

COMMUNITY LIVING EXPECTATIONS

Importance of Community Living

It is expected that all community members respect differences and encourage each other to take advantage of the unique learning experiences that a shared environment brings. As a member of this community, and by signing the Housing & Dining Agreement, students agree to conduct themselves with proper regard and mutual respect for other students, residents, guests, RAs, custodians, facilities staff, University personnel, residence hall neighbors, and their respective property. Residents also agree to abide by the policies, procedures, and rules of ODU, as outlined in the HRL Guide to Living on Campus and Student Code of Conduct.

The Benefits of On-Campus Living

- Provides the opportunity to form both large and small communities.
- Engage people with a wide variety of backgrounds, lifestyles, and values.
- Sharing a living area and expectations/responsibilities with other students.



Being a member of the Residence Hall or Apartment Community is an opportunity to contribute to the ODU community. Students are expected to:

- Respect the dignity of all persons and avoid behaviors which compromise or demean the dignity of individuals or groups, including hazing, ridiculing, harassing, and discrimination.
- Respect the rights and property of others by not participating in the theft, vandalism, arson, misappropriation, malicious damage to, and desecration or destruction of property. Students will not violate another's personal right to move about freely, express themselves appropriately, and to enjoy privacy.
- Strive to learn from differences, as well as similarities in people, ideas, and opinions to discourage bigotry.
- Demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions which support their work and development.
- Be compassionate and considerate, to avoid behaviors which are insensitive, inhospitable, or activities which unjustly or arbitrarily inhibit another's ability to feel safe in their residence hall or apartment or welcomed in their pursuit of appropriate academic goals.
- Observe ideas and encourage students to respect the basic freedoms and rights of all residence hall or apartment living community members.