

Residential Life - Facilities

Quiet Hours

Quiet Hours for residence halls are:

10 pm to 8 am (Quiet Hours) – A level of quiet should be maintained so that noise from student rooms or common areas cannot be heard by residents in another room with the door closed.

8 am to 10 pm (Respect Hours) – A spirit of mutual respect and concern should guide one's actions in determining a level of noise that is acceptable to the various members of the community. Residents should respect others' needs for an acceptable level of quiet to allow for sleep and study.

A 24-hour quiet is maintained during final exams. The 24-hour quiet period begins at 10 pm before Reading Day and continues until 6 pm on the last day of final exams each semester.

Because the residence halls are located near academic buildings, students should exhibit courtesy and conscientiousness regarding activities outside the residence halls. In addition, at no time are speakers placed in or near the window in order to amplify music or other sounds to the outside.

Care of Facilities

Residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms and for the proper and careful use of furniture and equipment. Furniture and equipment are to be kept from an assigned place of use (including window screens) or used in a manner contrary to its intended purpose. Students may be charged for repairing the room or property or replacing any items accidentally or intentionally damaged or removed from university property.

Occupants will be assessed a \$100 fine (in addition to the cost of materials) for a room that has yet to be returned to its original condition with the room furnishing in place.

If damage is done to any public area of a residence hall, such as lounges, lavatories, corridors, etc., or the personal property of staff members or students, which cannot be attributed to a specific person or persons, the cost of the damage will be assessed on a pro-rata basis to the group responsible. Such "a common damage" assessment may be charged to the residents of a wing, a floor, the residence hall, or another residence hall, depending upon where the responsibility for damages lies. Staff will conduct regularly scheduled health and safety inspections each semester during break periods. In the university-operated apartments, additional health and safety inspections may be required per the request of apartment ownership. These inspections will be publicized in advance so students may be present.

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Room Decoration

Students may decorate their rooms with posters, wall hangings, etc., provided no permanent damage is done to walls, floors, etc. The use of masking tape and/or poster putty is recommended. 3 M command products are not recommended in buildings with drywall walls. However, all residue from tape and other materials must be completely cleaned off of walls, or a student may be billed. Students may not paint their rooms.

For reasons of fire safety, decorations may not be affixed to the ceiling or suspended overhead. Decorations on the door or door frame that may interfere with the proper closing, opening, and locking of a door are not permitted. No decorations may run under a door or in between the frame and the door. All door decorations must be at least 24" off of the floor. Live Christmas trees and other flammable decorations are prohibited.

The outside of one's room door is considered a public area. Students may be asked to remove any materials from the outside of the door which are considered lewd or offensive. This policy also includes the patio and deck areas of university-operated apartments.

Alcohol beverage containers; alcohol-related signs, posters, promotional items; and other materials which refer to or allude to alcohol consumption may not be displayed in rooms or university-operated apartments so that they are visible from the outside of the building.

Smoking Policy

All residence halls and university-operated apartment facilities are designated non-smoking, including student rooms and common areas of the building. Common areas include restrooms, kitchens, lounges, computer labs, recreation rooms, lobbies, etc. This policy also includes the prohibited use of e-cigarettes, vape pens, and other related products. Violations of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Further, the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy is also applicable to all students.

Pets

For health and sanitation reasons, pets are not permitted in residence halls, except fish. Aquariums may be a maximum of ten (10) gallons.

Appliances

High-load, heat-producing appliances, such as space heaters, hot plates, electric fry pans, etc., and "octopus" electrical outlets are not permitted in residence hall rooms. Due to their high heat production, halogen floor lamps and light bulbs are prohibited. Halogen desk lamps may not exceed 50 watts and must have a protective glass lens over the bulb. Personal Air Conditioning units are not permitted as they may overdraw electrical outlets.

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Beginning in the fall semester of 2021, the Office of Residential Life has partnered with Collegiate Concepts to furnish each traditional residence hall room with a leased MicroFridge unit.

A MicroFridge is an all-in-one combination refrigerator, freezer, and microwave oven engineered with Safe Plug technology to save electricity and reduce the risk of overloading circuits. Student rooms in the Promenade Apartments, Kade Dusenberg German House, and Sorority Housing Complex will not be furnished with a MicroFridge unit as residents of these communities have access to community kitchen spaces.

Additional microwaves and fridges are not permitted in rooms as they may overdraw electrical outlets.

Water Beds

Waterbeds are not permitted in residence halls.

Decks and Lofts

For student safety, lofts and decks are prohibited in all residence halls.

Residence Hall Storage

For international students and those who live 500+ miles away, limited storage facilities are available at the university to store possessions during the academic year or the summer. The RLC will determine which items may or may not be kept in storage areas. Any possessions stored on university premises are stored at the student's risk. The university cannot guarantee their safety. The university accepts no financial responsibility for the personal property of students. University room furnishings may not be removed from a student's room and/or placed into storage.

More information about residence hall storage is available [here](#).

Students who lose their roommates after the eighth (8) week of the semester will not be subject to consolidation. Students residing in three- and four-person rooms which are not filled to capacity will also be subject to consolidation.