

Terms and Conditions of the 2017-2018 Housing & Dining Agreement

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Please read all provisions of this agreement as you are legally bound by these terms and conditions for the entire agreement period. You are responsible for the policies and procedures found in the Code of Student Conduct and the Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living on Campus.

- 1. Parties:** This agreement is made by and between Old Dominion University and the student (also referred to as the Resident). The University and the Resident, in consideration of the terms and conditions stated in this document, do hereby agree with each other as follows:
- 2. Eligibility:** Any full-time, degree-seeking student in good standing who is enrolled at Old Dominion University may enter into this agreement. Continuing students in residence must maintain active registration and be able to demonstrate progress toward a degree. Dropping to less than full-time status does not release the Resident from the agreement. This agreement may not be transferred or re-assigned to another student.
 - a. Full-time Status for undergraduate students is defined as enrollment in at least 12 credit hours.
 - b. Full-time Status for graduate students is defined as enrollment in at least 9 credit hours.
 - c. Under certain circumstances, Residents can receive permission from Housing & Residence Life to drop below full-time status.
 - d. The University reserves the right to use a student's disciplinary status, student account status, and/or student financial standing as a factor in providing on-campus housing.
 - e. Eligibility Requirements for the University Village:
 - 1) University Village Residents are agreeing to an 11+ month agreement period (running from August 20, 2017 through July 31, 2018) that includes summer housing, even if the Resident chooses to not occupy the premises during summer.
 - 2) University Village Residents must intend to enroll for spring semester courses to be eligible to live in the University Village.
 - 3) University Village Residents who are May graduates may petition for release from their remaining contract. If no petition is received and approved, they are expected to fulfill the financial obligations of the entire agreement period. May graduates are required to vacate by May 31 (see Petition for Release – graduating students).
 - 4) University Village Residents with a renewed agreement for the next year may opt into an Extension Period during the agreement period gap (July 31, 2018 – August 20, 2018) at an additional cost, ONLY if returning to the same space for the next agreement period. Students may occupy the room either in person or by leaving personal belongings in the room. Students who choose not to participate in the Extension Period will be required to completely vacate the space (i.e. removing all belongings and officially checking out of the room) on or before July 31.
- 3. Duration of the Agreement:** This agreement is binding for the entire agreement period (including summer, where applicable) or the portion of the agreement period remaining at the time of occupancy. Failure to claim a key and/or ID card does NOT release a student from the agreement. This agreement cannot be terminated by the Resident except under the conditions listed in Section 9, Cancellation/Petition for Release. Agreement Periods include:
 - a. Academic Year - Residence Halls August 26, 2017 – May 5, 2018
 - b. Academic Year - Apartments August 20, 2017 – May 5, 2018
 - c. 11+ Month Apartments (Village) August 20, 2017 – July 31, 2018
 - d. Spring Only – Residence Halls January 7, 2018 – May 5, 2018
 - e. Spring Only – Apartments (Not Village) January 7, 2018 – May 5, 2018
 - f. Spring-Summer 11+ Month Apts. (Village) January 7, 2018 – July 31, 2018
- 4. The University Agrees:**
 - a. The University will provide a room accommodation to the student for a timeframe of one agreement period. This is exclusive to any break period when the University is officially closed unless the resident has specifically requested housing designated as open for break periods. Residential services (including access to the assigned complex and room) begin on the assigned move-in day.
 - b. The University will provide residence hall staff in accordance with University policy and provide a living experience which complements the academic mission of the University.
 - c. The University will provide a reasonable amount of light, heat, electricity and hot water. Student rooms shall be furnished with a bed, mattress, drawer space, desk (including chair), and wardrobe/closet space.
 - d. The University agrees to provide cable and wireless internet connection.
 - e. Telephone service is provided upon request and at an additional cost.
- 5. The Resident Agrees:** The Resident agrees to pay all fees, to observe all policies and procedures of Old Dominion University and abide by the terms and conditions of this agreement and other University publications, such as the Code of Student Conduct and the Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living on Campus.
 - a. Failure to fulfill the terms of this agreement may lead to termination of this agreement, removal from University housing, and a review of the individual's status as a student at Old Dominion University.
 - b. The Resident assumes any and all liability for damages and cleanliness, including any misuse of access cards, keys or assigned premises by other parties.
 - c. The Resident agrees to vacate the assigned room within 72 hours upon loss of status as an enrolled student during this agreement, if the Resident fails to register for credit course work and within 24 hours after their last exam each semester. Students may be removed immediately based on conduct and/or threat to others.
- 6. Rates and Payments:** Housing & Dining rates for the academic year will be established by the Board of Visitors and published subsequently on the Housing & Residence Life web site. Submitting an application and paying the housing deposit does not guarantee housing.
 - a. All students must submit a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee and a \$200.00 housing deposit before any room assignment can be made. The housing deposit will be credited to the student's account contingent upon remaining a resident for the full agreement period.
 - b. Each term, Housing & Dining charges are payable by the billing due date established by the Office of Finance. Specific information about due dates can be found on the university website. Housing assignments may be cancelled by the University if the balance is not paid by the due date or if alternate payment arrangements have not been approved by the University's Office of Finance.
 - c. No refunds will be made to an enrolled student who fails to return to an assigned hall/room unless the student has been officially released from their Housing & Dining Agreement. Failure of a Resident to satisfy the financial obligations stipulated under this agreement will result in a Financial Hold on registration and other official records.
 - e. Housing & Dining charges, under certain circumstances, may be approved for partial or full refunds. Housing & Residence Life follows the published tuition refund dates and percentages posted on the university website.
- 7. Room Assignment:**
 - a. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin in the administration of housing.
 - b. Students may be assigned to campus housing via self-selection or through allocation by Housing & Residence Life staff.
 - c. In addition to eligibility as defined in section 2, student must submit an electronic housing application, \$50.00 non-refundable application fee and \$200.00 housing deposit to be eligible for campus housing.
 - d. Specific process details can be obtained via the ODU housing portal and website for individual classifications (new freshmen, new transfer, and returning students)
 - e. Preferences are one factor in the selection process, and not a guarantee or commitment. Assignments are made on a space available basis and when possible, in accordance with the preferences that the student requests. Failure to honor a preference does NOT void this agreement.
 - f. Name and ODU email address may be given to roommates unless a specific request to withhold this information is received in a timely manner.
 - g. The University reserves the right to consolidate vacancies either prior to occupying the room or during the academic year.
 - h. The University reserves the right to administratively reassign residents to other rooms as needed.

