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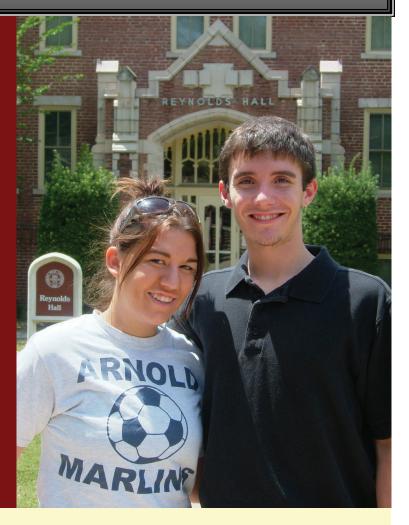


University Housing Florida State University

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Housing Agreement & Conditions



There are many factors involved in deciding where to live, and the decision to live on campus is one of the biggest you will make during your time in college. This booklet will help you make that decision by answering some of your questions and giving you an idea of what campus life is like. The staff in University Housing is committed to providing you with the most comfortable environment possible that will promote and support your academic success.

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In addition to our facilities, University Housing provides students with a wide range of activities and programs designed to meet your specific needs. Many of these programs transform our residence halls into "Living-Learning Centers," where you can achieve added academic growth and development while working with others who share the same goal. Since these are available in specific halls, read the residence hall descriptions in this booklet carefully to prioritize your hall preferences.

University Housing offers several apartment communities dedicated to meeting the various needs of students. Undergraduate students above the freshmen level may choose efficiency and townhouse living in McCollum Hall or 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom living in Ragans Hall. Because of the priority given to returning students, these facilities typically fill before new, incoming students arrive on campus. Only in situations when late cancellations are received is it likely that a new applicant will receive an assignment to these apartment facilities.

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Visitation Options

Our university community is very diverse, and we respect the rights of individuals to make decisions regarding lifestyle choices, including the visitation of members of the opposite gender to their individual rooms. You will be asked to indicate a visitation preference on your housing agreement. No student will be assigned to a room with more hours of visitation than requested.

In all facilities, visitation means periodic visits of a guest of the opposite gender, and does not include cohabitation in a room, suite, or apartment.

- SELF-REGULATED Visitation by members of the opposite gender is determined by mutual agreement between roommates at the beginning of the year, or whenever occupancy changes.
- LIMITED VISITATION Members of the opposite gender are only allowed to be in private and public areas of the floor (excluding bathrooms) during the following hours:11am - midnight Sunday - Thursday, 11am- 2am Friday - Saturday.

Non-Traditional & Graduate Student Housing Options

Besides the traditional residence halls available to under-graduate students, FSU has several options for non-traditional undergraduates (23 years of age or older, married, single parent, etc.) and all graduate students. Students may choose from Rogers Hall, Alumni Village or designated space in Ragans Hall. Be advised that Rogers and Ragans halls are reserved for single students.

Additionally, a limited number of spaces are available to returning upper-class students in Rogers Hall. Please contact the University Housing Office as early as possible regarding possible residency in any of these facilities (Alumni Village, Rogers, Ragans).

Eligibility Requirements

All residents of University Housing are required to be fee-paying, degree-seeking students registered for classes at Florida State University and making reasonable progress toward obtaining their degrees.

Your Fall-Spring Housing Agreement

Housing Agreements are available to students who have been formally admitted to FSU. To apply for campus housing, you must do the following:

- 1) Complete the agreement manually or apply electronically by accessing the on-line application available on our website (www.housing.fsu.edu).
- 2) Return the completed agreement with required signatures and \$225 advance payment. ON-LINE HOUSING APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND APPLY ELECTRONICALLY, YOU MUST PRINT THE AGREEMENT AFTER SELECTING SUBMIT AND RETURN IT TO US WITHIN 10 DAYS WITH THE APPROPRIATE SIGNATURES TO AVOID CANCELLATION.

