

The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract

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Preamble

Living on-campus at the University of Connecticut is a privilege and is treated as such. Expectations of community living include but are not limited to sharing and negotiating the use of space with others, treating others with respect, communicating with roommates/suitemates/apartment mates or housemates as well as floor-mates, and cooperating with Residential Life staff and policies. Residents found to be in violation of community living expectations will be referred to the community standards process.

All residents must accept responsibility for creating an environment that promotes individual growth and builds community through the safe, respectful exchange of diverse thought, opinion, and feeling. Unfortunately, a few students may abuse the freedom inherent in such an environment. Residents who breach the trust that has been extended to them by the University community shall be held accountable for their actions. Hate speech and actions are not tolerated at the University of Connecticut and individuals who are victims of hate speech or actions are protected through The Student Code and Connecticut laws related to discrimination, harassment or intimidation based on bigotry or bias. Not every act that might be offensive to an individual or a group will be considered as harassment and/or a violation of The Student Code or housing contract. In cases where The Student Code/housing contract may not apply, Residential Life will still consider appropriate educational remedies.

1. Parties

This Contract is made by, and between, the University of Connecticut (also referred to as the University), and the student (referred to as The Resident). The University and The Resident, in consideration of the terms and conditions stated in this document, do hereby agree to abide by this contract.

2. Definitions

The following definitions apply to *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract*:

A. Billing Contract Year: For billing purposes, a “contract year” is measured from the date the resident checks in to housing and includes breaks, intersessions and summer school.

B. Campus Change: Process by which a student is approved to change from one UConn campus to another UConn campus (either regional or Storrs).

C. Campus Change Student: Student who has been approved to change from a UConn regional campus to the Storrs campus or from the Storrs campus to a regional campus.

D. Communication: The University uses an electronic mail system (email) as the official and preferred method of communication. Residential Life cannot be responsible for email messages that are not received by students. Residential Life will notify residents of changes to *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract* within two (2) days notice of the modification by means of a University email message and by posting the new information on the Residential Life web page (www.reslife.uconn.edu).

E. Commuter: Student who attends the Storrs campus and does not live in on-campus housing.

F. Housing Lottery: Process used by Residential Life when demand exceeds supply to determine which continuing students will be eligible to participate in the Online Housing Selection Process. Students whose lottery number makes them ineligible for the Online Housing Selection Process are placed on the waiting list and are not guaranteed on-campus housing.

G. Housing Processes: Housing assignment processes held throughout the year that include Moves to Vacancies, Trading Spaces, administrative moves, and new student assignments.

H. Online Housing Selection Process: Spring semester process during which continuing students select their housing assignment for the following academic year. Students on the waiting list (refer to section 3. Contract Terms & Conditions, Students Guaranteed Housing and Waiting List) and newly admitted students are not eligible to participate in this process.

I. Resident: Student living in on-campus housing at the University of Connecticut. Use of The Resident refers to the specific student signing this contract.

J. Returning Resident: Current Storrs student who lives on campus and is returning to live on-campus for the following semester or academic year.

K. Transfer Student: Student who has been admitted to the Storrs campus from an institution other than UConn.

L. University Sponsored Off-Campus Program: Academic program for which a student receives UConn course credit and is outside a reasonable commuting distance to the Storrs campus. Programs include Education Abroad, internships, Co-op, student teaching, Urban Semester, etc.

3. Contract Terms & Conditions

Contract Eligibility -

Any University of Connecticut student may apply for on-campus housing. Only students considered to be Storrs campus students are eligible to live in on-campus housing. Exceptions to eligibility include students enrolled exclusively in online courses and students removed from on-campus housing through the community standards process.

A. The University of Connecticut prohibits discrimination in education, employment, and in the provision of services on the basis of protected group identity (unless there is a bona fide occupational qualification related to employment), or any other unlawful factor. In Connecticut, protected class characteristics include: Race; Color; Religion; Ethnicity; Age; Gender; Marital status; National origin; Ancestry; Sexual orientation; Genetic information; Disabled veteran; Veteran status; Physical or mental disabilities (including learning disabilities, mental retardation, past/present history of a mental disorder); and Prior conviction of a crime. Priority is given to full-time degree seeking students. Residents who change from full-time status to another status during the contract period are not relieved of their responsibilities under this contract.

A.1. Convictions, Pending Charges, or Removal from Housing: On-campus housing may be denied to students with felony or misdemeanor convictions (other than minor traffic violations), pending charges, or who have received disciplinary sanctions at another institution which resulted in expulsion, suspension, or removal from university housing. Students must share this information on the housing application (or via email to livingoncampus@uconn.edu if after submitting the housing application), and submit the following information *in writing* to the Director of Housing Services, 1346 Storrs Road, Unit 4238, Storrs, CT 06269.

- Detailed statement of explanation.
- Include first/last name, NetID, and contact information in the correspondence.

Once the statement of explanation is reviewed, applicants will be contacted regarding eligibility.

A.2. On-Campus Apartments: In general, incoming new freshmen are not assigned to live in on-campus apartments during their first year in on-campus housing.

A.3. Husky Village: Continuing residents eligible to live in Husky Village include any active member of a social Greek letter organization approved to live in Husky Village, who is a full-time degree seeking student enrolled at the Storrs campus. The prospective resident must be a member of a social Greek organization before moving into the house. Incoming new freshmen are not eligible to live in Husky Village during their first year in on-campus housing.

B. Students who have an outstanding balance (Bursar hold) relative to their fee bill may be prevented from participating in any housing process, including but not limited to, housing selection, or room changes. The University reserves the right to deny residency to any student with an outstanding fee balance or Bursar hold.

C. Students who have lived on-campus for eight (8) or more semesters who apply for on-campus housing are automatically placed on the waiting list. Semesters lived on campus are cumulative, including undergraduate and graduate/post-baccalaureate work.

D. On-campus housing for graduate/post-baccalaureate students is limited and is not guaranteed. Priority is given to “new to UConn” graduate/post-baccalaureate students who submit the housing application and pay the Room Reservation Fee by the designated deadline. Students who submit applications and/or deposits after all available spaces are assigned are automatically placed on the waiting list. Graduate/post-baccalaureate students are limited to two (2) semesters of on-campus housing. Residents with two (2) or more semesters of graduate housing will be automatically placed on the waiting list upon submission of the housing application.