8. Pre-Occupancy Cancellations:

- a. The Housing & Dining Agreement may be cancelled if the Resident provides written cancellation prior to their published move-in date. For Fall housing, if cancelled by May 15th, the \$200.00 housing deposit will be released to the student's university account (if applicable) and the student will be released from their agreement. Starting May 16th and prior to move in, the agreement may be cancelled, but students are not eligible for return of the \$200 deposit.
- b. A student applying for housing for the spring semester only must cancel in writing on or before December 15th to be eligible for release of the \$200.00 deposit. Starting December 16th and prior to move in, the agreement may be cancelled, but students are not eligible to receive a refund of the \$200 deposit.
- c. If the Resident fails to occupy the assigned room by 6:00 p.m. on the first day of classes, the assignment may be forfeited unless the individual submits a written request to Housing & Residence Life to hold the room until a later date. However, non-occupancy of the assigned space does NOT terminate the Housing & Dining Agreement nor its financial obligations.
- d. If a student enters into a Housing & Dining Agreement, but does not cancel and is enrolled in classes as an Old Dominion University student, they will be held financially responsible for the entire agreement, minus the \$200 deposit.
- e. Any student who cancels after the deadline (or is approved for a *Petition for Release*), regardless of the reason, forfeits the \$200.00 housing deposit; there are no exceptions.