The Housing Agreement is a contractual agreement between The Florida State University, acting for and on behalf of the Florida State University Board of Trustees, a public body corporate of the State of Florida and each housing student. The Undergraduate Housing Agreement obligates the student for both the fall and spring semester. It is important that the student read the terms and conditions very carefully before completing the agreement or applying electronically. Please know that we are unable to guarantee housing. In the event that we are unable to house all students on our list by mid-July, students will be notified in writing.

Official 2009 - 2010 Opening & Closing Dates

FALL TERM 2009

Opening Date: Wednesday, August 19 at 9 am Closing Date: Saturday, December 12 at noon

SPRING TERM 2010

Opening Date (Tentative): Monday, January 4 at 9 am Closing Date: Saturday, May 1 at noon Spring Break Closing: Saturday, March 6 at noon Spring Break Opening: Sunday, March 14 at noon

*** Official opening is the earliest date students can move into their rooms. Those students who are graduating, withdrawing, or are not enrolled must vacate their rooms. University Housing reserves the right to change these dates to reflect changes to the University calendar.



Housing Assignments

FSU celebrates diversity in its many forms, therefore, we do not make assignments with regard to race, creed or national origin. Priority for a housing assignment is established by the date that the Housing Agreement is received in the Housing Office. Since housing accommodations are limited, it is essential that students return their completed Agreement as soon as possible. Please know that we are unable to guarantee housing to students. Therefore, choosing to wait to return your completed Agreement may result in not being assigned to a preferred space, roommate or even the opportunity to reside in campus housing. Some housing applicants may be placed in temporary accommodations until a permanent space becomes available.

Acceptance of the Housing Agreement by University Housing establishes priority for assignment. It does not guarantee that any specific hall, roommate, or room type can be satisfied. Special room types are limited and are not found in every hall.

Florida Prepaid College Program

If you are participating in the Florida Prepaid College Dormitory Plan, you are given priority assignment to the designated Prepaid halls provided that you apply for housing by March 1 and list a Prepaid hall as your first choice. The designated Prepaid halls are as follows:

♦Deviney

♦Dorman

♦Kellum

♦Smith

Please know that the Florida Prepaid College Dormitory Plan does not guarantee housing. If you are participating in the Prepaid plan, you are not limited in your hall choices. If you indicate a residence hall other than the ones listed above, you will forfeit your Prepaid priority status and be assigned in the same manner as other students. If you are assigned to a hall or room with a higher rental rate, the Prepaid program will only cover the designated double room rate for each of the designated Prepaid halls and you will be expected to pay the difference. The Prepaid Program will be invoiced for the \$225 advance payment. The 2008 - 2009 prepaid rate was \$1,950 per semester. Please note that if your roommate choice is not a Prepaid participant and you choose a prepaid hall, an assignment together is only possible if your roommate is an early housing applicant.



Summer 2009 Housing Agreement

Students who have been admitted for the Summer Session will need to complete two separate Housing Agreement:

- 1. Fall 2009/Spring 2010 Housing Agreement
- 2. Summer 2009 Housing Agreement

Students will receive the Fall Agreement information first; the summer agreement information will be available in early February. Students may apply for summer housing electronically in February 2009. A non-refundable advance payment of \$100 must be received in our office within 10 days of submission of the Summer Housing Agreement to avoid automatic cancellation.

Notification of Assignment Status and Payment Options

You will be notified in early June regarding your summer and fall assignment status. The assignment invoices also serve as the billing invoice for the term. This is the only billing statement that students will receive for the fall term. Students will receive a billing invoice for the spring term in November at their campus post office box (U-Box).

University Housing offers students several payment options: full payment, an installment plan, financial aid deferment, and the Prepaid College Dormitory Plan. Payment information is mailed with the assignment notification and payment arrangements must be made in advance.