E. Continuing students must meet specified University deadlines to continue residence.

F. Students who are readmitted, non-degree, non-credit, enrolled part-time (less than 12 credit hours), commuters, or campus change students who have previously lived on-campus are not guaranteed housing. Submitting a housing application places these students on the waiting list.

G. Students who decline housing forfeit any guarantees for future on-campus housing.

H. This contract may not be transferred or reassigned. This includes subletting.

I. Providing false or misleading information constitutes grounds for the University to terminate this contract.

Duration of Contract & Dates of Occupancy -

A. This contract is effective upon application for on-campus housing. It is binding for the entire academic year or that portion of the academic year remaining at the time of occupancy. The Resident, except under the conditions listed under Cancellations and Contract Release, cannot terminate this housing contract. Failure to officially check-in does not release a student from the financial obligations for on-campus housing. Similarly, not returning midyear does not release a student from the remainder of the Contract. An additional charge will be assessed for residents who live in housing outside the established occupancy periods.

A.1. Traditional Residence Halls, Suites, Cordial Storrs House: The occupancy period for newly admitted freshmen residents begins on August 26, 2016 and concludes on December 19, 2016 for the Fall 2016 semester. The occupancy period for all other residents begins on August 27, 2016 and ends on December 19, 2016 for the Fall 2016 semester. For the Spring 2017 semester, the occupancy period for all residents begins on January 15, 2017 and concludes on May 8, 2017.

A.2. University Farm Houses: The occupancy period for the University Farm Houses, Birch Cottage and Oak Cottage, begins on August 27, 2016 and concludes on May 8, 2017.

A.3. Mansfield Apartments & Nathan Hale Inn: The occupancy period for newly admitted undergraduate freshmen residents begins on August 26, 2016 and concludes on May 8, 2017. The occupancy period for all other residents begins on August 27, 2016 and concludes on May 8, 2017. For the Spring 2017 semester, the occupancy period for new residents begins on January 15, 2017 and concludes on May 8, 2017.

A.4. Charter Oak & Hilltop Apartments: The occupancy period for newly admitted undergraduate freshmen residents begins on August 26, 2016 and concludes on May 31, 2017. The occupancy period for all other residents begins on August 27, 2016 and concludes on May 31, 2017. For the Spring 2017 semester, the occupancy period for new residents begins on January 15, 2017 and concludes on May 31, 2017.

A.5. Husky Village: The occupancy period begins on August 19, 2016 and concludes on May 8, 2017.

A.6. Northwood Apartments (Undergraduate Residents): The occupancy period for newly admitted undergraduate freshmen residents begins on August 26, 2016 and concludes on May 8, 2017. The occupancy period for all other residents begins on August 27, 2016 and ends on May 8, 2017. For the Spring 2017 semester, the occupancy period for new residents begins on January 15, 2017 and concludes on May 8, 2017.

A.7. Northwood Apartments (Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Residents Only): The occupancy period begins on August 27, 2016 and concludes on May 13, 2017. For the Spring 2017 semester, the occupancy period for new residents begins on January 15, 2017 and concludes on May 13, 2017.

B. On-campus housing outside the established occupancy periods is not guaranteed. Additional fees may apply.

C. Residents agree to vacate their assigned room and officially check out by the date/time the residence halls close or within 24-hours upon:

- Loss of status as an enrolled student
- Failure to register for credit course work by the 10th day of classes
- Upon completion of their final exam
- Effective date of cancellation or Contract Release

D. Students who are released from/cancel *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract* at the end of the fall semester must move out of their on-campus assignment by the designated closing time and are not entitled to a refund of any portion of the fall housing fees.

E. When a student is removed from housing as a result of disciplinary action the contract is terminated and no room or board fees will be refunded. If applicable, cancellation fees (section 3. Contract Terms and Eligibility, Cancellations) are determined after the results of the community standards process. Students who are removed from housing can reapply for on-campus housing after the end of the sanctioned removal period. Applying for housing at that time places the student on the waiting list.

The University Agrees -

A. The University will provide a room accommodation to The Resident for a period of one academic year or the portion remaining at the time a resident moves in (limited to the subsequent fall and spring semesters) exclusive of the Winter Recess period unless The Resident is assigned to a facility that remains open during this time or is approved to live on-campus during Winter Recess. Services provided by the University begin on the official check-in dates for the specific area and include access to the assigned building and room.

B. In accordance with University policy, the University will provide staff that will help facilitate a living experience that complements the academic mission of the University.

C. Exclusive of unanticipated weather events and building system failures that may disrupt service, the University will provide adequate light, heat, electricity, hot water and telecommunication services (limited to video and internet connection) to residents using all available resources. Student rooms shall be furnished.

The Resident Agrees -

The Resident agrees to pay all fees specified, to observe all rules and regulations of the University of Connecticut and to abide by the *Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code*, this contract and any addendum, as well as other University publications/policies. Residents assume total responsibility for their room/suite/apartment/house and for the behavior and activities which occur within all assigned living areas. Applicants and/or residents cannot exchange money or favors for a room assignment. Failure to fulfill the terms of the above may lead to termination of this contract, removal from on-campus housing, and a community standards process resulting in a sanction, including but not limited to expulsion.

Rates and Payments -

Room and board fees are approved by the Board of Trustees during the spring semester for the following academic year; however, the University reserves the right to make adjustments as deemed necessary and appropriate in the sole discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, at any time during the term of this agreement in accordance with section 6. Revisions. Any adjustment will be communicated in writing to the student by means of University email.

A. Newly admitted freshmen and transfer students must pay the enrollment deposit prior to obtaining access to the housing application. The enrollment deposit is a separate fee managed through the Bursar's Office.

B. Residential area rates and board charges are payable when the fee bill is due to the University (usually by August 1 for the fall semester and January 1 for the spring semester). Assignments may be cancelled by the University if the balance is not paid by the stipulated due date or if alternate payment arrangements have not been approved by the University Bursar's Office.

C. Residents are not entitled to any refund unless that student has been officially released from *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract* – pursuant to section 3. Contract Terms & Eligibility, Cancellations and Contract Release. Refunds will be based upon the University's refund schedule. Returning keys to University staff does not constitute the approval of a release from the contract.

D. Parking is not included in residence hall fees. Parking permits for any and all areas of campus must be applied for and purchased at Parking Services.

E. An additional fee may be assessed for housing that is provided outside of the regular contract period (e.g. early arrivals, Winter Recess).