9. Post Occupancy Petition for Release/Cancellation:

- a. If a resident is seeking to break their Housing & Dining Agreement, they must do so through the Petition for Release/Cancellation process.
- b. Cancellations include the following circumstances: (1) waitlisted for an on-campus housing assignment; (2) withdrawing/transferring from Old Dominion University AND will no longer registered for any credit hours; (3) Academic Suspension or Academic Dismissal from Old Dominion University; (4) Marriage during the agreement period; (5) Military Activation of the resident; (6) December/May Graduation; (7) University-affiliated programs away from campus.
- c. A Petition for Release may be submitted if the Resident does not fall into one of the cancellation categories, but has an extenuating circumstance they would like for Housing & Residence Life to consider in assessing whether you should be held to your Housing & Dining Agreement.
- d. All Petition for Release/Cancellation forms must be submitted with substantiated documentation. A copy of the form can be obtained via Housing & Residence Life website www.odu.edu/housing.
- e. If a Resident moves off campus, it is their responsibility to review the Cancellation portion of the Housing & Dining Agreement and to contact the University Card Center to determine eligibility to cancel the meal plan.
- f. Residents who have received disciplinary conduct decisions which terminate their Housing & Dining Agreement, or who are in the conduct process, are not eligible to request a cancellation or petition for release from their Housing & Dining Agreement.

10. Withdrawal Policy: If a student withdraws from the University, having obtained and completed appropriate forms from the University, the Housing & Dining fees will be refunded according to established University refund policies. Dining refunds must be requested by the resident from the University Card Center. If the Resident is eligible for pro-rated charges under the Petition for Release guidelines, the charges will be pro-rated based on latest date of either a) receipt of approval for requested cancellation or petition, or the Resident's date of official check-out (includes completing all of the following: removal of all belongings from room assignment, completion of check-out, and return of room key to Front Desk).

11. Liability/Responsibility for Personal Property: The University and Housing & Residence Life will not assume any responsibility for any persons or property of the student from any cause, nor will the University and Housing & Residence Life assume responsibility for any injury or damages, personal or property, while the student is a Resident. Residents are strongly encouraged to consider carrying personal insurance if their family's policy does not cover their property while it is located at the University.

12. Damages and Upkeep of Facilities:

- a. The Resident is expected to reasonably maintain the order, cleanliness and safety of their assigned living space. The Resident will be held financially accountable for the repair or replacement cost of any damage to their room or furnishings therein. The Resident is fully responsible for repair and replacement costs caused by a guest of the Resident. When two or more Residents occupy the same room or apartment and responsibility cannot be ascertained, the damage charge will be assessed equally among all occupants of the space.
- b. If damages to the exterior surface of a room door or window occur due to vandalism, the Resident(s) must submit an incident report to the staff within 24

hours of the incident, documenting any noticed damages.

- c. The Resident agrees not to modify or allow modifications of the permanent structure of the room. This includes painting or making repairs without prior permission.
- d. The Resident assumes responsibility for the daily care and cleanliness of their room and its furnishings, and for maintaining acceptable cleanliness and safe conditions. They agree to use all public areas in a mature and responsible manner and to help in assuring safety and cleanliness.
- e. The Resident agrees not to duplicate the room key and if the key is lost to immediately notify the corresponding Front Desk and to pay the charges associated with a key and lock core replacement (charges will be assessed to the Resident's student account).
- f. The University reserves the right to change locks to rooms, suites, apartments, and change residential access to ensure the safety and security of the residential communities.
- g. The cost of repairing damages to public and common areas (i.e. hallways, lounges, laundry rooms, etc.), where costs are substantial and responsibility is not accepted by or identified as belonging to an individual or group, will be divided equally among occupants of the residential complex or floor.