Health & Safety

In order for everyone in the community to enjoy a safe, comfortable environment, certain standards must be followed. Students are responsible for knowing and observing University regulations and procedures set forth in official University publications including the Guide to Residence Living. Once students sign the Housing Agreement or submit it electronically, they are agreeing to abide by the expectations outlined in this book and other official university publications.

University Housing, along with the FSU Police Department, is committed to providing a safe environment for our students. Our halls are locked at all times, and students can only enter with their FSU Card.

In some cases, residents will need to identify themselves and guests prior to entering the living area. The success of our residence hall security program depends on students taking responsibility to observe and cooperate in all procedures designed to increase safety.

In accordance with the Florida Clean Air Act of 1993, smoking is prohibited within any State University System educational facility. Smoking is not allowed in indoor public areas, student rooms, apartments or suites.

Cable, Phone, & Computer Services

Computer services are available to all residence hall students. Each room is wired with direct computer connections, and no modems are required to access the Internet. Typically, the number of lines in each room is based on occupancy.

Each room is also equipped with a telephone line and wiring for cable television. You can access these services by contacting the Office of Telecommunications.

Students With Disabilities

University Housing will assist students with disabilities and special medical needs in locating a facility suitable for them. Please indicate the nature of the condition on the application. The Student Disability Resource Center is also available to help you adapt to campus life. The center can be reached by telephone at 850-644-9566.Cable, Phone, & Computer Services.



LIVING & LEARNING



Specifically designed for first-year students, the Learning Communities at Florida State University are designed to help contribute to the student's overall growth and development.

In addition to residing in a close-knit, supportive community, learning community participants are given the opportunity to interact with faculty and with other students who share common academic interests. Some may take courses in their residence hall.

These students aren't just living together, they're learning together! Currently there are eight living-learning communities.

Bryan Hall Learning Community

www.BryanHall.fsu.edu

- Located in Bryan Hall.
- Emphasis on curiosity and the desire to learn.
- Enroll in a weekly colloquium during the fall term.
- Option to sign up for mentorship opportunities: small groups of Bryan residents who meet an hour each week with a faculty member.
- Meet some of your liberal studies requirements by enrolling in one three-hour course per semester in a small classroom located in the residence hall.

Pre-Health Professions Learning Community

www.chs.fsu.edu/college/llc.php

- Located in Reynolds Hall.
- Focus on the transition to college with an emphasis on wellness for the individual, family, and community.
- Take part in designated courses with a small class atmosphere, have fun with peers, and interact with leading experts in the field of wellness.
- Students who take part in this program must abide by the Reynolds Hall Wellness Agreement.

Music Living-Learning Center

www.music.fsu.edu/tour-cawthon.htm

- Located in Cawthon Hall.
- Provides first-year music majors the opportunity to live and study in a residential college environment.
- Exclusive access to small-enrollment music courses taught "in house."
- Meet and interact with faculty and music professionals.
- Evaluate the place and purpose of music in your life—as a career or profession, as a creative outlet, as a life-long avocation, and as a means of serving others and benefiting your community.

Nursing Learning Community

www.fsu.edu/~cvatd/livinglearning/

- Located in Wildwood Hall.
- Designed for students intending to major in Nursing.
- Interact with highly qualified nursing faculty and your pre-nursing peers in a supportive, communitybased environment.
- Enroll in the Nursing Colloquium and other designated courses.



Social Justice Learning Community

www.socialjustice.fsu.edu

- Located in Wildwood Hall.
- Designed for students who wish to understand and practice social justice.
- Gain leadership knowledge and skills that will enable you to initiate and bring about positive social change.
- Discover personal interest areas of service, research, and practice through the program's colloquium and seminars,
 while meeting some of your Liberal Studies requirements.

Social Science & Public Affairs Learning Community

www.publicaffairsllc.fsu.edu

- Located in DeGraff Hall.
- Focus on the study of Public and International Affairs and educating students for citizenship.
- Become involved in activities pertaining to issues of government and public policy.
- Enroll in a one credit hour seminar on public affairs during the Fall and Spring semester.
- Take some of your liberal studies courses in the in-house classroom.
- Priority is given to students declaring a major in the College of Social Sciences.

