



Department of Housing & Residential Life Policies
2016-2017

A. Housing and Residential Life Agreement

1. When a student signs a housing agreement for on-campus housing accommodations, the student agrees to respect and adhere to all policies and regulations pertaining to University housing as outlined in this document and any other document containing University housing rules and regulations including - but not limited to - the University's Student Bulletin, the Housing Agreement and affiliated addendums, Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, and other Department of Housing and Residential Life (HRL) publications.
2. Each student is responsible for knowing these regulations and conducting themselves accordingly. Students who do not adhere to Housing policies may be subject to administrative action that may include fines, reassignment(s) to other residential areas, or the termination of residency. Repeated or serious violations of Housing policies and/or violations of policies outlined in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook will result in disciplinary action.
3. Student residents are responsible for rule violations occurring in their respective rooms and suite/apartment common areas and may be subject to disciplinary action for such violations.
4. The University and HRL reserves the right to refuse to enter into any agreement for University housing accommodations with any student.
5. Where the health, safety or academic environment may be compromised, the University reserves the right to make changes such as room changes and reassignment(s) to other residential areas or the termination of residency. Students who are charged with a violation of regulations may also be temporarily moved pending adjudication of charges.

B. Residency Requirements

1. All single first-year freshmen students are required to live in the University housing for at least two academic semesters. All single students who have earned less than 30 credit hours and have not resided in University housing for two academic semesters are required to live on campus for two academic semesters. This policy does not apply to single freshmen men and women who have been out of high school for more than one year, or to single freshmen men and women who live with their parents in the Miami area. Neither does it apply to those students who, for disciplinary or administrative reasons, may be denied the privilege of continued residence on campus.
2. Undergraduate students residing in University housing must be regularly enrolled students of the Day Division of the University, taking a minimum of 12 credit

hours each semester. Graduate students (when housed) must carry a minimum of nine credit hours per semester.

C. Occupancy

1. Occupancy begins when the student checks in to their assigned University housing accommodations. Occupancy of a room is limited to a properly assigned resident and to the period for which the housing fee has been paid.
2. Residents are not permitted to sublease space to another.
3. No student is permitted to enter another student's room or apartment without permission from the occupant.
4. Students may not change or exchange rooms without prior approval from the HRL Office.
5. Questions regarding occupancy should be directed to HRL central office staff.

D. Inspections

The University reserves the right to inspect rooms at any time. Such checks include but are not limited to those made to inspect for the presence of unauthorized persons, damages, verify residency, repair facilities, health and safety, and compliance with University and Department of Housing and Residential Life regulations as well as public laws.

In University Village, the inspection of apartments and individual bedrooms will take place on a regular basis; may be as often as once-a-month during the fall and spring semesters and more often during the transitional summer months of June and July.

E. Search and Seizure

In the event that there are facts and circumstances that lead a reasonable person to believe that contraband items or unauthorized persons are located in a room, suite, or apartment, HRL professional staff members and/or the Dean of Students Office have the right to initiate the Administrative Search and Seizure process. During an administrative search the possessions of all residents residing in the room, suite or apartment and all individuals present in the room, suite or apartment will be searched.

F. Contraband Items

In the event any item that is prohibited by University regulation or state or local laws is discovered in a University housing room/apartment, all residents assigned to that room/apartment where the contraband is found may be considered in possession of the item(s) for disciplinary reasons.

G. Emergency Powers

In the event that the Vice President for Student Affairs or their designee reasonably believes that there is a clear and present danger to the health and/or safety of any person or persons as a result of conditions or events on or originating from the campus of the University of Miami, it shall be within the discretion of that official to invoke emergency powers and waive the delineated procedures, duties, and rights associated with search and seizure and to authorize a controlled and orderly search of the University of Miami campus and/or any unit thereof by authorized agent of the University of Miami. Any and all evidence resulting from the search and procedure shall be considered admissible for any and all University discipline and

prosecutorial purposes.

H. Guests

In order to ensure adequate security in University housing, students and guests may be required to present identification upon request. Between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in the residential colleges, students and their guests must present picture identification with the security assistant. Refusal to present identification may result in denial of admittance to University housing. HRL staff reserves the right to ask any guest to leave at any time.

