



COMMUNITY LIVING

Residents' Rights & Responsibilities

Living within the Benedictine community, each resident possesses certain rights and responsibilities in high regard to promote a positive living-learning environment in Residence Life. Mutual respect and consideration coupled with an awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of other individuals must be the community living standard for all residents. This statement's purpose is to provide minimal expectations without placing constraints upon such rights of other residents within Residence Life. Residents should utilize the following as a framework for discussion, consideration, and understanding when working with Residence Life staff and peers to protect these rights by adapting to these guidelines that support a safe and positive academic learning environment.

Residents have the right to:

- Read, study and/or sleep free from undue interference in or around one's room.
- Recreation in or around housing.
- Personal privacy.
- A physical environment that is clean, healthy, safe and orderly.
- Host guests within community policies and standards.
- Remedy according to conduct procedures against anyone who unduly infringes upon one's rights or property.
- Participate in all educational and developmental opportunities in their assigned community.
- Expect enforcement of the terms and conditions outlined in the Housing Agreement.
- Participate in the process of self-governance, i.e., through the Student Senate.

Residents have the responsibility to:

- Understand and adhere to policies and procedures outlined by Benedictine & Residence Life.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student and attend classes.
- Control noise and other distractions that inhibit the exercise of study or sleep by another person.
- Modify recreation so that it does not interfere with the rights and safety of others in or around housing.
- Respect the personal privacy of others within housing. To also recognize and respect the personal privacy of roommate(s).
- Comply with reasonable requests made by any University official.
- Assist in the keeping of the community clean, healthy, safe and orderly.
- Conduct oneself in a manner that does not infringe on the rights of others.
- Report policy violations to appropriate staff.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Be in the presence of guests at all times and accept responsibility for their behavior.
- Be active in the process of self-governance and to ensure voicing of one's opinion or ideas.