Education Learning Community (ELC)

www.coe.fsu.edu/departments/ed_comm/about.htm

- Located in Cawthon Hall.
- Explore what it means to be a teacher and to really make a difference in the life of a child.
- Participate in "Service Learning" experiences that provide opportunities to interact with children, schools, and community organizations.
- Fulfill liberal studies requirements by enrolling in reserved sections with an educational theme.
- Exclusive access to small sized, technologically advanced classrooms located within Cawthon Hall.
- Benefit from increased academic support and guidance from the staff and director and meet other students who share your interests.
- Priority is given to students declaring an intent to major in Education or expressing interest in working with children.

Women in Math, Science, & Engineering Program (WIMSE)

www.fsu.edu/~WIMSE

- Located in Cawthon Hall.
- WIMSE provides support for women studying science, mathematics, and engineering through faculty interaction, study groups, and peer education.
- The community living unit provides access to support networks in these academic areas by offering role models, advising assistance and opportunities for field trips.
- WIMSE is open to all female students who plan to major in any of the physical sciences, mathematics, or engineering fields.

Applying To a Learning Community

- 1. When you are notified of admission to FSU as a first-time-in-college student, submit a completed housing agreement and the required \$225 prepayment by mail or online. You must do this before applying to any learning communities.
- 2. Visit the website for each learning community of interest to you; be sure you understand what each requires of its residents BEFORE you apply.
- 3. For each learning community of interest to you, submit a completed learning community application at www.housing.fsu.edu/housingonline.html by April 7, 2009.
- 4. If you are selected for one or more learning communities, your *Imited* status will be posted at www.housing.fsu.edu/housingonline.html on April 17; you must accept this invitation by April 25 or it may be withdrawn.
- 5. If you are not invited to participate in a Living-Learning Community, you may update your hall preferences online until mid May 2009. Application Deadline: April 7, 2009

LIVING & LEARNING

Special Opportunities in the Halls

Landis Honors Community

Landis Hall is the primary home to the FSU Honors Residential Community. The Honors Residential Community provides a supportive environment for highly motivated students who have been invited and accepted into the FSU Honors Program. (Acceptance into the FSU Honors Program does not guarantee housing or an assignment in Landis Hall.) Students wishing to reside in the Honors Residential Community must indicate Landis Hall as their first hall preference on the Housing Agreement. In the event that Landis Hall fills some spaces will be designated in Gilchrist Hall for Honors participants. For additional information about the FSU Honors Program and their academic requirements, please contact the FSU Honors Office at 850-644-1841 or visit their website at www.honors.fsu.edu.

Reynolds Wellness Lifestyle Program

The Wellness Lifestyle Program in Reynolds Hall is designed to offer group opportunities for assessment of personal lifestyle, individual goal setting and utilization of various campus resources. Student residents are expected to abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs in their personal lives and to support a living environment which promotes abstinence as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Students who are chosen to be part of the Wellness Lifestyle Program will be assigned to the designated spaces in the building. Participants will have the unique opportunity to live with other students who have made a commitment to focus on pursuing a wellness lifestyle. Students interested in the Wellness Lifestyle Program must submit a copy of the Wellness Lifestyle Agreement by May 1st. It can be found under "Special Programs" on the Housing website.











Seminole Dining Meal Plan Membership

All students who reside in Broward, Bryan, Cawthon, Gilchrist, Jennie Murphree, Landis and Reynolds are required to purchase a meal plan membership. All meal plan memberships offer students entry into the Fresh Food Company, the Suwannee Room, and the Figg Players Dining Room. Meal Plan Terms and Conditions are available on the Seminole Dining website.

For additional information on the meal plan memberships and a listing of eating locations, please visit their website at www.seminoledining.com. If you have questions, please call Seminole Dining at 850-644-FOOD.

