

Students are required to comply with policies or regulations governing the registration of student organizations, events on campus, and use of University facilities.

## Q. Residence Hall Regulations

Students are required to abide by policies and procedures defined and outlined in the terms and conditions of the Residence Hall License Agreement and the Resident Student Community Living Guide. Any policy violation within a residential facility may result in a referral to and charges under the conduct process. Failure to abide by instruction by Residence Life staff constitutes a violation of policy. Students are accountable for their residential space and behaviors within residential facilities. These policies include, but are not limited to, the following:

### 1. Access:

*Minimum sanction: Probation; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Students are required to access residential communities via main entrances only. Emergency exits may only be used to exit in emergencies. Students and/or guests are prohibited from entering via emergency exits. Only assigned occupants will be issued access to housing assignments (via use of hard keys and/or student identification cards). Resident students are required to carry these items at all times and are not permitted to share them with others or copy keys. When halls are officially closed during vacation periods and winter sessions, access will not be permitted without approval from the Office of Residence Life.

### 2. Appliances:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Fire and safety regulations strictly prohibit the use of the following in the residence halls: toaster ovens, hot plates, open coil hot pots, grills (including George Foreman grills), deep fat fryers, gasoline stoves, clothes washers, dryers, dishwashers and air conditioners. (Exceptions apply to The Village Apartments, Hawk Crossings Apartments, and lounge kitchens where George Foreman Grills and toaster ovens are permitted.)

### 3. Ball Playing:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Ball play is not permitted in the residence hall. To respect the rights of others, ball playing, i.e., baseball, football, Frisbee, soccer, etc, is prohibited on or near all walkways and, specifically, the Blanton-Bohn quad area. Volleyball is limited to clearly marked playing areas. Students are encouraged to use the University playing field for these activities.

### 4. Bicycles, Motorcycles, Skateboards, and Rollerblading:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension*

For safety reasons, motorcycles and bicycles may not be stored or parked inside any of the housing facilities. Skateboarding is prohibited in all residence hall areas, specifically, the Blanton-Bohn quad area. Rollerblading is not permitted in the residence halls.

### 5. Bunk/Loft Beds/Furniture:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension*

For safety reasons, only beds designated by the Office of Residence Life may be bunked. Beds must be bunked by an approved representative of the University after authorization from the Community Director. A written waiver of liability must be signed by the residents. University residential furniture is not allowed to be disassembled. Students are only permitted to use their appointed furniture within a residential space and if a room is not fully occupied, the space must be kept accessible to any new student placement.

#### **6. Holiday Decorations:**

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Only artificial trees, wreaths, branches, etc., are permitted in the residence halls or apartments by order of the State Fire Marshall. Decorations must be nontoxic, fire retardant, and must not interfere with easy exiting, use of fire safety equipment or safety signs, and may not cover more than 60% of any wall space. Holiday lights are permitted as long as they are not daisy chained/connected to one another. All decorations must be removed before you leave for holiday vacation.

#### **7. Guest Policy:**

*Guest policy subject to amendments due to COVID-19 policies. Please refer to communications from the **Office of Residence Life** for any changes or updates.*

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

A guest is defined as anyone who is not assigned a residential space within the apartment/room in which you live. This includes, but is not limited to residents of the same hall who do not live in your room; residents from other buildings; commuter students; family; and friends. Residents need the explicit permission of all their roommates/apartment mates in order to have a guest(s) stay overnight. Each resident is permitted to have up to two (2) guests at any one time. Further, a student may have a total of three (3) guests stay overnight for a total of three (3) days during the week. For example, one guest can stay total of three nights with no other overnight guests allowed that week resulting in three overnight guests; one guest can stay twice and another guest can stay once resulting in three overnight guests. No guest may stay overnight more than 3 nights during the week with any residential host. A week is defined as any consecutive seven (7) day period. An overnight visit is defined as a guest being present in a residential facility for more than two (2) hours between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Residents, as well as guests, will be held liable for the behavior and actions of their guests, whether they were signed-in or not signed-in to the hall. Only individuals who are currently registered students at the University and who have an assignment by the Office of Residence Life for the space in question are permitted to live in the room. The host and guest may face conduct action for any presumption of unauthorized occupancy.

#### **8. Noise:**

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Students are responsible for the noise coming from their room and windows. Students may not yell. Students may not listen to their televisions, radios/stereos, or play music inside of their rooms that can be heard outside of their room. Students may not play music outside of their room, without specific permission of residence life staff. If asked to lower the volume of noise coming from a room, also known as courtesy hours, students are expected to do so, regardless of day and/or time. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action. During quiet hours, music, noise, etc. should not be heard outside of rooms or apartments. This policy also applies to public areas such as lounges, building lobbies, the Blanton-Bohn quad, etc. Twenty-four hour quiet hours are in effect during all reading days and final exam the final week of the fall and spring semesters. Violation of this Twenty-four hour quiet hour policy will result in your immediate dismissal from your residence community.

#### **9. Painting/Construction:**

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Painting or construction is not permitted in the residence rooms, or apartments.

#### 10. Postings/Signs/Wall Hangings:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension*

All posters, flyers, etc., require approval of a Community Director before posting. Please remember that posters, flyers, etc. can only be posted in authorized locations. Signs, which promote the consumption of alcohol, the use of controlled dangerous substances, or anything, viewed as obscene and inappropriate behavior may not be displayed in any public area (e.g., windows, students room windows, doors, common areas, etc.). Signs, which protect and/or inform the public of the residence hall facilities, may not be relocated into resident's rooms. Tapestries and flags are allowed provided that the total amount of wall covered does not exceed 50%.

#### 11. Restricted Areas:

*Minimum sanction: Suspension; Maximum sanction: Expulsion.*

All roofs, balconies, window ledges, and mechanical rooms are off-limits. Any unauthorized entry into or onto an off-limit area is not only a liability to the University, but also jeopardizes the safety of individuals as well.

#### 12. Smoking:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Smoking is not permitted in any University residential facility. This includes but is not limited to the following: bedrooms, lounges, bathrooms and hallways. Evidence of smoking (i.e. cigarette butts, is also prohibited). The New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act of 2006 was amended in 2010 banning electronic smoking devices. Therefore, the use of any electronic smoking device is also prohibited. Further, use of smokeless tobacco products is not permitted within the residential halls.

#### 13. Solicitations/Surveys:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Solicitations and surveys are not permitted without written approval from the Office of Residence Life.

#### 14. Window Screens and Balconies:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension*

The window screens in your apartment or residence hall room should be kept in place at all times. Window screens removed from a window will result in disciplinary action being taken. If a screen/window is broken, a student needs to inform residential life staff as soon as possible. Absolutely no items should be thrown out, hung out or displayed out of any residence hall window, or off any building balcony.

#### 15. Occupancy:

*Minimum sanction: Warning; Maximum sanction: Suspension.*

Total occupancy of the apartments (The Village at Little Falls and Hawk Crossings) will be no more than twelve (12) total individuals. Triple will have total occupancy set at nine (9) individuals. Doubles will have total occupancy of six (6) individuals. Singles will have total occupancy of three (3) individuals. The total occupancy levels outlined are subject to maintaining compliance with guest policy guidelines (i.e. one resident cannot have more guests as long as they maintain numbers under total occupancy; this would result in a