

Housing Rules and Regulations

The housing policies of the University are designed to protect the individual within an environment that promotes personal and academic achievement. The following policies, procedures, and guidelines are designed to enhance your Residential Learning Community.

- a) Alcohol and Other Controlled Substances: Possession and consumption of beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Dangerous drugs, narcotics, and other harmful materials, as defined and prohibited by state and federal statutes, are prohibited.
- b) Appliances: Personal electrical equipment authorized for use in the residence halls/apartments includes UL-approved lamps (no halogen lamps), hair dryers, computers, radios, stereo equipment, fans, and coffee makers with a lighted on/off indicator. Use or possession of open flame and open element appliances, including but not limited to toasters, air fryers, hot plates, and hot pots in residence hall rooms/apartments or unauthorized areas, is prohibited. Microwave ovens are not permitted in resident hall rooms. Mini refrigerators (120 volts, 2 amps, 2.5 cubic feet) are permitted for medicinal purposes (with a doctor's note) and must be UL-approved, equipped with a three-prong rounded plug, and must be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition.
- c) Firearms/Weapons: The possession of firearms, ammunition, and any weapons, including but not limited to knives, hunting bows, guns, BB guns, slingshots, paintball guns, nunchakus, or launching devices is prohibited in the residence halls. This also extends to any projectile objects, firecrackers, gunpowder, and other explosive or similar and potentially dangerous objects.
- d) Fire Safety: Arson or the setting of fire, tampering with or misuse of fire safety equipment (including automatic door closures, smoke detectors, sprinkler heads), fire alarm systems, fire-fighting equipment, or building security systems is prohibited, extremely dangerous, and illegal. Immediate evacuation when an alarm sounds is mandatory, and reentry into a building before an alarm is silenced or staff authorization is given is prohibited. The burning of candles and incense is prohibited. Tapestries and other room decorations affixed or suspended from the ceiling and the use of extension cords or multi-receptacle outlets, with the exception of UL-listed power strips with surge protectors, are prohibited.
- e) Furniture: Misuse of University property, including possession of common area furniture in Resident rooms, is prohibited and will result in a minimum charge of \$25 to return the property.
- f) Gambling: Gambling in the residence halls is prohibited. The conducting of any business or commercial enterprise for personal profit is prohibited in University-owned facilities unless conducted by recognized student activities, student government, or under the sanction of properly designated University personnel.
- g) Harassment/Endangerment of Students and Staff: Physical or mental harassment, which may be verbal or written, or conduct that intimidates, threatens, or endangers the health or safety of self or others is prohibited.
- h) Identification/Failure to Comply: Residents are required to provide proper identification when requested by a staff member or other University officials and comply with their directions when performing their official duties. Residents are further required to comply with the terms and sanctions imposed as a result of disciplinary action.
- i) Intervisitation and Guests, generally: Guest intervisitation is defined as periods when members of the opposite sex are allowed in a Resident's room. The intervisitation program is designed

to afford opportunities for resident growth and social development. On the other hand, policies and procedures are provided to ensure consideration of individual Residents and community needs as well as the general safety and well-being of all concerned. As such, the University reserves the right to modify, restrict, or revoke the privilege of Intervisitation as necessary.

Hours are as follows: Sunday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m.–midnight

Friday– Saturday 10:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.

In all University housing, guests must be escorted throughout the hall to ensure the right to a reasonable degree of privacy for each Resident. Residents are responsible for the conduct of and adherence to policies by any guests or visitors. Inappropriate behavior and damage caused by guests becomes the responsibility of the host Resident.

Residents inviting guests should consult with their roommates concerning any possible objections.

No Resident will be allowed more than two guests at one time.

Access to restroom facilities is limited to persons of the same sex residing on the floor served by the facilities. Visitors of the opposite sex are required to use authorized facilities, which are located on the respective floors or in public areas of the halls.

- j) Lounges and Recreation Areas: Lounges and recreation areas are for the exclusive use of the hall Residents and their guests.
- k) Noise/Quiet Hours/Courtesy Hours: Residents must observe reasonable quiet hours at all times, both inside and outside University housing. Even when quiet hours are not in effect, the noise level must not interfere with the rights of Residents who want and need to study at that time. Quiet hours are established by individual halls/floors and, at minimum, will be in effect from 9:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. the following day, Sunday through Thursday. Twenty-four-hour quiet hours are in effect during the last week of classes and during Finals week of each semester. Noise levels should be limited so as not to disturb other Residents (24-hour Courtesy Hours).

If a Resident has two or more noise violations involving the volume of their stereo or other devices, the Resident may be required to remove all stereo components or other devices from their residence.

- l) Overnight Guests: Residents are permitted to have overnight guests (of the same sex) in the University housing with advance arrangement through the Main Desk. All Residents and guests must follow appropriate registration procedures, and any overnight guest requires the approval of the roommate(s). The Resident must accompany their guest to the Main Desk, provide a valid photo ID to the desk staff, and display a guest pass upon request. Overnight guests may be registered for no more than two consecutive nights.

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Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests and adherence to University and Housing policies. Inappropriate behavior and/or damage caused by guests becomes the responsibility of the host Resident.

Persons who have been removed from university housing for any reason may not return as overnight guests following their removal.

- m) Pets: Pets (with the exception of fish kept in a maximum 5-gallon aquarium) are prohibited for health, safety, and sanitation reasons. Service and Assistance Animals may be permitted upon application and approval from the Center for Disability Services.
- n) Roofs, Ledges: Unauthorized presence on rooftops, ledges, or areas marked for restricted access in any University housing is prohibited.
- o) Security: The residence facilities are staffed with a desk attendant beginning at 5:00 p.m. who is responsible for monitoring all entrances. Residents must show proper University ID to gain entry. All other guests and visitors, including parents and family members, must provide a photo ID and sign the visitor's log. The desk attendant will obtain the visitor's ID as well as the Resident host/hostess' ID for the duration of the visit. All visitors and guests are to be escorted by their host or hostess during their visit to the residence facilities. When the visitor departs, the desk attendant returns the IDs. Guests under the age of 18 need prior authorization by the Residence Director to be granted visitation. Without authorization, guests under 18 cannot be permitted entry into the residence facilities.
- p) Hookahs and other smoking paraphernalia are not permitted in any residence facilities.
- q) Solicitation: Door-to-door solicitation and/or operating a business within University housing is prohibited.
- r) Theft: Theft or possession of stolen goods, including the illegal possession of or damage to University property or property of a person in University housing, is prohibited.
- s) Weight-Lifting Equipment: Weightlifting is not permitted in resident rooms, apartments, or suites.
- t) Windows, Screens, and Objects from Windows: Window screens are not to be removed under any circumstances for safety reasons. Dropping, throwing, or projecting solid or liquid objects out a window is prohibited.