BROWARD (East Campus)

- Houses 135 men and women
- Offers single and double rooms; singles with bath and doubles with bath
- Suite-style living with semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator

BRYAN (East Campus)

- Houses 131 men and women
- Reserved for participants invited to the Bryan Hall Learning Community
- Offers double rooms, doubles with bath, and triples with bath
- Suite-style living with semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator



CAWTHON (East Campus)

- Houses 297 men and women
- Home of the Music and Women in Math, Science & Engineering
 (WIMSE) Learning Communities; rest of hall open to non-participants
- Offers single, double, triples, singles with bath and doubles with bath
- Suite-style living with semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator



DEGRAFF (East Campus)

- Houses 700 men and women
- Home of the **Social Sciences & Public Affairs Leaning Community**; rest of hall open to non-participants
- Offers double rooms
- Suite-style living with semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator



DEVINEY (East Campus)

- Houses 243 men and women
- Offers single and double rooms
- Limited visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator
- Community baths are cleaned Monday through Friday by housing staff



DORMAN (East Campus)

- Houses 281 men and women
- Offers single and double rooms
- Limited visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator
- Community baths are cleaned Monday through Friday by housing staff

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GILCHRIST (East Campus)

- Houses 229 men and women
- Home of the **Honors Residential Community;** rest of hall open to non-participants
- Offers single and double rooms; singles with bath, doubles with bath, triples with bath
- Semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator

JENNIE MURPHREE (East Campus)

- Houses 326 women
- Offers single, double, triple, and quad rooms, singles with bath, doubles with bath, and triples with bath
- Semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator



KELLUM (West Campus)

- Houses 538 men and women
- Offers double rooms with built-in beds
- Limited visitation
- Amenities includes beds, dressers, closets, built-in shelves, mirror, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator
- Community baths are cleaned Monday through Friday by housing staff



LANDIS (East Campus)

- Houses 403 men and women
- Home of the Honors Residential Community
- Offers singles and doubles, singles with bath and doubles with bath, triples with
- Semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator



McCOLLUM (West Campus)

- Houses 199 men and women
- RESERVED FOR RETURNING RESIDENCE HALL STUDENTS & STUDENTS ABOVE THE FRESHMAN LEVEL
- Efficiency apartments house one student; amenities include a bed, dresser, kitchen until, desk with chair, closet, study area, bathroom
- Two-bedroom townhouse apartments house four students; amenities included twin beds, dresser space, desk with chairs, shared study area, living/ dining area, kitchen unit, bathroom
- Self-regulated visitation
- Students are responsible for cleaning their own apartments

REYNOLDS (East Campus)

- Houses 243 men and women
- Home of the Wellness Lifestyle Program and the Pre-Health Professions Learning Community
- Offers singles, doubles, triples, doubles with bath, triple with bath
- Students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator

SW RAGANS (West Campus)

- Houses 555 men and women
- RESERVED FOR RETURNING RESIDENCE HALL STUDENTS & STUDENTS ABOVE THE FRESHMAN LEVEL
- Apartment facility houses 4 students in singles bedrooms; two bathrooms; amenities
 - include twin beds, dressers, desks with chairs, shared study living dining area, kitchen
- Self-regulated visitation
- Students are responsible for cleaning their own apartments

SALLEY (West Campus)

- Houses 570 men and women
- Offers suite-style rooms; two people share a bedroom, four people share a bathroom, four share a common study area
- Students are responsible for cleaning their bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dresser space, closets, desks with chairs, & small refrigerator









SMITH (West Campus)

- Houses 553 men and women
- Offers doubles with built-in beds
- Limited visitation
- Amenities includes beds, dressers, closets, built-in shelves, mirror, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator
- Community baths are cleaned Monday-Friday by housing staff

WILDWOOD (West Campus)