Room Reservation Fee

A. The \$300 non-refundable Room Reservation Fee is utilized as an occupancy management tool.

B.1. Students assigned a room during the Online Housing Selection Process (including assignments made by Residential Life staff) will be required to pay a \$300 non-refundable Room Reservation Fee for 2016-2017 on-campus housing.

B.2. New fall undergraduates requesting on-campus housing must pay a \$300 non-refundable Room Reservation Fee due by the designated deadline for the semester that they are admitted.

C. New graduate/post-baccalaureate students requesting on-campus housing must pay a \$300 non-refundable Room Reservation Fee due by the designated deadline for the semester that they are admitted.

D. The following students are exempt from paying the Room Reservation Fee:

- Students who receive a full scholarship (tuition, room and board) to the University
- Students who are Pell Grant eligible
- Students hired as Resident Assistants (RAs) for Fall 2016 (students should still pay the fee if hiring decisions have not been made prior to the payment deadline)
- Students attending UConn as a National or International Exchange Student

E. The following undergraduate students are eligible to receive a refund of the Room Reservation Fee:

- Students academically dismissed from the University
- Students hired as Resident Assistants (RAs) for Fall 2016
- Students participating in a UConn sponsored off-campus program (i.e., Co-op, Education Abroad, internship).
- Students who leave on military orders

Room Assignment -

A. Room assignments for new students are made by Residential Life staff. Roommates are matched according to the personal preference information submitted on the housing application.

B. The Resident understands and agrees that the housing contract is for a room assignment determined by the University, not a specific room.

C. Directory information can be given out in accordance with University policy. The complete policy can be found at <http://ferpa.uconn.edu>.

D. Students who need a specific type of living environment due to a documented medical/health condition must register and apply for a housing accommodation thru the Center for Students with Disabilities. The recommended deadline is July 1 for the fall semester, and is December 1 for the spring semester.

E. The decision to reassign is made by the Director of Residential Life or designee in consultation with other professional staff. Residential Life reserves the right to change a student's housing assignment when deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, the following situations:

- Consolidations utilized as an occupancy management tool
- Reasonable cause to believe that the resident has violated the living area environment, student code, the housing contract, or University policies
- Unresolvable conflicts within a community
- Facility maintenance/renovation or closing of facility
- Administrative or programmatic needs

F. The designated occupancy of a room is determined by the University and may change at any time. If a vacancy occurs in a room, the remaining student(s) in that room should expect a new occupant at any time. Uncooperative or unwelcoming residents, including but not limited to residents who move their belongings into the vacant space, will be referred to the community standards process which may result in loss of housing privileges, probation, suspension, or expulsion.

G. Room Purchase – Residents in partially filled double, triple or four (4) person rooms can inquire during the fall/spring semester Moves to Vacancies process to purchase the entire room for the remainder of the current semester. The room purchase option is subject to the absolute discretion of Residential Life and may not be offered every semester. All requests are subject to approval by Residential Life staff and acceptance by the requesting resident(s). A resident(s) who is not approved for a room purchase must prepare the room to receive a roommate(s) at any time. An effort will be made to notify the resident in advance if another student has been assigned to fill the room. Husky Village residents are not eligible for this option Furniture will not be removed.

Room Type	Rate to Purchase Room
Double Room as Single	Single rate for the area/room type
Triple Room as Double	\$550 per remaining resident
Triple Room as Single	Single rate for the area/room type
Four (4) Room as Triple	\$550 per remaining resident
Four (4) Person Room as Double	\$550 per remaining resident
Four (4 Person Room as Single	Single rate for the area/room type

H. Connecticut State Law requires that any student residing in on-campus housing have a current meningitis vaccination as a condition for living in the University’s residence halls and apartments. Proof of vaccination must be provided on the student’s Student Health Services Health History Form, or immunization exemption information submitted to Student Health Services in order to occupy a room on-campus during the academic year. Noncompliance will affect eligibility for housing.

I. Occupancy of any room is limited to the resident(s) assigned to that room. A resident who has contracted with the University for on-campus housing may not sublet, loan, assign, or transfer the contract to another person. Only contracted residents may occupy the room/apartment. Overnight guests are limited (see section 4. Rules and Regulations).

J. All moves must be authorized by appropriate University staff. Unauthorized moves, including between bedrooms in apartments, may result in the loss of the room change privilege, additional charges, and/or disciplinary action. Students may not move out of or into on campus assignments without authorization of appropriate University staff.

K. After the first day of classes each semester, residents may not move out of or into Husky Village without authorization of both the appropriate University staff and the organization’s President or House Manager. Residents from other residential areas of campus cannot move into Husky Village.

Housing Process Policies –

A. Students must meet University deadlines to retain eligibility for on-campus housing and to participate in housing processes, including submitting a housing application. Students who have non-degree or non-credit status are automatically placed on the waiting list if they submit a housing application.

B. Housing selection times are non-transferable. Continuing students who are eligible to participate in the 2016-2017 Online Housing Selection Process cannot transfer/sell their eligibility to any other student.

C. Should the demand for on-campus housing exceed the number of spaces available for returning residents, a housing lottery will be used to determine which students will receive housing. A lottery process will be announced if necessary, during the previous academic year. Refer to section 2. Definitions, letter F for more information about the housing lottery. If a lottery is necessary, students will be notified by February 1.

Students Guaranteed Housing and Waiting List -

A. Students Guaranteed Housing – The following students are guaranteed on-campus housing provided that all eligibility criteria are met.

Students	Semester Guarantee	Specifics
New Freshmen & Transfers	4 (consecutive)	Guaranteed four (4) semesters of on-campus housing beginning with the first semester they are admitted to the Storrs campus. Any student who declines housing upon admission to the University forfeits all future guarantees for on-campus housing.
Returning Undergraduate Residents	4 (consecutive)	Guaranteed four (4) semesters of on-campus housing provided they meet all deadlines and have lived on-campus fewer than eight (8) semesters.
Undergraduate Students Returning from a University Sponsored Off-Campus Program	1	Guaranteed one semester of on-campus housing the semester immediately following their return provided that they have lived on-campus fewer than eight (8) semesters and were guaranteed housing for the semester they participated in the Off-Campus Program.
Campus Change Students	4 (consecutive)	Guaranteed four (4) semesters of on-campus housing beginning with the first semester they change to the Storrs campus. Any student who declines housing upon their change to the Storrs campus forfeits all future guarantees for on-campus housing.

