

# RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Resident Directors, Graduate Assistants, Residential Leader, and Front Desk Assistants all assist Housing & Residence Life in enforcing guidelines and rules. All students must exercise respect for these staff members and follow their directions at all times.
2. Physical harm or the threat of physical harm to any person including sexual assault, sexual harassment, assault/battery and physical fights, will result in disciplinary action.
3. Soliciting and sales in the residence halls is prohibited.
4. Sleeping in the lounge or lobby is prohibited at all times.
5. Personal grooming (hair, nails, facial) is prohibited in all main lobbies and all common areas at all times.
6. Residents are prohibited from operating businesses in the residence halls. This includes but is not limited to barber services, hair salons, nail salons, makeup services, and babysitting.
7. Housing and meals will be prorated based on withdrawal.
8. The following are not permitted in the lobby: eating, playing cards, bicycle riding, skating, horse-playing, loud music, lap-sitting, bouncing balls, placing of feet on the table, sitting on counter tops or chair arm(s), sidewalk chalking, or water guns.
9. Residents must be dressed appropriately at all times while in the main lobby. Shoes, shirts, pants, or dresses are required to enter the lobby/lounge areas. No robes or bath wraps are permitted at any time.
10. Excessive yelling is prohibited throughout the residence halls at all times.
11. The consumption, possession, or distribution of alcohol or drugs, as well as any associated paraphernalia is prohibited. The appearance or display of any alcoholic container is also prohibited.



12. Smoking is prohibited in all residence halls at all times.
13. An atmosphere conducive to normal living and studying must be maintained 24 hours a day in all areas. Quiet hours are in effect in all residence halls from 10:00 pm—10:00 am (24 hours a day). All residents must refrain from causing any disruptions that could infringe on another resident's right to study or sleep during these times.
14. During the midterm and final exam periods, "Quiet Hours" will be enforced twenty-four hours a day beginning at 8:00 pm on the day before final exams begin.
15. Loitering in close proximity to residence halls is prohibited.
16. Throwing or dropping objects from the windows or communication from windows is prohibited. Any student(s) found in violation of this rule may be recommended for immediate removal from the residence hall and may be refused on-campus housing for the duration of the time they are a student at Norfolk State University.
17. Upon the request of University staff, residents must identify themselves and present his/her ID card. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.
18. All floor and hall meetings are mandatory (meaning all students residing in the residence hall must attend). All students will be held responsible for obtaining information on topics discussed/items disseminated during the meeting(s).
19. Seminars/Educational and Recreational Programs are provided for students to help increase their overall knowledge and to enhance their academic experience while a resident. Attendance is strongly encouraged.
20. At no time should a student leave clothes unattended in the laundry rooms. The University is not responsible or liable for any items left unattended or otherwise in the laundry room(s). Students desiring to use a laundry machine filled with unattended clothing should contact the

staff person on duty or their respective RA. Students are prohibited from placing clothing or items on University owned furniture for drying

21. Blocking/covering heating or air conditioning units in rooms/suites is prohibited.
22. At no time are non-working students/guests permitted behind the information desk of any residence hall.
23. Residents must show their Spartan ID card upon entering the residence halls at all times. Refusal to do so may result in disciplinary action. Students are required to keep their Spartan ID card in their possession at all times while on campus.
24. Damages to common areas due to vandalism are assessed to the individual(s) responsible. If damages cannot be assigned to a responsible party, they will be assessed to the suite/floor/hall believed to be responsible for the damage.

#### **UNIVERSITY RIGHT TO ENTRY**

- A. Room/Suites Inspection: Routine room inspections will be performed by designated Housing & Residence Life staff, typically once a month. Advance, written notice may be sent to residents as a courtesy. However, the University reserves the right to enter locked or unlocked rooms at any time, regardless if the occupants are present or not, for the purpose of inspecting the room, building or University property, and/or completing necessary maintenance. Evidence of violation of federal, state, or local laws and/or University regulations observed at such time may be referred to University Police or the Dean of Students Office.

#### **CLEANLINESS CRITERIA**

##### **Rooms**

1. Beds must be neat (free of excess clothing, trash, etc.).
2. Trash must be properly placed in a trashcan or trash bag.
3. Floor (tile/carpet) must be swept and/or mopped.

