

Residence Hall/Apartment Bill of Rights

Summary/Purpose: This policy defines the basic expectations students should have for each other when living together in a residence hall environment.

In a group living environment, it is important that each student understand his or her rights as a student and his or her responsibilities to others. The rights to study and sleep are considered primary in a group living environment. For most students, the main purpose for enrollment is to pursue an education. Excessive noise inhibits this goal. Therefore, any activity that a student chooses to do in a residence hall must not infringe upon another's right to sleep and study.

The University has some basic expectations that govern the special nature of interpersonal relationships within the community. These are reasonable expectations that students should have for one another while sharing space in an apartment. The Residence Hall/Apartment Bill of Rights outlines these expectations.

RESIDENCE HALL/APARTMENT BILL OF RIGHTS

- The right to sleep during the night undisturbed
- The right to study in one's room free of noise and distractions during quiet hours
- The right of access to one's room and facilities
- The right to a clean room and clean common areas
- The right to have one's belongings respected
- The right to have guests in the room with the understanding that they will not disturb the roommate's right to sleep or study
- The right to privacy
- The right to redress grievances
- The right to feel secure against physical harm or emotional distress that is so severe or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with one's access to the University's resources and opportunities

These rights apply to all students living in on-campus housing. Violating the rights of other students will result in disciplinary actions and/or reassignment to another location.