B. Waiting List -Students who are not guaranteed on-campus housing are automatically placed on the waiting list upon submission of the housing application. Offers of on-campus housing are made on a space available basis. The students listed below will be placed on the on-campus housing waiting list if they submit a housing application. This list includes but is not limited to:

- Campus Change students who have previously lived on-campus at Storrs, or who have missed any Residential Life or Campus Change approval deadlines
- Commuter students
- Readmitted students
- Students ineligible for housing selection due to their lottery number
- Students who have lived on-campus for eight (8) or more semesters
- Returning graduate/post-baccalaureate students
- New Fall 2016 graduate students who apply after all available spaces are filled
- Late applicants
- Students who submit applications after all available spaces are assigned
- Students who declined guaranteed housing or did not apply for housing when they first attended the Storrs campus
- Non-degree and non-credit students
- Residents non-compliant with the meningitis vaccination requirement

C. Students who decline housing forfeit any guarantees for future on-campus housing.

D. Students released from the contract or who cancel their housing are not guaranteed on-campus housing in the future, and will be automatically placed on the waiting list if they apply for on-campus housing. See section 3. Contract Terms & Eligibility, Students Guaranteed Housing and Waiting List, letter A for exclusions (Campus Change, Students Returning from UConn Sponsored Off-Campus Program).

Dining Options -

Board fees are approved by the Board of Trustees; however, the University reserves the right to make adjustments as appropriate, at any time during the term of this agreement. Any adjustment will be communicated in writing to the student by means of University email.

A. All students residing in non-apartment spaces (including Cordial Storrs House and the Nathan Hale Inn) are required to purchase a resident meal plan. Students residing in on-campus apartments and University Farm Houses are not required to purchase a resident meal plan, and may purchase any meal plan including options available to commuters.

B. A meal plan is not transferable. The Resident named on the University ID card must present the card in order to obtain meals or other food. The card may not be used by another individual and may be confiscated for improper use which could result in disciplinary action.

C. Residents who require a special diet should contact the Dining Services manager at the dining location the resident frequents. Depending upon the nature of their needs, an additional charge may be required.

D. Any person eating in the dining halls is responsible for “bussing” any dishes to the proper drop station in all dining facilities.

E. Food items are to be consumed in the dining rooms. Exceptions such as ice cream, a piece of fruit, a pastry and a beverage may be taken from the dining facility.

F. Students are responsible for their book bags and laptop computers. Dining Services allows backpacks etc. within the dining area. Students may opt to not bring their backpacks in and instead use the lockers that are available. If a student does not have a lock they may borrow one from the Validine operator. Alternatively, students may check in their bag by filling out a baggage ID tag. Keep the receipt. Upon returning to collect their belongings, the student must show their photo ID and receipt. Dining Services and is not responsible for stolen items.

The privilege of bringing a backpack into a residential dining facility does not allow the student to use the backpack or bag as a vehicle to remove food. Residential Dining facilities are set up as an “all you care to eat” environment and the removal of food from the dining facility with the exception of a pastry/ bagel , beverages, ice cream and fruit that are hand carried out is considered theft and will not be tolerated.

Cancellations

A. The \$300 non-refundable Room Reservation Fee (RRF) is forfeited upon release/cancellation of the contract prior to the fall semester. The reservation fee will be credited towards cancellation fees if applicable. Students who withdraw from the university or change to a regional campus will forfeit the \$300 Room Reservation Fee but will not be subject to additional fees found on the cancellation fee schedule, unless the student has occupied a room for any period of time.

B. An undergraduate housing applicant who retains Storrs enrollment and cancels housing is subject to the following housing cancellation fee schedule. The Cancellation Fee Schedule is effective from the date of application until the date of cancellation, or the date the room is vacated, whichever is later. Meal fees will be prorated on a daily basis.

C. The cancellation fee schedule is not applicable to graduate/post-baccalaureate students. Graduate/post-baccalaureates who request to cancel housing will be liable for all room fees for the entire academic year or that portion of the academic year remaining at the time of occupancy. Students should contact Dining Services at (860) 486-3128 for information about dining fees if a resident meal plan was purchased.

Fall 2016 Undergraduate Housing Cancellation Fee Schedule

	Date Cancellation Received	Cancellation Fee
New Students Who Paid RRF	Date Paid RRF - June 1, 2016	\$500
All New Students	June 2 - August 1, 2016	\$500
Continuing Students Who Paid RRF	Date Paid RRF - August 1, 2016	\$500
Continuing Students Exempt from Paying RRF	Day After April RRF Payment is Due - August 1, 2016	\$500
All Fall 2016 Undergraduate Housing Applicants & Residents	After August 1, 2016	100% of Fall Room Rate

Spring 2017 Undergraduate Housing Cancellation Fee Schedule

	Date Cancellation Received	Cancellation Fee
Fall 2016 Residents	August 2 - September 30, 2016	\$500
	After September 30, 2016	100% of Spring Room Rate
New Spring 2017 Residents	Until December 31, 2016	\$500
	After December 31, 2016	100% of Spring Room Rate

D. A resident who is not released from this contract can cancel the remainder of the contract by submitting a cancellation request and paying a cancellation fee.

D.1. The cancellation fee corresponds with the date the cancellation request was received, or the actual date of check-out or the check-out deadline approved by Residential Life, whichever is later.

E. Residents who are released from/cancel *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract* at the end of the fall semester must move out of their on-campus assignment by the designated closing time and are not entitled to a refund of any portion of the fall housing fees.

F. Residents who are released from/cancel *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract* are not guaranteed on-campus housing in the future, and will be automatically placed on the waiting list if they apply for on-campus housing.

G. If applicable, cancellation fees are determined after the results of the community standards process

Contract Release -

A. The Resident can request release from the contract, which is subject to the approval of the Director of Housing Services or a designee. All requests to terminate the contract must be submitted in writing by completing a “Request for Release from On-Campus Housing”. A release will be granted only when it has been determined that circumstances are substantially different from the time the contract went into effect. Such releases will be considered for the following reasons:

A.1. Academic withdrawal or dismissal from the University, verified through the PeopleSoft System. Refunds are based on the University Refund Schedule. Students who applied for and were assigned to on-campus housing but withdraw from the University will be given 24-hours from the effective withdrawal date to officially check-out of the residential assignment. After this 24-hour-period, The Resident will be charged a daily housing and meal rate (if the student has a meal plan) until he/she has officially checked out of the halls.