1. Guests may visit students' rooms/apartments only by invitation. The resident shall at all times be responsible for the conduct of their guests.
2. A resident shall be permitted to entertain guests only with the express permission of his/her roommate(s) if the roommate(s) is (are) present.
3. When accompanied by the resident, guests may visit halls, lounges, courtyards, and other common spaces. In areas where bathrooms are shared by the floor, guests must use restrooms that align with their gender identity. In accommodations where a private or semi-private restroom is available, guests may use that facility only if the roommate and/or suitemates/apartment-mates grant permission.
4. Each resident is permitted to have up to five guests at any given time.

Overnight Guests

An overnight guest is considered to be a visitor utilizing the room/apartment of a resident student as a place of lodging.

1. A resident is permitted to have overnight guests only with express permission of each roommate/suitemate/apartment-mate.
2. Overnight guests are permitted for a maximum of seven days per semester.
3. Due to limited room/apartment space, the number of total overnight guests permitted in any residence should not exceed two.
4. The resident accepts full responsibility for their overnight guest(s).
5. The Area Director or designee is authorized to impose an administrative charge and/or suspend visitation rights when it is determined that a resident has violated HRL policies and/or Student Rights & Responsibilities policies.

I. Care of Rooms and Facilities

1. It is expected that all residents will maintain reasonable standards of cleanliness in their room/apartment, and that rooms will be kept clear of trash and waste. Other conditions that contribute to substandard health and safety of the residents and that necessitate subsequent maintenance attention may subject the student to a fine, disciplinary action, and/or payment for the cost of cleaning and maintenance.
2. Each resident is responsible for the University property and furnishings in their room or apartment.
3. Alterations of the physical structure or property of the residence halls by students is not permitted without the written authorization from HRL.
4. Placing mattresses on the floor is not permitted.
5. Objects may not be placed on windowsills or ledges.

J. Pets

Pets, other than aquarium fish and approved service and therapy animals, are not permitted in any residential college room or in University Village. This pertains to visiting pets as well as those of the residents of the room/apartment. Aquariums cannot exceed a 10 gallon capacity.

K. Trash

Residents are responsible for disposing or recycling their trash in designated receptacles on their floor or apartment area. Failure to comply may result in a fine or disciplinary action.

L. Decorations

While there is opportunity for students to express individuality in decorating their rooms/apartments, all residents are expected to follow these guidelines at all times:

1. Combustible materials are prohibited such as: straw, hay, palm fronds, cane reeds, vines, branches, leaves, and Spanish moss.
2. The use of adhesive substances such as contact paper, glue, or decals on walls, ceilings, floors, doors, or furnishings may result in damage to existing surfaces and is therefore prohibited. Items such as sheets, flags, tapestries, fish nets, beads and parachutes may not be suspended overhead in students' rooms or hung from exterior windows, entrance ways or hallways. Hammocks and other suspended chairs are also prohibited.
3. Students assigned to a University residence are responsible for any decorations that alter, ruin, or otherwise damage University property within that residence. Students are prohibited from painting any part of their rooms, apartments, doors, entrance ways, or hallways.
4. Students are prohibited from decorating public areas without permission from HRL.
5. Decorative lights, including holiday lights, must be U.L. rated and approved for use. Electric lights or electrically operated ornaments shall not be hung on pipes or used on metal, aluminum, or any other similar metal which could induce electric shock. Decorative lights or cords may not be routed under rugs, carpets, through doorways, or in any manner that could present a fall or trip hazard or impede egress. Holiday lights must be turned off or unplugged when no one is present in the room. Only artificial holiday trees can be used and must be made of a non-combustible material.

M. Electrical Appliances

In order to comply with local fire and safety regulations, the following restrictions have been imposed. Additionally, if a resident violates the following policies, HRL staff have the right to confiscate such items, which may be held indefinitely. Confiscated items will be returned when the owner signs a release form at the desk.

1. Barbecue grills and other cooking utensils shall not be used or kept on balconies, terraces, bathrooms, lobbies, porches, stairwells, apartments or resident rooms.
2. Cooking is not permitted in student rooms except for the use of coffee pots, popcorn poppers, microwave ovens and hot pots (all four with encased heating units). Cooking is permitted only in designated student kitchen areas and University Village apartment kitchens.
3. Coffee pots, hot pots and popcorn poppers with encased heating units are permitted. They may be used only for the express purpose of heating liquids.