13. Check-In and Check-Out:

- a. Specific check-in information is provided to students prior to the corresponding opening day. If a student will be checking into a residential complex after the stated opening day, they must notify Housing & Residence Life staff. The University is not obligated to hold an assigned room beyond 6:00 p.m. on the first day of classes.
- b. Residents are required to vacate and remove all personal belongings from their assigned room upon termination of the Housing & Dining Agreement. This is expected to be done within 24 hours of the student's last examination or 72 hours from their withdrawal from the University. When a student moves from a residential complex or when a room change is made, keys must be returned directly to staff members, and all check-out procedures must be followed.
- c. Each Resident is given an access card and key (which accesses the corresponding room and mail box). If the Resident loses their key, or fails to return the key upon vacating the room, they will be charged accordingly for a lock change.
- d. Upon occupation of an assigned space, the University and Resident shall complete and accept electronically an inventory of the number and condition of furnishings, and the condition of the premises assigned to the student. This inventory will be completed again at the end of the Resident's occupancy, and will serve as the basis for determining billable damages to the room and furnishings.
- e. If a Resident fails to remove all belongings and trash, or fails to leave the room in satisfactory order, fees will be charged for removing belongings, trash, and/or cleaning.
- f. If a Resident fails to check out of their room according to published procedures an improper check-out fee will be charged.

14. Room Entry/Inspection:

- a. The University respects the privacy of the Resident and will protect that privacy. In the interests of maintaining an environment that facilitates scholarship, and provides for the health and safety of residents and the safety of their property, and in the interest of protecting University persons and property, the University may enter such rooms. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the Resident(s) in advance of any entry. Staff member(s) will not enter a student's room without consent of a Resident except as follows:
 - 1) Repairs, maintenance, or facility improvements
 - 2) Recovery of university/state-owned property not authorized for use in the assigned space
 - 3) Fire, health and safety inspections made periodically, as well as at complex closing/vacation periods
 - 4) 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)
 - 5) When there is reliable information that a university policy is being violated
 - 6) To inventory/catalogue the condition of the physical space and furniture
- b. Administrative Room Search (which must be approved by the Executive Director of Housing & Residence Life or their designee) is a search for items that may harm the health, safety or welfare of individuals within the University community.

15. Rules, Policies, and Regulations: The Resident agrees to observe all published policies and procedures affecting their status with the university, which are included in the Terms and Conditions by reference to these University publications: the *Code of Student Conduct*, the *Guide to Living on Campus*, and

