



RESIDENCE HALL AGREEMENT 2019-2020

Last Name	First Name	MI	Date of Birth
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1. **THE TERMS FOR THIS AGREEMENT ARE FOR THE ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR.**
Occupancy begins the day before classes in the fall and ends the day after the student's last final exam, with the exception of the last day of exams, on which the students must vacate the halls by 6 p.m. Occupancy is conditional upon settlement of tuition, fees and all resident charges and will not be permitted without clearance from the Business Office.
2. Residence hall accommodations are ordinarily available only to full-time (pursuing at least 12 credits per semester undergraduate or 9 credits graduate) students enrolled at Rivier University who maintain regular class attendance. Failure to meet the minimum academic requirements of full-time study and regular attendance in classes as agreed upon may result in termination of this agreement.
 - a) The student shall observe all policies and procedures of Rivier University regarding the premises set forth in this contract as well as any other policies and procedures that have been or shall be made by the University. The student shall also observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, and municipal authorities. Violations of such conditions, or any other provisions of this agreement, shall entitle the University, at its sole option and without notice, to terminate this agreement.
 - b) The student shall note that the University will actively support state laws and enforce University guidelines pertaining to the use and distribution of alcohol on campus. Violations of these laws and policies will result in disciplinary review and may result in termination of this agreement.
 - c) The student shall note that the University will actively support state laws and enforce University guidelines pertaining to the possession or use of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia. Violations of these laws and policies will result in disciplinary review and may result in termination of this agreement.
 - d) The student shall note that the University will actively enforce all guidelines pertaining to the Rivier University Visitation Policy. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary review and may result in termination of this agreement.
 - e) The student shall note that the University will actively enforce a no smoking policy within all University residence halls. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary review and may result in termination of this agreement.
3. The University reserves the right to make room assignments and reassignments at its discretion.
4. The student agrees that rooms shall be used only as student study/sleeping rooms and that no commercial operations shall be carried out therein.
5. The student may not sublet the said premises nor any part thereof. The said premises is for use only by the person signing this agreement, his/her roommate, invited guest, or as the University deems necessary.
6. The University shall have no responsibility for the theft, destruction, damage, or loss of property belonging to or in custody of the student, for any cause whatsoever whether such losses occur anywhere in the residence halls or elsewhere on campus. As a result, the student is strongly encouraged to carry his/her own personal property insurance.
7. The student will not make any alterations, additions, or improvements to said premises without the written permission of the Director of Residence Life. The student further agrees to keep said premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from trash, flammable materials, and any other items outlined in the guidelines in the Residence Life Handbook. Furthermore, should the Director of Residence Life or designee find unreasonable or excessive damage to the room or common area, the individual or individuals responsible may lose their privilege to live in campus housing.
8. The cost for repairing any and all damages found in rooms or common areas will be billed to residents of said room or area.
9. The residence halls are not appropriate homes for animals. No pets, except fish, are allowed.

- 10. Participation in the University meal plan is required of all residents.
- 11. The use of cooking appliances in the residence halls, except for specifically designated areas, is expressly prohibited due to Health and Safety regulations. Appliances should be used in the kitchenettes only.
- 12. The student must have a room and building key or access tag. Keys/access tags are to be returned to the University when a student terminates his/her housing contract or at the end of the academic year upon exit. Students will be billed for a lock change or key/access card replacement should they lose or fail to return their keys/access card.
- 13. The University reserves the right to inspect residence hall rooms and to regulate the use of the premises in accordance with University policy and procedure. The University normally inspects each room at the beginning and end of each semester. Additionally, rooms are inspected at each holiday/vacation period as a measure of security and as needed for health and safety reasons or as deemed necessary by Residence Life or University personnel. Any violation of policy in this contract or in any other University publication found at inspection times will be subject to disciplinary review.
- 14. The University reserves the right to close residence halls and food service without a reimbursement to the student in cases of emergency or exigency, as determined by the University.
- 15. Students may return to campus only at designated arrival times. In extremely unusual circumstances, students may request an exception to this policy from the Director of Residence Life.
- 16. Students are required to vacate their housing assignments during all University-designated closings. In extremely unusual circumstances, students may request an exception to this policy from the Director of Residence Life. Any person found on campus during an official University-designated closing without permission will be subject to disciplinary review. Any resident who receives approval to remain on campus due to special circumstances will be required to pay for his/her room on a per/night basis.
- 17. Room vacancies will be filled by the Office of Residence Life. Any health issues will take priority in filling empty spaces, followed by students on "Waiting Lists" for specific types of rooms. Any student who refuses to fill a vacancy in a timely manner will be subject to an additional housing fee for the vacant bed.
- 18. The University reserves the right to terminate or suspend this agreement for matters of health, safety or other reasons the University deems, in its sole discretion, to be necessary to protect the rights, privileges and responsibilities of any and all residents and/or the rights, privileges, responsibilities and benefits of the University and the University community.
- 19. The University reserves the right, at its discretion, to determine that past behavior and/or criminal activity is such that the interests of the University, the student and/or other students would be best served by alteration or cancellation of this Contract. If the University becomes aware that a student has a record of criminal conviction(s) or other actions indicating behavior that could pose a risk to person or property and/or could be injurious or disruptive to the residence hall community or the living learning environment, the University may not accept or may cancel the Residence Hall agreement. The University shall not be obligated to provide students with the reasons for such decisions.
- 20. Any refund of fees paid for room and/or board charges will be processed according to the University's refund policy.

The final interpretation on any contract provision is at the sole discretion of the University

By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically confirming that I have read and understand the Resident Hall Agreement in full, and accept its provisions.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if student is under 18)

Date

Email completed forms to: housing@rivier.edu

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