

residence hall & university policies

Congratulations on becoming a member of the UC Davis community. You are also a member of the community that exists within your residence hall and floor. Student Housing and university policies are designed to give a clear perception of what is expected of you as a UC Davis student. Living with forty or more people in a community is not always easy, since everyone comes from different backgrounds and has a different set of expectations for living in the halls. The policies and rules that exist are intended to give you and your neighbors standards by which you can live and learn together. We expect you to read and comply with the following policies.

community standards of living

respect

We want to make explicit our expectations concerning the behavior of each member of our residence hall community. As adults, you are responsible for your actions. You must take responsibility for your own learning and awareness about racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression. Acts of intolerance will not go unchallenged within this community.

No one has the right to denigrate another human being on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical capability, or any other difference. Verbal or written abuse (including e-mail and instant messaging), threats, harassment, physical assault, intimidation, or other forms of violence against any member or group of members of your community will not be tolerated. In this context, we do not accept alcohol, substance abuse, or peer pressure as an excuse, reason, or rationale for such abuse, harassment, intimidation, or violence. Ignorance or "it was just a joke" is also not an excuse for such behavior. Such behavior could result in a resident's removal from the residential community, contract termination, and/or disciplinary action by the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. Misconduct should be brought to the immediate attention of residence hall staff.

Pranks, practical jokes, and other forms of disruption have no place in the campus community. Such activities, while often not ill intentioned, usually escalate into harmful and/or destructive behaviors. The victims of practical jokes often feel harassed or physically injured by what has happened to them, and do not see it as "funny." Therefore, these kinds of activities are not condoned.

responsiveness to university staff

Resident Advisors are required to document all violations of policy. They are not required to determine who is responsible and will document all persons present. Students have the opportunity to share their account of a situation when they meet with the conduct coordinator or Student Review Board. Your actions and behavior during documentation will be taken into account, and it is imperative that you cooperate with the Resident Advisors. Furthermore, students must comply with the directions or requests of university officials, including housing staff such as coordinators, SRAs, RAs, and administrative managers. **Failure to accurately identify oneself, and/or comply with staff requests will result in disciplinary action by Student Judicial Affairs.**

passive involvement

Being a member of a community means understanding and adhering to community standards and policies. It also means taking an active role in the development and well-being of that community. One community role is to ensure that community standards are upheld. As a community member, you are responsible for your behavior and the choices that you make. It is our hope that you will choose to abide by all university and housing policies as well as community standards. Student Housing has a conduct system in place to confront policy violations. If you are ever in the presence of a policy violation, you have some choices:

✧ You may attempt to stop the violation or;

✧ You may contact residence hall staff or;

✧ You may remove yourself from the situation.

If you choose to remain at the scene of a policy violation, you may be included on the incident report and may be held accountable for a policy violation.