- Houses 700 men and women
- Home of the Nursing Learning Community and Social Justice Learning Community; rest of hall open to non-participants
- Offers double rooms
- Suite-style living with semi-private baths; students are responsible for cleaning their own bathrooms
- Self-regulated visitation
- Amenities includes moveable beds, dressers, closets, desks with chairs, sink, & small refrigerator



Understanding the Room Type Preference



Deviney, Dorman, Kellum and Smith Halls are all traditional residence halls. Broward, Bryan, Cawthon, DeGraff, Gilchrist, Landis, Jennie Murphree, Reynolds, Salley and Wildwood Halls are all suite-style facilities. The room type in all halls determines the occupancy for the room. The majority of rooms on campus are double occupancy rooms. In a traditional residence hall, a double room would indicate that two students share their living area while bathroom facilities are shared

with other students on the floor/wing. In a suite-style hall, double

occupancy would indicate that students share their living area while bathrooms are shared with the adjoining room. Special room types such as doubles with bath indicate that students share both their living space and bathroom with their assigned roommate only.



FACTS & FIGURES

				Female	Sophomores &					
Halls	Capacity	Visitation	Coed	Only	Above	Singles	Doubles	Triples	Quads	Apartments
Broward	135	В	X			X	X			
Bryan	131	В	X				X	X		
Cawthon	297	В	X			X	X	X		
DeGraff	700	В	X				X			
Deviney	243	A	X			X	X			
Dorman	276	A	X				X			
Gilchrist	229	В	X			X	X	X		
Jennie	326	A		X		X	X	X	X	
Kellum	538	A	X				X			
Landis	403	В	X			X	X	X	X	
McCollum	199	В	X		X	X				X
Ragans	555	В	X		X	X				X
Reynolds	243	В	X			X	X	X		
Salley	570	В	X				X			
Smith	553	A	X				X			
Wildwood	700	В	X				X			

Additional Amenities

All residence halls: Kitchens, TV Lounges, Study Rooms, Recreation Rooms, Laundry Rooms, Computer Connections, Vending and Ice Machines. Residence Halls that have sinks in the rooms are all of the EXCEPT Deviney, Dorman, McCollum, Ragans, and Salley. Ragans Hall and McCollum Hall efficiencies and townhouses all have small kitchen units. Each apartment has private bath facilities.

Cawthon Hall and Smith Hall both have computer labs.







Housing Room Rates

Rental rates for the 2009-2010 academic year were not known as of this printing. Rental rates for the 2008-2009 academic year are listed below. Rates listed are per person for each semester. The 2009-2010 academic year rental rates will be mailed to you along with your room assignment invoice in June or July.

RESIDENCE HALL	ROOM TYPE*	SEMESTER RATE
	KOOM 111L	
		(2008 - 2009)
Deviney, Dorman	Double	\$1,950
and Kellum Halls	Single	\$2,040
	Double w/bath	\$2,280
	Single w/bath	\$2,3 90
Smith Hall	Double	\$1,850
	Double w/bath	\$2,115
McCollum Hall	Townhouse	\$2, 060
	Efficiency apartment	\$2,660
Salley Hall	Double	\$2,210
<u> </u>	Single	\$2 , 505
	Double w/bath	\$2,505
Broward, Bryan, Cawthon, DeGraff,	Double	\$2, 390
Gilchrist, Landis, Jennie Murphree,	Single	\$2,690
Reynolds & Wildwood	Triple	\$2 <u>,</u> 255
	Double w/bath	\$2,690
	Single w/bath	\$2,795
	Triple or Quad w/bath	\$2,380
SW Ragans Hall	Single	\$2,685

*NOTE: Not all halls offer all of these room types.

Do You Need To Print or Update Your Completed Housing Agreement?

If you wish to make changes to your housing application, or if you need to print a copy, you may access your completed agreement electronically. Just visit the housing website (www.housing.fsu.edu) and click the "online agreement" icon.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY 2009 - 2010 UNDERGRADUATE HOUSING AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The purpose of this document is to establish a mutual agreement between each housing student and The Florida State University, acting for and on behalf of the Florida State University Board of Trustees, a public body corporate of the State of Florida with regard to living in University Housing Facilities.

