Exceptions to the residency requirement are considered based on medical or religious conditions which cannot be accommodated in on-campus accommodations, situations in which living on campus would result in severe financial burden or family hardship and exceptions for students who live with immediate family in their primary residence within 30 miles of campus. Additional information can be found at **scu.edu/living**.

Should a student be found responsible for violating university and/or Housing and Residence Life policies, their Housing Contract can be canceled.

**Housing Contract Cancelations** are most times extended through the academic year. If a contract is canceled for a first-year student the contract would be canceled for the remainder of that year with the expectation that they return to live on campus for the required sophomore year.

If a student has their housing contract canceled, the student shall be subject to prorated room charge plus a cancellation fee of \$700 charged to their student account. The amount left on the student's resident dining account will be refunded based on the amount available at time of official check-out. Questions related to billing after contract cancellation can be directed to the Housing Office.

## Justice Starts Here

The Offices of Housing and Residence Life affirm and celebrate the dignity of all people. By entering into the residential communities, you agree to actively, intentionally, and continuously engage each member and guest in discussion and celebration of both our incredible differences and our unifying commonalities. We welcome you in joining us to meet our goal of creating a community where Justice Starts Here—in your home!

## Celebrating the Dignity of All People

The Offices of Housing and Residence Life recognize that the University community is comprised of individuals who represent diversity on many levels and celebrate this diversity, which includes, but is not limited to: thought, age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity/expression, ability, medical condition, religion, belief system, culture, ancestry, nationality, military/veteran status, marital status, and body image.

**LISTEN**: to the stories of others. In the spirit of Magis, we seek not only tolerance of each other's unique identities, but a greater understanding and holistic acceptance. By entering into the community, you are agreeing that you and your guests are equally accountable to each other for the words and actions that take place within the community. We will strive to create a

community where listening takes priority in conversation. From listening will come understanding, positive and educational dialogue, and appreciation.

**SPEAK**: find your voice and be a voice for others. By entering our community we empower you to respectfully confront and report instances of intolerance, injustice, and hate. We ask that you be open to being challenged on your own words, actions, and inactions with humility and that you understand that our intentions can be very different than our impact. We hope that through sustained dialogue our community can restore broken relationships and find opportunities for healing and growth.

**ACT**: take personal responsibility for yourself, others, and this community. We embrace the philosophy that all persons who are marginalized, ridiculed, and demeaned in our community for their identities—visible and invisible are entitled to a safe space in our home. It is the responsibility of each member of the Santa Clara University's Housing and Residence Life community to create this safe space for all. We strive for an atmosphere of inclusion and unity within our community at all times. We will not tolerate hateful talk or actions that make people feel unsafe in our community.



**Listen**: to the stories of others **Speak**: find your voice and be a voice for others

**Act**: take personal responsibility for yourself, others, and the community

## Housing and Residence Life Community Operations and Policies

The following section outlines many of the policies and procedures necessary for building a respectful community and providing for efficient residence hall operations. These policies are established for the health, safety, security, and well-being of on-campus residents. Penalties for violating any of the following policies range from a warning up to a maximum fine of \$500 per person, per violation, depending upon the severity of the incident, and/or referral to the University Student Conduct System.

## Alcohol and Marijuana Policies Within University Housing

This section applies to policies specific to University Housing. For university policy information, see the "Student Conduct Code" and "Student Conduct System" for additional information. Students may not be in the presence of, possess, distribute, or use marijuana (for medicinal or recreational purposes) in any property owned or controlled by the University. See Marijuana Policy" for additional information.