the *Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living on Campus*. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Alcohol and Other Drugs – All Housing & Residence Life facilities and their Residents are required to be in compliance with state and local laws regarding alcoholic beverages and other drugs.
 - 1) Alcohol is not permitted in Rogers Complex, Gresham Complex, Whitehurst Hall, England House, France House, or Scotland House.
 - 2) Alcohol is permitted in all other residential facilities by individuals 21 years and older and where all occupants of the suite/apartment/room are also of legal drinking age.
 - 3) The illegal use, possession, sale, delivery, and/or manufacture of drugs will not be tolerated and may be grounds for immediate suspension or dismissal. Possession of drug paraphernalia is also not permitted.
- b. Disruptive Behavior – Behavior that is disruptive to orderly community living is prohibited (this includes throwing items in the hallways, bouncing balls, engaging in horseplay, etc.).
- c. Failure to Accept Roommate – Refusing to accept a roommate or impeding an effort by Housing & Residence Life to make an assignment to a vacant space is prohibited.
- d. Failure to Comply – Failure to comply with verbal and written instructions by Housing & Residence Life staff members, when they are working within the appropriate performance of their duties, is prohibited. This includes failure to present identification; failure to respond to a notification; failure to attend mandated meetings; failure to fulfill a student conduct sanction; and abusive, disrespectful, and threatening language.
- e. Fighting or Physical Abuse – Fighting and/or physical abuse is a conduct violation that will result in immediate termination of the Housing & Dining Agreement, which may be in addition to, or wholly separate from, any conduct action pursued in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.
- f. Fire Evacuation – Immediate evacuation when an alarm sounds is mandatory and re-entry into a building before an all-clear signal is prohibited.
- g. Fire Safety – It is prohibited to keep any item, including room decorations, which may pose a fire hazard to a residential facility. Failure to report a fire or tampering with fire safety equipment is a direct violation of University policy.
- h. Fireworks, Explosives, Weapons, or Dangerous Chemicals – Transport, possession, manufacture, use, sale or distribution of weapons, fireworks, ammunition, explosives, flammable liquids and all other hazardous materials is not permitted in the residential communities.
- i. Gambling – Any gambling for the exchange of money, property, or services is prohibited.
- j. Guests/Visitation – Policies and procedures for guests and visitors are provided to ensure consideration of individual resident students and community needs, as well as the general safety and well-being for all concerned.
- k. Health and Safety – Residents are forbidden to possess potentially hazardous materials, to conspire to damage the healthy and safe environment of the residence halls or to engage in activities that do so.
- l. In the Presence Of – Residents should act in good faith to remove themselves from situations that may violate the Code of Student Conduct, the Honor Code, the Monarch Creed, the Guide to Living on Campus, or the Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living on Campus. It is prohibited to facilitate a violation or to remain present while a violation occurs.
- m. Keys and ID Cards – University provided keys and student ID cards are for the assigned individual's use only; students are not permitted to share or loan these items.
- n. Natural Disaster or Emergency – In the event of a natural disaster or emergency, Housing & Residence Life staff will issue emergency procedures. For your safety, we request that you obey the directives of the staff.
- o. Noise and Quiet Hours – Noise and activities that disrupt study, sleep and "quiet hours" are prohibited in the residence halls and apartment living communities during designated times.
- p. Personal Rights and Freedoms – Actions that infringe generally upon the rights and freedoms of other students are prohibited.
- q. Property Damage – Vandalizing, damaging, or defacing University or Housing & Residence Life property, or property of others is prohibited.
- r. Roofs, Roof Decks, and Ledges – The presence of individuals or objects on a roof, roof deck or ledge is prohibited at all times.
- s. Service Animals, Emotional Support and Pets - Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities (ADA Amendments Act, 2008). Service animals are permitted in residence halls. An Emotional Support Animal is specifically designated by a qualified medical provider as affording an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, provided there is a nexus between the individual's disability and the assistance the animal provides. An Emotional Support Animal must

be approved by university staff (Educational Accessibility Office and Housing & Residence Life) to be in residential facilities. Pets are NOT permitted in residential facilities.

- t. Smoking – The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers are prohibited in a residential facility, and also prohibited within 25 feet of any facility.
- u. Solicitation – Solicitation is prohibited.
- v. Stealing – It is prohibited to take the property of any other person or of the University or Housing & Residence Life without permission.
- w. Subletting - Subletting is not permitted.
- x. Unauthorized Entry/Exit – Entering/exiting improperly, without authorization, or during non-contract periods without proper permission is not permitted.

16. Agreement Periods and Rates: Room rates are approved by the University's Board of Visitors and posted to the Housing & Residence Life web site. The following are the agreement periods for each Residence Hall or Apartment complex. Halls and apartment complexes marked with an "*" require a meal plan. Unless indicated below, Residents should anticipate that the assigned building/complex is closed during break periods (i.e. Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks).

Residence Halls:

Dominion House*
England House*
Foundation House*
France House*
Gresham Complex*
The Inn*
Ireland House*
Rogers Complex*
Scotland House*
Virginia House*
Whitehurst Hall*

August 26, 2017 – May 5, 2018

Residential Apartments:

(Apartments remain open during break periods)

Nusbaum Apartments
Powhatan Village*
University Village

August 20, 2017 – May 5, 2018

August 20, 2017 – May 5, 2018

August 20, 2018 – July 31, 2018 (11+ Months)