Popcorn poppers may only be used for the purpose of making popcorn. All open coil appliances including toaster ovens and portable burners are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to George Foreman-type grills, toasters, induction burners, and the like.

4. Electrical extension cords are not permitted. Residents should utilize power strips that monitor the flow of electricity (such as models made by Tripp-Lite or GoldX) for their appliances and electronic devices. (120 volt, U.L. approved; built-in manual reset; 15-amp circuit breaker; maximum length of cord six (6) feet; maximum six (6) outlets at end of cord)
5. Multi-outlet electrical plugs that are attachable to a permanent outlet are also prohibited. All electrical appliances must be attached directly to a permanent outlet or onto a power strip as noted in 3 above.
6. The possession or use of gasoline or flammable petroleum products and canned heat units within University housing living units is prohibited.
7. Drums and electrically amplified musical instruments, including microphones, may not be used in student rooms/apartments.
8. Refrigerators other than those meeting HRL specifications are prohibited.
9. Students in the apartments are permitted to use cooking appliances which do not exceed 7.5 amps or 900 watts. Students are advised to use caution with such items and be mindful not to allow amperage or wattage to exceed a particular circuit's capacity.
10. Motorcycles, motor scooters, motor bikes and petroleum powered all-terrain vehicles are prohibited in all University housing areas.

N. Candles

The possession or use of candles or incense within a student room or apartment is prohibited. The possession or use of candle warmers is also prohibited.

O. Modification/Relocation of University Property

All room furnishings are the property of HRL and may vary due to inventory. HRL and University property may not be removed from University housing or from the public areas without written authorization from HRL. Students missing assigned property or found with furnishings from the public areas of the University in their rooms/apartments are subject to fines and disciplinary action.

P. Locks & Keys

All locks, keys, electronic locks, and issued temporary access cards are the property of the University and are not to be repaired, changed, or duplicated except by University facilities personnel. Residents are not to borrow keys/access cards from other residents nor lend keys/access cards to anyone. If a student's key/access card is lost or stolen, or if for any other reason a student wishes to have his/her lock changed/re-programmed, the student will be responsible for the cost of re-keying the room/apartment or re-programming the lock. Controlled access points (doors and gates) are provided in all residential areas to control access. The access door/gate alone is not a guarantee of your personal safety or security, nor is it a guarantee against criminal activity. Residents and/or their guests should not impair the use or function of the access doors/gates. Residents are solely responsible for the control of

visitor access to your room/apartment.

Q. Telephone Responsibilities

1. Where telephone access is provided, students must provide their own telephone.
2. Students are responsible for the payment of any and all long distance calls made from the telephone in their assigned residence and any and all unauthorized charges made in other University housing areas.
3. Anyone found to be making fraudulent telephone calls may be subject to disciplinary action by the University of Miami and/or legal action by the telephone company under federal and state statutes.

R. Quiet Hours

Residents and their guests and invitees shall, at all times, maintain order and reasonable quiet at all times in residential areas. Loud, offensive, disturbing or objectionable noises, boisterous activities or conduct that unreasonably disturbs the ability to study, sleep or the enjoyment of a residential area by other residents and their guests (including unreasonable uses of televisions, radios, stereos or other electronic equipment, amplifiers, guitars, pianos, keyboards or other musical instruments, or computers) or unreasonably disturbs the surrounding neighbors is prohibited. Residents shall comply with all local rules and regulations relating to noise and nuisances.

1. Quiet hours are Sunday through Thursday from 10pm-8am and from 12am-10am on Friday and Saturday. 24 quiet hours are in effect during exam periods.
2. In cases where residents violate the quiet hours of a floor/apartment area, HRL reserves the right to make room changes or terminate residency.
3. Music of any type may not be directed or broadcasted outside of rooms/apartments.

S. Restricted Areas/Special Living Areas

1. Students are not permitted in mechanical, electrical or other utility spaces or on window ledges or the roofs of any University buildings.
2. In cases where special living areas have been designated, the policies and regulations governing these specific areas will be outlined and distributed by HRL. Unless specifically stated, all policies in this guide shall apply to these special living areas.

