MSC Event Planner.
- Event Reviews must take place no later than 2 weeks prior to your event, so it is best to reach out to schedule this meeting 3-4 weeks prior to your event.
- If you are planning activities that will require additional coordination for logistics, amount of space needed, power needs, safety approvals, insurance approvals, use of the service elevator, etc. please email your event planner at least 4 weeks in advance to allow enough time for coordination and approvals.

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION EMAILS



Each time you make a reservation at the MSC, you will receive an emailed reservation confirmation.

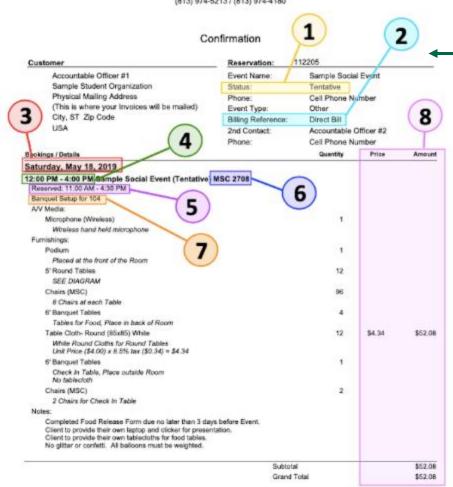


Some items may change while your reservation request is being processed, so it is crucial that you review and confirm that these details are correct.



If you have any questions about your confirmation or would like to make any changes to your confirmation, please contact your MSC Event Planner.

Event Meeting Services Marshall Student Center MSC 4100 Tampa FL 33620 (813) 974-5213 / (813) 974-4180



Reservation Confirmation

This is what your reservation confirmation will look like!

Event Meeting Services Reservation: 112205 Tentative

Bookings / Details Quantity Price Amount

The Marshall Student Center reserves the right to cancel or change your reservation based on the decisions made by USF Leadership and the CDC guidelines for events.

Charges are estimates only, and subject to further additions or revisions once the event has concluded.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT. Late cancellations may be subject to charges.

Non-USF entities must pay all charges in full a minimum of 72 hours prior to event.

Departments should provide a Chartfield a minimum of 72 hours prior to event. The MSC no longer invoices or direct bills USF entities for events.

Student Organizations must pay in full within 30 days after the event. Invoices are sent 1-3 weeks after the event. If you plan to use A&S Funds to pay for this reservation you must submit a request to Student Business Services at sg-mdpurchase@usf.edu no less than ten (10) business days before the day of the event. The MSC cannot make this request on your behalf. For more information, please contact Student Business Services in MSC4300, at 813-974-7100, or sg-mdorghelp@usf.edu.

Non-USF entities AND Student Organizations are subject to Florida sales tax unless they provide proof of Florida Sales Tax Exemption (DR-14). Student Organizations are also tax exempt if the event is paid using A&S funding through Student Business Services. A&S funding ONLY exempts tax on charges that are directly paid for by USF, not for organizations' out-of-pocket expenses.

For more information on how to read your reservation confirmation click this link (https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/msc/documents/msc-ems-how-to-read-your-reservation-confirmation-2020.pdf)

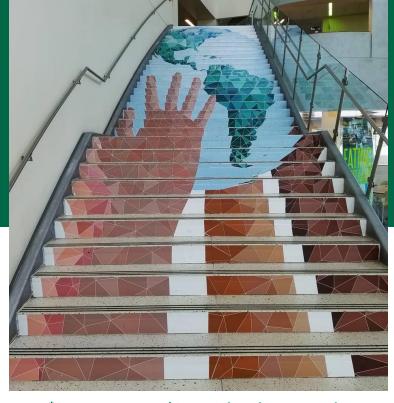
MSC Reservation Timeline

Important Dates to Remember:

Summer Reservations - open **10AM** on **March 1**st

Fall Reservations - open **10AM** on **June 1st**

Spring Reservations open 10AM on October 1st



*Departments and Non-University reservations open on the 15th