A.2. December Graduates (Refer to section 3. Contract Terms & Eligibility, Cancellations, letter E).

A.3. Affiliation with University of Connecticut programs that are outside a reasonable commuting distance from campus (e.g., Education Abroad, internships, Co-op, student teaching).

A.4. Extreme, unanticipated financial hardship not present or known at the onset of the Contract.

A.5. Serious medical or health problems that cannot be accommodated successfully in any on-campus living option.

A.6. Husky Village contract releases must also be approved by the organization as this may result in a financial burden to the fraternity/sorority. A release approved from an organization, may result in The Resident being reassigned elsewhere on-campus.

B. Supporting documentation must be submitted with the “Request for Release from On-Campus Housing” form. A release will only be granted if it is determined that the situation cannot be relieved by relocating the student to other on-campus housing.

C. Reducing course load from full-time to part-time does not automatically constitute grounds for release from this contract.

D. Residents who retain enrollment, yet move out of an on-campus housing assignment without approval from Residential Life are liable for all room and dining fees remaining on the student fee bill. Returning keys to University staff does not constitute the approval of a release from *The 2016-2017 On-Campus Housing Contract*.

E. Students released from the contract are not guaranteed on-campus housing in the future, and will be automatically placed on the waiting list if they apply for on-campus housing.

Liability/Responsibility for Personal Property -

The University assumes no legal obligation for damage, theft, or loss of personal property. The Resident is responsible for protecting and securing any personal property located within any on-campus assignment and is encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance.

Damages and Upkeep of Facilities -

A. The Resident is expected to reasonably maintain the assigned living space and common areas relative to order, cleanliness, and safety. The Resident will be held financially accountable for the repair or replacement cost of any damage to the living space or furnishings therein, and may be subject to disciplinary action. When two (2) or more residents occupy the same room/apartment and responsibility cannot be ascertained, the damage charge will be assessed equally among the residents.

B. Writing, vandalism and alterations on/to doors is prohibited. If damages to the exterior surface of a room door occur due to vandalism, The Resident(s) must inform a hall staff member of the incident within 24-hours. This will enable The Resident to contest responsibility for the charges. If damages occur to common areas within buildings, such as lounges, bathrooms, lobby areas and responsibility cannot be ascertained, the damage charge can be assessed equally among the residents in the floor/building.

C. The Resident agrees that no alterations, repairs, or modifications will be made to the permanent structure and fixtures of the room, including but not limited to: walls, doors, furniture, bathroom facilities, windows, and other equipment in the room. Painting of rooms, apartments or any common area is prohibited.

D. The Resident assumes responsibility for the daily care and cleaning of the room/apartment and its furnishings, and for maintaining acceptable sanitation and safety conditions. Periodic cleanliness (Health and Safety) inspections will be made.

E. The Resident agrees not to duplicate any issued keys. If a key is lost, The Resident agrees to immediately notify The Front Desk at (860) 486-9000 and must pay all charges associated with key and lock core replacement. The Resident is not permitted to borrow keys that have not been assigned to The Resident by the University or to give any assigned keys to other individuals.

F. The Resident will be assessed \$25 for each lock out. Residents can gain access to their room when locked out by calling The Front Desk at (860) 486-9000.

G. The Resident agrees to keep all maintenance closets and panels accessible at all times.

Check-In and Check-Out -

A. Specific check-in information will be provided to all resident students via the Residential Life website (www.reslife.uconn.edu). A resident checking-in after the stated arrival period, must notify Residential Life prior to the stated check-in time.

B. Each resident is given a room key and electronic card access through their ID card or a key to the outside/foyer door. Residents may receive additional keys within specific areas of campus, such as mailbox keys. Residents who lose their room or mailbox key, or fail to return keys upon vacating the room, will be charged accordingly.

C. Residents who fail to check out of the room with a staff member upon vacating that room forfeit the opportunity to contest room damage charges.

D. Residents who owe an outstanding balance on their student fee bill and/or who have not submitted verification of their meningitis vaccination may not be allowed to check into on-campus housing. Residents who have not officially checked-in to their on-campus housing assignment cannot occupy any on-campus space in any capacity. Failure to official check-in or notify Residential Life of a late arrival by the tenth day of classes may result in cancellation of the housing assignment.

E. Residents granted a contract release/cancellation must follow check-out procedures and must remove all belongings. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of refund if one is due, or may result in additional housing charges.

F. Residents forfeit any and all rights to any items left in the residence facilities at the end of the contract term, or when a student is no longer assigned to the space. All items will be reused, donated or discarded. Any such items are deemed to NOT be “Abandoned Property” under Chapter 32 or “Lost and Unclaimed Property” under Chapter 859 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In the event a resident leaves his or her room in such a condition that it requires the attention of cleaning and/or facilities staff, a cleaning and/or repair fee may be assessed to the resident.

Room Entry/Inspection -

The University will strive to respect the privacy of The Resident. A goal of the University is to preserve the health and safety of The Resident while maintaining an environment that facilitates safety and scholarship. At times it may be necessary for the University to enter a student’s room, or for University staff to escort non-University personnel to an apartment or residence hall room. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify The Resident(s) in advance of any entry. Staff members will not enter a student’s room without consent of a resident except as follows:

- (a) Repairs, maintenance, building systems and building support inspections, facility improvements;
- (b) Recovery of University/State-owned property not authorized for use in the assigned space;
- (c) Fire, health and safety, and cleanliness inspections made periodically, as well as at all closing/vacation periods;
- (d) When there is reliable information that an emergency exists (including but not limited to fire, accidents, sickness, or danger to the health and welfare of residents); and
- (e) When there is reliable information that a University policy is being violated.

The University reserves the right to remove any items not in conformity with its policies.

Lead Paint -

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips and paint dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, landlords must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling as required by U.S. Law. At the University of Connecticut, Mansfield Apartments, Northwood Apartments, and other apartments in various residence halls were constructed prior to 1978. In compliance with this act this is to inform The Resident that the University has no knowledge of the presence of lead-based paint or lead-based hazards in these apartments.