T. Bicycles

Bicycles may only be stored in student rooms or exterior bicycle racks. Bicycles stored illegally may be confiscated by authorized University personnel, and disciplinary action taken. Bicycles may not be ridden inside University buildings.

U. Skateboarding, Roller Skating, Rollerblading, and Use of Scooters

Skateboarding, roller skating, rollerblading, hover boards, and the use of scooters is prohibited in University housing lobby area, hallways, rooms/apartments, lounges, pedestrian areas adjacent to the residential areas, and other indoor public areas.

V. Hall Sports

Residents may not engage in any sport or sport related activities within University housing

rooms/apartments, lounges, hallways, stairwells, or other public areas. Sports or sports related activities include, but are not limited to: Frisbee, floor hockey, golf, bowling, football, soccer, baseball, and basketball. Students may not use water pistols, super soakers, or any other mechanism that projects water in the above-mentioned areas. Also, students may not use foam or projectile style toy guns or any other device that resembles a weapon.

W. Waterbeds, Water Furniture, Hot Tubs, Tanning Beds, and Spas

Waterbeds, water furniture, hot tubs, tanning beds, and spas are prohibited in all areas inside and outside University housing.

X. Windows and Exteriors of Residential Buildings

Objects shall not be thrown from any window, doorway, landing, or stairwell. No object or material may be placed in, on, or hung from, in front of, or behind windows which block transparency or alters the appearance of the windows or the exterior of the building. Also, no object (i.e., signs, banners, aluminum foil, towels, sheets, ropes, wires, etc.) may be placed on the exterior of the building. Specific to the University Village, all draperies, drapery linings, shutters, or blinds visible from the exterior must show white or off-white so as to give a generally uniform appearance. Exceptions to this regulation may only be made by HRL.

Y. Distribution of Materials

No materials may be distributed under, on, against, or in front of doors to student rooms/apartment in University housing. Solicitation, canvassing and/or distribution of flyers or any other materials is prohibited anywhere in residential areas as well as on the exterior of buildings and including in the two University Village parking garages. Students or organizations wishing to hang a flyer must have prior approval from HRL or the appropriate University department. Approved flyers may only be posted on bulletin boards.

Z. Alcohol Policy

All residents must abide by the alcohol policies outlined in the Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook.

1. Alcohol is permitted to be consumed in residential student rooms only by students who are 21 years of age or older. In the event where a roommate is under the age of 21, the alcohol belonging to the resident who is of legal drinking age must be clearly kept on that resident's side of the room.
2. The consumption of alcohol or possession of an open container is prohibited in all common areas of the residential colleges and University Village. A public area is any area outside of a student's room/apartment, such as, but not limited to, grounds, corridors, stairways, courtyards, or any other public areas in and around residential buildings.
3. Students found in violation of these regulations may face fines or University disciplinary action as well as possible termination from on-campus housing.

AA. Emergency Equipment & Procedures

1. Directions for evacuation of University buildings, including all residential areas, in cases of emergency are posted throughout each building. All students are required to participate in building evacuations and fire drills. Any time that a fire alarm is

triggered in a building, all students must exit the building in the requisite amount of time of five (5) minutes deemed appropriate by Coral Gables Fire Rescue.

2. During building evacuations and fire drills, students may not return to buildings until authorization is given by the police, fire department, or other appropriate University staff member.
3. Violations of this policy may result in administrative fines, educational workshops, and/or disciplinary action.

Department of Housing & Residential Life Fines

\$25	
Room entry after 10pm	Trash removal from outside of door
Loan key after 3 loans	Room decorations violation
Failure to Show Cane Card after 3 entries	Stolen decorations/signage
Missing in-room Emergency Guide	Unapproved aquarium
Electrical Cords violation	
\$50	\$75
Candle in room	Stolen furniture/UM property
Excessively dirty/messy room	Smoking in room/suite
	Tampered smoke detector
\$100	
Improper checkout	Packing and removal of student belongings from room
Failure to roll up carpeting	
Unauthorized room change	Overnight charge of approved extended stay (per night)
Room cleaning (following checkout)	
\$150	\$300
Removal of TV mount (following checkout)	Lost/unreturned luggage cart
Lost/unreturned vacuum	Missing wireless internet booster
\$500	
Early Termination of Contract	

