

Disruptive Conduct

As residential living is intended to complement a student's academic pursuits, the creation of an "academic atmosphere" in the residence halls is essential to meeting educational goals. Toward that end:

- Conduct which is disruptive to the residential community is prohibited at all times.
- Residents should keep noise in their own rooms, in hallways and in common areas to a minimum and non-intrusive level.
- Residents should maintain the volume of electronic or other devices at a level that does not disturb other residents or any member of the University community. The use of headphones or earphones is encouraged.
- Sound amplification equipment placed in windows for the purpose of directing music into public areas is prohibited. These items may be banned or confiscated if they become cause for complaint or disruption.

To achieve this goal:

- Each residence hall will maintain "Quiet Hours" from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekends.
- During those hours, residents are expected to refrain from any activity which is disruptive to the residential community and to remain particularly sensitive to the needs of fellow residents.
- During exam periods residence hall "Quiet Hours" will be extended to include 24 hours of each reading and exam day.
- When "Quiet Hours" are not in effect, consideration and respect for others should continue to guide a resident's conduct and activities.

Relational Expectations

Students who choose to reside in the residence halls enter into a voluntary community and, in doing so, are expected to treat one another with "mutual love and respect" in the spirit of St. Augustine. Consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, insensitive, disrespectful, discriminatory, bigoted, racist, harassing, threatening, obscene or violent behavior is considered most offensive, especially among those living together in community. Such behaviors are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated in the residential community.

As a Catholic and Augustinian University, Villanova University adheres to the Church's teachings with respect to sexual intimacy, specifically, that a genuine and complete expression of love through sexual union requires a commitment to living and sharing of two persons in marriage. Accordingly, violations may be referred to the Dean of Students Office, particularly in those cases that involve disruption to roommates or the residential community.

B. Health, Safety and Security Expectations

The Office for Residence Life expects all members of the Villanova University community to be active participants in the creation and maintenance of a safe, healthy and secure residential environment.

Dangerous Practices

The following are defined as particularly dangerous conduct in a residential community. Students found engaging in such conduct may be subject to disciplinary action.

- blocking or preventing the use of room doors, hallways, exit doors and stairwells;
- any action which compromises the security of residents including, but not limited to, propping open or otherwise tampering with the locking mechanism of interior or exterior doors;
- constructing any object or modifying the residence hall in any way that may contribute to fire hazard, physical danger or unsafe conditions;