Upon occupying an apartment that was constructed prior to 1978, The Resident will be supplied with a pamphlet, Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home, published by the EPA pertaining to lead-based paint hazards. Please contact Residential Services at (860) 486-5249 to obtain this pamphlet in a language other than English. The pamphlet is available in the following languages and can be downloaded from the EPA site:

English Version: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadpdfs.pdf>
Arabic Version: http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/pyf_arabic.pdf
Somalia Version: http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/pyf_somali.pdf

Spanish Version: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadpdfs.pdf>
Russian Version: http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/pyf_russian.pdf
Vietnamese Version: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadvn.pdf>

4. Rules and Regulations -

All members of the UConn community are expected to reflect the values detailed in the document *Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code*. In addition to the policies and processes addressed there, the Resident agrees to abide by the following:

A. Alcohol:

A.1. Alcohol: Excessive Amounts - Any one (1) resident age 21 or older cannot possess more than one (1) 12 pack of beer, or one (1) liter of wine, or one (1) liter of liquor (80 proof maximum) in their room or apartment at one time. For example, in a double room or apartment (where two (2) residents are present and both are age 21 or older), the maximum quantity of alcohol allowed is a 24 pack of beer, or two (2) liters of wine or two (2) liters of liquor (80 proof maximum) in their room or apartment at one time. In a quad room or apartment (where four (4) residents are present and all four (4) are age 21 or older), the maximum quantity of alcohol allowed is a 48 pack of beer, or four (4) liters of wine or four (4) liters of liquor (80 proof maximum) in the room or apartment at one time. These amounts are restricted to personal use.

A.2. Alcohol: Common Source - Alcohol containers and paraphernalia (beer balls, tables used for beer pong, funnels, kegs, games or other items that promote the consumption of alcohol, etc.) are prohibited and may be disposed of or confiscated.

B. Appliances:

B.1. Appliances: Student Rooms - UL approved appliances such as coffee makers, popcorn poppers, and microwave ovens of 700 watts or less are permitted for use in student rooms, and must be plugged directly into the wall. Any open elements, such as toaster ovens, electric/portable grills or skillets, toasters, electric frying pans, etc. are not permitted for usage in students rooms. Refrigerators (120 volts, 2 amps) are permitted and must be UL approved, equipped with a three-prong rounded (grounded) plug, 36 inches in height or less, and must be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Refrigerators should not be stored in freestanding wardrobes. UL approved appliances are limited to one per room. Deep fryers, halogen and incandescent lamps, as well as plastic lamp shades are not permitted. Use or possession of open flame appliances is prohibited in all on-campus housing. Heaters, air conditioners and ceiling fans that are not provided and/or approved through the University are not permitted.

B.2. Appliances: Charter Oak, Hilltop, Mansfield & Northwood Apartments, Husky Village –

Within the kitchen area only, UL approved appliances such as coffee makers, popcorn poppers, toasters, toaster oven, hot plates, electric/portable grills or skillets, microwave ovens, crock-pots, rice cookers, vegetable steamers, etc. are permitted and must be plugged directly into the wall. Deep fryers, halogen and incandescent lamps, as well as plastic lamp shades are not permitted. Use or possession of open flame appliances is prohibited in all on-campus housing. Heaters, air conditioners and ceiling fans must be provided and/or approved through the University.

C. Commercial Enterprises: Conducting any business or commercial enterprise is prohibited in on-campus housing.

D. Egress: Direct egress from the rooms, hallways, or stairwells may not be blocked. Student rooms should be arranged to permit direct access from all areas to the doorway. Obstructions like carpeting or rugs, behind the door shoe racks, tapestries or other materials hanging in the doorway or furniture should not deter egress from room or prevent the door from latching.

E. Fire Safety: Residents found in violation of the following fire safety stipulations not only put themselves at risk but also jeopardizes the safety of the entire community.

E.1. Fire Safety: Candles/Incense – Candles and/or incense are prohibited in all on-campus housing. Residents found responsible for burning candles and/or incense may be removed from on-campus housing.

E.2. Fire Safety: Combustibles - Combustibles, flammable liquids and substances of any type (e.g., fuel, kerosene, propane, oil, open paints/thinners, Sterno, charcoal) are prohibited. Charcoal or gas stoves (e.g. Coleman stoves, Hibachis) and/or lamps, gasoline motors of any type, including motorcycles and mopeds are prohibited. Motorcycles and mopeds cannot be kept inside facilities nor directly adjacent to facility entry ways. Art students (and others engaged in art projects) may retain small quantities of materials necessary for their work, providing these materials are kept closed when not in use and stored safely in a metal box.

E.3. Fire Safety: Failure to Evacuate - Immediate evacuation when an alarm sounds is mandatory and re-entry into a building before an alarm is silenced or staff authorization is given is prohibited.

E.4. Fire Safety: Fire Safety Equipment - Arson, the setting of fire, tampering with, or misuse of fire safety equipment (including automatic door closures, smoke detectors, sprinkler heads, fire-alarm systems, fire-fighting equipment, or building security systems), including the covering or removal of smoke detectors, is illegal and prohibited.

E.5. Fire Safety: Other Fire Hazards - Tapestries and/or room decorations affixed to or suspended from the ceiling are prohibited. The use of extension cords or multi-receptacle outlets with the exception of UL listed power strips with surge protectors is prohibited. UL listed power strips must be plugged directly into the wall. Storing items, including bicycles, in stairwells, hallway areas within the facility, along railings or other structures near the entry to the facility or on outside stairways, is prohibited. Deep frying, the cooking of food by submerging in deep fat or oil at a high temperature, is prohibited in all on-campus housing.

E.6. Fire Safety: Hoverboards - Hoverboards, electronic self-balancing scooters that use a rechargeable battery, cannot be charged, operated, stored, or used inside residence halls and all other University of Connecticut buildings, including dining halls.

F. Firearms, Weapons and Dangerous Devices: The possession of firearms, ammunition, and any weapons including but not limited to knives, bows, guns, BB guns, paint ball guns, soft air guns, slingshots, and launching devices, is prohibited in on-campus housing. This also extends to any projectile objects, fireworks, gunpowder and other explosive or potentially dangerous objects used for anything other than their intended purpose.

