

Residence Life

Unapproved appliances- Students may not possess any unapproved appliances in the residence areas. Unapproved appliances are appliances that utilize an open heating element, such as but not limited to, space heaters, burners, sandwich presses, grills, air fryers, crockpots, toaster ovens, or halogen lamps. Additionally, appliances such as air conditioners, standalone microwaves (other than Microfridge units), and any appliance that requires wiring outside of the residence are prohibited. Students may keep the following appliances in their rooms: refrigerators not larger than 33 inches tall or 3.2 cubic feet in size, stereo equipment, computer equipment, coffee makers, curling irons, hair dryers, fans, surge protectors, and non-halogen lamps/lights.

Possession of items using open flames- Students may not possess any item that utilizes an open flame, including candles, incense, and so on.

Possession of extension cords or multi-outlet adapters- Students are expected to use surge protector strip in any situation where additional outlets are needed.

Possession of pets- Students may possess fish in one bowl or tank up to ten gallons in size per room. All other animals and pets are prohibited in any University residence facility.

Unsanitary conditions- Students are expected to maintain a reasonable level of cleanliness in their residential areas. Conditions will be deemed unsanitary by University staff. Evidence of unsanitary conditions might include rotting food, excessive trash, smells, and so on.

Unauthorized items- Students may not possess items such as waterbeds, weight sets over 150 lbs., etc. which have the potential to result in dramatic damage to the residence facility.

Obstruction of access- Students must not arrange furniture in ways that block reasonable access to doors, windows, or heating and ventilation equipment. For fire safety and emergency access reasons, rugs, mats, or other floor coverings larger than the door frame are not permitted outside of doorways, including in hallways, corridors, or common areas. These items may create tripping hazards and can obstruct safe and efficient evacuation during an emergency. To maintain a safe environment for all occupants and ensure compliance with fire safety regulations, any unauthorized items placed outside of doors are subject to removal.

Overcapacity- Capacity is defined as 3 times the number of students as assigned occupants within the living area (room/wing/floor/house/etc.). Example: If a house has 10 residents assigned, there can be no more than 30 students (including those assigned to the house) present.

Exterior decorations- All items must be stored within the confines of a residence area. No item may be hung or placed out of a window, or placed on the exterior of any building without written approval from the Student Life Office. Items hung in windows may be subject to this policy if visible from the exterior of the residence.

Unauthorized alterations- Students may not make alterations or modifications the interior or exterior of a room, balcony, porch, apartment, or building without written approval from a professional staff member within Residence Life or the Student Life Office.

Possession of propane- Propane grills or tanks may not be present inside or outside of any residence hall, fraternity, sorority or social club house, Lakeside house, townhouse or University apartment.

Guest visitation- Each resident is allowed two guests in their room at a time. Guests are to be escorted to the room of visitation or through any area of the residence hall by their host or hostess. Guests must follow the restroom policy. Students are expected to inform their guests of all applicable University regulations and see that their guests act accordingly (e.g. paying for meals at dining halls, appropriate possession of alcoholic beverages, etc.). The student host is responsible for the behavior of a guest at any campus property. Room Visitation Sunday through Thursday will be within the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Room Visitation on Friday and Saturday will be within the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Residence Hall lounges will be open 24 hours for use of students residing in the halls or their guests. Overnight sleeping in the lounge is not permitted.

Overnight guest visitation- Overnight Guests are permitted. Their stay is limited to no more than two (2) nights in a given thirty (30) days, and permission of all roommates/ housemates is received. Each resident is limited to 2 overnight guests per night. Guests are to be escorted to the room of visitation or through any area of the residence hall by their host or hostess. Guests must follow the restroom policy. Students are expected to inform their guests of all applicable University regulations and see that their guests act accordingly (e.g. payment for meals at dining halls, appropriate possession of alcoholic beverages, etc.). The student host is responsible for the behavior of a guest at any campus property.

Quiet hours- Quiet hours times are 10:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday evenings; and Midnight to 10:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. From the last day of classes for the semester through the beginning of the next semester, Quiet Hours are observed 24 hours a day, every day. During quiet hours, residents are expected to maintain a noise level that cannot be heard from another room when the doors are closed. The maintenance of quiet hours is to be a cooperative effort on the part of all residents which is supported by the staff.

Courtesy hours- Courtesy hours are the times other than quiet hours. During these times, cooperation among residents is expected. Staff will encourage students to negotiate reasonable standards and noise levels, but if the students cannot reach an agreement, staff members will evaluate the noise level within the context of the residential facilities being conducive to the learning process.