**Indicates a meal plan requirement*

17. Meal Plan Requirements: Students living in Dominion House, England House, Foundation House, France House, Gresham Complex, The Inn, Ireland House, Rogers Complex, Scotland House, Virginia House, Whitehurst Hall, and Powhatan Village are required to be on a meal plan. Meal Plans are purchased and billed on a semester basis. Meals do not transfer from one semester to the next; however flex points carry over from the fall to spring semester with the purchase of a spring meal plan. Flex points and any remaining meals expire at the end of the spring semester. First-time, freshman residents living in England House, France House, Gresham Complex, Ireland House, Rogers Complex, Scotland House, Virginia House and Whitehurst Hall will be required to select the All-Access meal plan. Powhatan and Foundation House residents will be required to have a minimum of the block 25 meal plan. All other residents in required communities will be required to have the block 160 meal plan. If a meal plan selection is not made by June 1st for the fall semester or by December 5th for the spring semester, students will be assigned the minimum plan outlined in the details above. Meal plan changes are only allowed during a limited time period at the beginning of each semester. Current information is posted at the University Card Center web site; questions should be directed to the University Card Center.

18. Laundry: Residential facilities are equipped with washers and dryers. Each resident automatically receives 30 loads (1 wash + 1 dry = 1 load) of laundry at the beginning of the fall and spring semester on their ODU Identification card. Unused loads carry over from fall to spring to summer semesters, but expire on July 31. Additional laundry loads may be purchased with Monarch Plus through the University Card Center (www.odu.edu/af/cardcenter), or students may pay for loads with coins. The University is not liable for any damage or loss caused by the washers or dryers.

19. Living-Learning Communities and Special Interest Housing: Residents who apply and accept to participate in a Living-Learning Community or Special Interest Housing are accepting the terms of participation in that community as well as any associated fees as published. Indicating a preference to participate in a particular community does not guarantee placement within that community.

20. Criminal Activity: It is a condition of eligibility for applicants of University housing to completely and truthfully answer criminal history activity questions. Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to refuse housing based on

behavior, including but not limited to criminal activity. The University maintains sole discretion and judgment in determining whether refusal of housing (or termination of the Housing & Dining Agreement for behavior that is revealed or occurs after application submission) is in the best interest of the University, its residents and employees, and the overall Housing and Residence Life community. If Housing & Residence Life staff becomes aware that an applicant has a record of criminal conviction(s) or other actions that could pose a risk to person or property and/or could be injurious or disruptive to the university-owned or managed community environment, the University may not accept or may cancel the Housing & Dining Agreement. Failure to completely and truthfully answer criminal history activity questions on a housing application may result in immediate termination of the Housing & Dining Agreement and/or Old Dominion University student conduct proceedings. All decisions/outcomes through this process are final and are not subject to review/appeal.

21. **Evacuation:** If the University determines the necessity to close the campus and/or residence halls/apartment communities due to an emergency, students must make arrangements to vacate the campus. The University is not responsible for the evacuation of students or providing shelter at times when the University closes. Students are required to submit their emergency evacuation information to Housing & Residence Life prior to checking into University housing.
22. **Termination by the University:** This agreement may be terminated for disciplinary reasons by the University and/or Housing & Residence Life, including expulsion from the University. In a case of termination of this agreement by the University or Housing & Residence Life, the student will remain financially responsible for the entire Housing & Dining cost of the agreement period. (Please refer back to Sections 16 and 17 of this agreement, for details on the agreement periods and meal plan requirements). The University has the authority to deny or remove a student from on-campus housing where the presence or continued presence of a Resident in the residential communities poses a significant risk to the health or safety of the Resident or others. In making this assessment, the University reserves the right to consult with and refer the student to a mental and/or healthcare facility or provide for an evaluation.
23. **Changes and Corrections:** The University has made every reasonable attempt to make sure the information contained herein is accurate at time of publication. However, the University and Housing & Residence Life reserve the right to make changes or corrections when necessary. If changes are made, Housing & Residence Life will inform Residents of such changes through multiple means of communication and in a timely manner.

Notes:

- A completed online application/agreement indicates that the applicant has read, understands, and agrees to the agreement and policies outlined within the *Housing & Dining Agreement Terms and Conditions* and the *Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living On Campus*.
- Students are responsible for completing the online application procedure. Should a parent complete the online application procedure for the student, the University will hold the student responsible for fulfilling all responsibilities of the agreement period.