I. AGREEMENT OF TERMS

- A. Under this agreement, the student is entitled to the privacy of the assigned room, (except as stated in II F), the use of public facilities of the residence hall, and the services rendered in order to pursue his/her educational goals.
- B. This agreement whether submitted electronically with required advance payment, or by mail with appropriate signature (s) and required advance payment, is effective from the University's acceptance of the application until the end of the spring semester of the academic year. If the student withdraws from the University and then re-enrolls during the agreement period, the agreement obligation will be reinstated. The student must vacate the residence hall within 24 hours of withdrawal, release or termination of the agreement, during a given semester.
- C. Residents of University Housing facilities must be degree-seeking students registered for classes at Florida State University for each semester of occupancy. Any exceptions must be granted on an individual basis and based on documented academic circumstances.
- D. The University's acceptance of this agreement does NOT guarantee assignment to a particular type of accommodation, specific request or final admission to the University. It does establish priority for residence hall assignment.
- E. Semester room rent covers occupancy from the date and time designated for official opening until the date and time designated for official closing of the residence halls which will follow the last scheduled examination for each semester. Room rent does not cover occupancy during any vacation period or between semesters. University Housing reserves the right to provide housing over the Thanksgiving period on a limited, centralized basis.

II. CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESIDENTS

- A. Occupancy of rooms is only by students to whom the room is assigned. Rooms may not be sublet to another person. Room transfer may be made only after receiving written approval from the University Housing Office. A guest may not be accommodated in University Housing facilities for more than three days during a 30-day period.
- B. Students are responsible for care of rooms and equipment. The University provides no janitorial service in student rooms. Charges may be made for damages to, unauthorized use of, or alterations to rooms, equipment or buildings and for special cleaning necessitated by improper care of rooms or equipment. Students are jointly responsible for care of public areas and equipment. Public areas are defined as those areas available for use by all students living on a wing, a floor or within a hall. Charges for damages to public areas and equipment may be made to all students assigned to separate wings, floors or within entire halls as appropriate.
- C. Students are responsible for knowing and observing University regulations and procedures as set forth in official University publications including the *Guide to Residence Living*. The University reserves the right to make other rules and regulations as in its judgment may be necessary for the safety, care and cleanliness of the premises and for the preservation of order. The student agrees to abide by all additional rules and regulations that are adopted.
- D. The University is not liable for damage or loss of personal property,

failure or interruption of utilities, or unforeseen accidents/injuries. The University only provides liability for damages or injuries caused by negligence on the part of the University or its employees while working within the scope of their employment. Students are strongly encouraged to secure their own personal property loss insurance.

- E. You have the ability to contract for telephone services through the Office of Telecommunications. Services will require the use of your social security number and a Personal Identification Number (PIN). You agree to be responsible for all charges. You agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions as set forth by the Office of Telecommunications. If you prefer not to use your social security number, you must go to the Office of Telecommunications in the Shaw Building for assistance in selecting an alternate number.
- F. Authorized University personnel may enter student rooms for normal inspection and maintenance purposes. The student's personal property is not subject to search without express approval of the student except when a reasonable belief exists that the room is being used for a purpose which is illegal or which would otherwise seriously interfere with discipline and/or personal safety.
- G. Room assignments may at any time be changed, canceled or terminated by the University in the interests of order, health, discipline, maximum utilization of facilities or disaster after notice to the assignee as is practical. Disregard for the rights, responsibilities and duties of others, as well as the creation of circumstances which could jeopardize life, limb or property, are conditions which are not acceptable in University housing and may be cause for termination of the Housing Agreement.
- H. You may NOT possess within the residence halls: firearms, fireworks or any materials that may be hazardous to the health or safety of other occupants of the building, motorcycles, waterbeds, weights, drums, amplified instruments, pets, open flame elements or refrigerators in addition to those already provided. Bicycles may be stored in student rooms ONLY if permission is granted by the roommate in advance.
- Visitation shall be in accordance with Florida State University Policy.
- In keeping with the policies of the University, all rooms are assigned without regard to race, creed or national origin.
- K. Students shall not pursue any business in their room or on the premises.
- L. All students who reside in a currently renovated residence hall on the Eastside of campus are required to purchase a meal plan membership. The affected halls and living-learning communities are as follows: Broward, Bryan, Cawthon, Gilchrist, Jennie Murphree, Landis and Reynolds.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