##### **Bathrooms (Suites Only)**

1. Floors swept and mopped.

2. Toilets sanitized and clean.
  3. Mirrors, sinks, and counters cleaned.
  4. Trash cans cleaned.
  5. Shower tile and floor cleaned (shower must be free of build-up)
  6. Shower curtains must be cleaned and free of build-up.
- B. Health and Safety Inspection: All room searches, except those conducted under warrant by law enforcement officers, must be approved by the Executive Director of Housing & Residence Life or his/her designee. A room may be searched if there is reasonable cause to believe that a person occupying a room in a residence hall is in violation of federal, state or local laws, University regulations, or an act which endangers or jeopardizes the health and welfare of the residential community.

The occupant(s) of the room in question will be notified of the search if there is reasonable cause to conduct a health and safety inspection, when feasible. The resident(s) may be invited to be present during the search if they are available.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

Any of the following sanctions may be imposed, individually or collectively, upon residents who violate the residence hall regulations as outlined in the Guide to Community Living and/or the NSU Student Handbook.

- A. Warning: A notice, verbally or in writing, that continuation or repetition of conduct found wrongful within a specified period of time, stated in the warning, may be cause for more severe disciplinary sanctions.
- B. Reprimand: A written or verbal disapproval of a student's violation of residence hall regulations.
- C. Mediation: Students involved in a minor incident that does not require disciplinary action through the Dean of Students Office may be offered the opportunity to participate in mediation sessions, if all parties agree.

- D. Disciplinary Probation: The accused student may be placed on probation for any period ranging from a semester to one year. Any additional infractions incurred while a student is on probation may result in eviction, suspension, and or expulsion from the residence halls and/or the University.
- E. Cancellation of Housing Contract: If, in the reasonable belief of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and/or the Executive Director of Residence Life & Housing, the presence of a student charged with violating a regulation is not conducive to residence hall living, the contract will not be renewed for a stated period of time.
- F. Immediate Eviction: If, in reasonable belief of the President, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Director of Counseling, University Police or the Executive Director for Housing & Residence Life, the presence of a student in a residence hall presents a serious threat to peace, order, or safety in the residence hall, he/she may, after an informal hearing, terminate the student's contract and cause his/her immediate eviction from the residence hall.

## CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

1. Abuse of the student conduct system to include but not limited to providing false information during the student conduct process and/or not completing sanctions within allocated time period.
2. Abuse of safety equipment to include but not limited to tampering with or engaging fire alarms, extinguishers or smoke detectors.
3. Acts of dishonesty to include but not limited to furnishing false information to University officials or forgery of any University document. For academic dishonesty, refer to Academic Dishonesty Procedures.
4. Alcohol the use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages or paraphernalia.
5. Computer Misuse- Refer to Acceptable Use of Technological Resource Policy.

6. Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person including one's self.
7. Gambling for money, in any form on University property.
8. Dating Violence
9. Domestic Violence
10. Drugs the use, possession or distribution of illegal drugs or misuse of prescription drugs and other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia.
11. Disruptive behavior that interferes with University sponsored events/activities; teaching, learning, administration, research; and/or University operations.
12. Failure to comply with directions of University employees or law enforcement officers.
13. Harassment to include but not limited to bullying/cyber-bullying, intimidation and/or hate crimes.
14. Hazing- Hazing includes, but is not limited to any situation which: creates a risk of physical injury; causes embarrassment and/or discomfort; involves harassment and/or humiliation; causes psychological or emotional distress; involves degradation and/or ridicule of an individual or group; involves or includes the willful destruction or removal of public or private property; involves the expectation that new/perspective members will participate in an activity, but full members will not.
15. Obscene behavior to include but not limited to public sexual acts or indecent exposure.
16. Retaliation against any person or group who makes a complaint, cooperates with an investigation, or participates in the resolution process.
17. Sexual misconduct - Refer to BOV Policy # 5 (2014) Sexual Misconduct Policy.
18. Stalking is when a person, on more than one occasion, engages in any behavior or conduct directed at another person with the intent to place that other person in reasonable fear of harm, death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to that person or to that person's family or household member. Cyber-stalking is a form of stalking or harassment that involves the intentional act of using the Internet to cause someone emotional distress
19. Theft includes the use, removal or possession of University/individual property without entitlement or authorization.
20. Threatening behavior whether written or verbal, towards any member of the University community that causes an expectation of injury or implies a threat to cause fear.
21. Unauthorized access or entry to any University building.
22. Unauthorized recording and/or distribution to include but not limited to pictures, audio or videos of any person without their explicit permission or consent.
23. Weapons-Refer to Violence Prevention Policy.
24. Vandalism includes but is not limited to destroying or damaging University property or property of another person.
25. Violence to persons includes but is not limited to intentionally or recklessly causing harm to any person.
26. Violating federal, state or local laws that legitimately affect the University's interest.
27. Violating any published Board of Visitors or University policies or rule