G. Furniture: Misuse of University property, including possession of common area furniture in on-campus housing is prohibited and may result in a replacement charge and/or return of the property. Resident(s)/Chapter(s) shall maintain the University's furniture in the condition it was received, reasonable wear and tear accepted, throughout the duration of this contract. Room furniture must be assembled in a safe manner according to the manufacturer's design. Resident(s)/Chapter(s) shall neither disassemble nor remove any furniture or fixture provided with the room/suite/apartment/house. Oversized and/or heavy furniture, including, but not limited to, homemade lofts, bars, tables, water-filled furniture, and waterbeds, are prohibited. Furniture, equipment, or decorative items may not be removed from the community center, lounges, or other public areas without the written permission of the University (Residential Life). Furniture may not be placed in hallways or stairwells. The use of temporary and/or permanent hot tubs is prohibited. University furniture must remain in its designated location and may not be removed. Direct egress from the rooms, hallways, or stairwells may not be blocked.

H. Gambling and Commercial Enterprises : Gambling or the conducting of any business or commercial enterprise for personal profit is prohibited.

I. Guests:

I.1. Guests: General Policies (applicable to all residential areas and facilities) - Anyone not assigned to the specific room/suite/apartment/house is considered a guest. All guests must be escorted through the building by the resident host. Residents are expected to take reasonable action to prevent guests from violating University policies. Residents may be held accountable for behaviors and/or damages caused by the resident's guests. Residents should consult with the roommates/suitemates/apartment mates/housemates when inviting guests. Residents must strictly respect the privacy of all fellow residents and fellow residents' right to normal use of their assigned facilities. In locations where single-gender restrooms exist, guests of the opposite gender are required to use authorized facilities that are located on the respective floors or in public areas. Guests must be able to identify whom they are visiting, provide a picture ID upon request, and shall be accompanied by their resident host at all times. University staff members may require guests to leave the premises, as well as deny any residential student the privilege of hosting guests. During special events/periods of time, the University may further limit the number of guests allowed in on-campus housing. Guests are prohibited from bringing alcohol into any on-campus housing.

I.2. Guests: Overnight Guests - Any guest who remains in on-campus housing past 12:00am is considered an Overnight Guest. No resident will be allowed more than two (2) Overnight Guests at one time (this number can be reduced during special events). Any Overnight Guest requires the approval of the roommate(s). No Overnight Guest may stay more than three (3) consecutive days without the permission of the roommate and the Hall Director. No individual may stay as an Overnight Guest in on-campus housing for more than 15 days total in a given semester. Persons who have been removed from on-campus housing for any reason may not return as Overnight Guests following their removal. Students hosting overnight guests should register these individuals and obtain an Overnight Guest Pass in the Hall Director office. Guests should carry the pass at all times and must be in the company of their hosts.

I.3. Guests: Maximum Occupancy - No more than two (2) guests per one (1) resident (who is present) are permitted in a student room/suite/apartment at any given time unless otherwise approved by the University (Residential Life).

I.3.1 Guests: Husky Village - Each chapter may have no more than 15 guests on the premises at one time unless otherwise approved by the University (Residential Life).

I.4. Guests: Social Gatherings - It is prohibited to publicize/advertise social gatherings or parties to the campus community. The resident host must be in attendance at the social gathering. If a resident host determines that guests at the gathering are not in compliance with University policies, the resident host is responsible for contacting University staff for assistance.

J. Identification: Residents are expected to provide proper University identification when requested by a staff member or other University official. Residents must comply with the reasonable directions of University staff in the performance of official duties.

K. Lounges and Recreation Areas: Lounges and recreation areas are for the exclusive use of the building residents and their guests unless authorized by University (Residential Life) staff. Some designated spaces may be reserved through the University (Residential Life). No resident or guest may use a lounge for sleeping or overnight accommodations. Person/group reserving space will be held responsible for cleanliness, and adhering to the rules of the University including the code of conduct.

L. No Smoking: Connecticut State Law prohibits smoking in state-owned buildings. Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of a residential building. Personal Vaporizers (PVs), including e-cigarettes, are prohibited.

M. Pets: Pets, including visiting pets, are prohibited in on-campus housing. Aquarium fish are approved for tanks up to 10 gallons. Service and assistance animals, where appropriate, must be approved by the University (Center for Students with Disabilities and Residential Life).

N. Quiet/Courtesy Hours:

N.1. Quiet hours. Quiet hours are times when conversations, music, and other noises must be kept at a low level and should not be heard outside of the resident's room/suite/apartment/house. Minimally, quiet hours are from 10:00pm to 7:00am Sunday to Thursday and from 12:00am to 7:00am Friday and Saturday. Residents must observe quiet hours both inside and outside of on-campus housing.

N.2. Courtesy hours. Courtesy Hours are in effect 24 hours per day. Residents are expected to be considerate of their neighbors during all hours of the day. Residents approached for noise are expected to comply with the request as if it were Quiet Hours.

N.3. Exam quiet hours. During all exam periods, quiet hours are in effect for 24 hours.

O. Roofs and Ledges: Presence on rooftops, window ledges, outer ledges, and areas marked for restricted access (interior or exterior) in on-campus housing is prohibited.

P. Safety and Security: Safety and Security is a shared responsibility of the University staff and residents. Residents should always carry and never lend their University Identification Card (ID) or room keys. All residential areas are secured 24 hours a day. Residents should always lock their room/suite/apartment/house doors. When exiting on-campus housing through locked exterior doors, residents are responsible for leaving the doors locked. Residents are prohibited from propping, tampering with and/or vandalizing doors.

Q. Solicitation: Door to door solicitation is prohibited with the exception of those approved by the University (see policy at www.reslife.uconn.edu).

R. Canvassing: Canvassing is prohibited in and around the residence halls and apartment facilities managed by Residential Life, except for the purposes of political canvassing as outlined at www.reslife.uconn.edu.

S. Sports: Any sports-related activity (including but not limited to: using sports equipment, ball playing, rollerblading, skateboarding, water/food fighting, playing with metal tipped darts, etc.) and activity which could cause personal injury or cause damage to property is prohibited within on-campus housing. Snowball throwing and/or snowball fighting are prohibited in or around on-campus housing.

T. Windows: Residents are prohibited from placing or suspending items out of windows (such as banners, clothing, signs, etc.). Residents are prohibited from throwing objects outside of any windows. The removal of a screen from a resident's room or in public areas of on-campus housing is prohibited. Opening security screens is prohibited, except in an emergency.

U. Self-Defense Sprays: Sprays intended for use in self-defense, such as pepper spray, can be carried but cannot be discharged in the residence halls unless a potential or actual assault takes place.

5. Room & Board Fees

Room and board fees will be approved by the Board of Trustees during the Spring 2016 semester..