III. RATES, PAYMENTS AND REFUND POLICY STATEMENT

- A. Residence hall room rates are outlined in this publication. Room rates may be changed after 30 days' notice to the assignee in the event of unanticipated circumstances beyond the control of the University, including increased utility rates.
- B. PAYMENTS (Although the Housing Agreement is for the academic year, payments are made by the semester.)
- C. <u>Initial Payment:</u> An advance payment of \$225 must be received within 10 days of submitting the Housing Agreement or the initial semester of occupancy. Invoices for balance of payment will be mailed with the specific housing assignment and will be due prior to occupancy.
- D. <u>Subsequent Semester:</u> Payments are due in the housing office on or before the fifth day of classes. Payments received after this due date are subject to a \$25 late fee.
- E. **CONSOLIDATION:** The University has a consolidation policy which requires that two students occupy a standard double-occupancy room. When only one student occupies a double room an additional 50% will be charged. The fee will not be charged if a roommate leaves after the second week of classes.

F. REFUND POLICY/INITIAL SEMESTER:

- G. If written notice of decision not to be enrolled at Florida State University is received **PRIOR** to the official opening date of the residence halls, a refund of all fees paid will be made **LESS**: \$50 if cancellation is received through **May 1**; \$75 if cancellation is received **May 2** through **July 1**; \$100.00 if cancellation is received **July 2** and prior to the official opening date of the residence halls. (Students contracting for the **Spring 2010** term ONLY who do not intend to enroll for Spring 2010 must submit their cancellation notice prior to **January 2, 2010** and will receive a refund of all fees paid less \$100)
- H. After Official Opening Date: If written notification of withdrawal from the University is received in the housing office after official opening date and before Friday ending the first full week of classes, a 50% obligation of one semester housing fees will apply. No refunds or waiver of fees will be made after Friday ending the first full week of classes.
- I. REFUND/ASSESSMENT POLICY SUBSEQUENT SEMESTER
- J. Official cancellation date for the Spring 2010 semester is December 1, 2009. A residence hall student who is not enrolling for the Spring 2010 semester will be obligated for 50% of spring semester housing fees, if he/she fails to submit written notification of decision not to attend the University by December 1, 2009.

K. REFUND FOR MEDICAL WITHDRAWALS

L. Students who withdraw from the University for medical reasons are eligible for a refund when the following conditions are met: 1)the illness is confirmed by a University physician, and 2) the student vacates the space during the refund period. The schedule for refunds for medical withdrawals is as follows: 90% through the first week of classes, 80% through the second week of classes, 70% through the third week of classes, and 60% through the fourth week of classes. No refund will be authorized after the fourth week of classes.

IV. AGREEMENT CANCELLATION OR RELEASE MAY BE APPROVED BY THE HOUSING OFFICE FOR THE STUDENT WHO:

- A. Decides not to enroll in the University.
- B. Withdraws from the University.
- C. Presents evidence of marriage.
- D. Is denied admission/or is suspended or expelled from the University.
- E. Is released from the agreement by the Appeals Committee.

 Parties to this agreement will accept the decision of the Housing
 Appeals Committee as final. All appeals must be submitted by the
 official cancellation date or be subject to stated assessment policies.

 Questions regarding the appeals process should be directed to Housing
 Assignments Staff.



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