Rate	Room Type	Semester/Year
Rate 1	Traditional Double Triple - Traditional Residence Hall Quad - Four Person Room Northwood Apartments (Double in 2 Bedroom/3 Person)	\$3,330/\$6,660
Rate 2	Busby/Garrigus Suites Triples Nathan Hale Inn Triple South Campus Quad	\$3,659/\$7,318
Rate 3	Busby/Garrigus/South Suites Double Husky Village Mansfield Apartments Northwood Apartments (Single in 2 Bed/2 Person or 2 Bed/3 Person) Regular Single Traditional Double with Private Bathroom	\$4,078/\$8,156
Rate 4	Busby/Garrigus/South Suites Single Charter Oak/Hilltop Apartments - 2 Bedroom/4 Person Hilltop Apartments Double Efficiency	\$4,348/\$8,696
Rate 5	Charter Oak/Hilltop Apartments - 4 Bedroom/4 Person	\$5,609/11,218

When available, board fees are posted at <http://dining.uconn.edu>.

A. An additional charge will be assessed for residents who live in housing outside the established occupancy periods, including, but not limited to early arrival periods and Winter Recess housing.

6. Revisions: This contract is subject to revisions. Residential Life will notify residents of changes with two (2) days notice of the modification by means of a University email message and by posting the new information on the Residential Life web page (www.reslife.uconn.edu).

7. General Contracting Terms -

A. Statutory Authority: Connecticut General Statute §§ 10a-104, 10a-108, 4a-52a, and 10a-151b provide the University with authority to enter into contracts in the pursuit of its mission.

B. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut.

C. Limitation of Liability: The University assumes no legal obligation for damage, theft, or loss of personal property. The Resident is responsible to protect and secure any personal property located within any on-campus assignment and is encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance.

D. Claims: The Contractor agrees that the sole and exclusive means for the presentation of any claim against the State of Connecticut or the University of Connecticut arising from this Agreement shall be in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Connecticut General Statutes (Claims Against the State) and the Contractor further agrees not to initiate any legal proceedings in any state or federal court in addition to, or in lieu of, said Chapter 53 proceedings.

E. Emergency Repossession: The University reserves the right to repossess student rooms and residence hall facilities in the event of an epidemic or other emergency as defined by the University.

Nathan Hale Inn Rules & Regulations - 2016-2017

1. **Rules & Regulations-** The policies of NHI are designed to protect its residents and guests. The following policies, procedures, and guidelines are designed to enhance your stay. Failure to comply with rules and regulations is considered a contract violation and will be referred to the student conduct system. All students found responsible for violating these rules and regulations are subject to judicial action which could include; removal from housing, and suspension or expulsion from the University.
2.
 - a. **Alcohol:** Common source alcohol containers and paraphernalia (kegs, beer balls, funnels, etc.) are prohibited. Open containers and/ or consumption of alcohol in public areas (bathrooms, hallways, outside, etc.) is prohibited. The abuse of alcohol as well as public intoxication, regardless of age or where it was consumed, is a violation of this agreement. Underage consumption of alcohol is prohibited. Violations are subject to judicial action which could include; removal from housing, and suspension or expulsion from the University
 - b. **Appliances:** refrigerators, microwaves, and coffee makers are permitted. All other appliances are prohibited.
 - c. **Combustibles:** Combustibles, flammable liquids and substance of any type (e.g. fuel, kerosene, oil, open paints/thinners, Sterno) are prohibited.
 - d. **Drugs:** The use, possession, and/or distribution of controlled substances including narcotics and illegal drugs, as defined by state and federal laws, is prohibited. Drugs or drug related paraphernalia will be confiscated and reported to authorities, resulting in judicial action which could include; removal from housing, and suspension or expulsion from the University.
 - e. **Egress:** Direct egress from the rooms, hallways or stairwells may not be blocked by persons or items.
 - f. **Failure to comply:** Residents and guests are expected to comply with directions of NHI officials acting in the performance of their duties and with the terms and/or sanctions imposed as a result of conduct action.
 - g. **Fire safety:** Arson or the setting of fire, tampering with or misuse of fire safety equipment (including smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and sprinkler systems) is prohibited, extremely dangerous and illegal. Immediate evacuation is required during a fire alarm. The burning of candles and/or incense is prohibited. Tapestries and other room decorations affixed to or suspended from the ceiling, and the use of extension cords or multi-receptacle outlets with exception of UL listed power strips with surge protectors is prohibited. Failure to comply with fire and safety regulations could result in charges from regulatory agencies.
 - h. **Firearms & Weapons:** The possession of firearms, ammunition, and any weapons including but not limited to knives, hunting bows, guns, BB guns, paintball guns, slingshots, and launching devices is prohibited. This also extends to any projectile objects, firecrackers, gunpowder and other explosive or potentially dangerous objects.
 - i. **Furniture:** Misuse of NHI property, including possession of common area furniture in on-campus housing is prohibited and may result in a replacement charge and/or return of the property. Room furniture must be maintained in a safe manner. NHI sleeping room furniture may not be removed. Furniture cannot be moved to block fire suppression equipment.
 - j. **Gambling and Commercial Enterprises:** Gambling in any interior or exterior area of NHI or the conducting of any business or commercial enterprise for personal profit is prohibited.
 - k. **Visitors:** Visitors must be escorted by resident and the resident is responsible for the conduct of and adherence to policies by any visitors/guests. Inappropriate behavior and damage caused by visitors/guests is the responsibility of the host (resident). No more than a total of three visitors per room are permitted at any given time. A resident student who is inviting visitors/guests should consult with his/her roommates. Resident students are required to notify the front desk if they expect an overnight visitor/guest.
 - l. **Harassment of Residents, Guests, or Staff:** Harassment. Verbal, written or conduct which intimidates, threatens or endangers the health or safety of others is specifically prohibited, and violators are subject to judicial action which could include; removal from housing, and suspension or expulsion from the University.
 - m. **No Smoking:** No smoking is permitted in resident rooms or in any public or common areas, including bathrooms, elevators, stairwells, and hallways. A cleaning charge of \$200.00 will be imposed to violators of this policy.
 - n. **Pets:** Pets and animals of any kind are prohibited except approved service or assistance animals.
 - o. **Public Areas:** Resident students must be mindful of noise level while walking through areas such as halls and the lobby. Slamming doors and playing in hallways with balls or other items is prohibited.