

Resident Handbook

Welcome Aboard!

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**East Carolina University
Campus Living**



"It's a Pirate's Life for Me"

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ECU is committed to equality of opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students, employees, or visitors based on race/ethnicity, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, political affiliation, genetic information, or disability.

WELCOME

We're glad you have decided to experience campus living at East Carolina University.

Campus living promises to be one of the most memorable and rewarding aspects of your university career. It is a unique and valuable experience that will serve as a special part of your education. Campus living provides you with an opportunity to establish new and long-lasting friendships with a wide variety of people. It also provides an environment in which you can gain academic support and grow as an individual.

This handbook will help you get the most out of your campus living experience. It covers the basics of community living, such as how to get along with a roommate and other residents, what to bring with you when you move in, how to take advantage of all services provided in the residence halls, more about your meal plan, and, of course, the important policies for residence hall living.

This handbook and your Campus Living Contract serve as legally binding lease terms and conditions. By signing the Campus Living Contract, you have agreed to abide by all rules, regulations, and policies stated in the Contract and in this document.

Please note that East Carolina University's operation of residence halls and dining halls is financially self-supporting. No state, university, or tax monies are received to defray operating costs or debt service expenses. Residence hall revenue is generated from room payments; Campus Dining revenue is generated from meal plan payments.

COVID-19 CHANGES

Visitation Policy Change for 2020-2021

Due to safety concerns with COVID19, visitation/guests inside ALL residence halls is restricted to ONLY current residence hall students at ECU (except for announced opening and closing periods.) Non-residence hall students/guests are not allowed.

Maximum Occupancy (Adjusted for 2020-2021)

Each residence hall student may host within a residence hall room a maximum of one person. A room with two assigned students, each hosting their maximum occupancy allotment, will contain no more than four individuals. A suite with four assigned students, each hosting their maximum occupancy allotment, will contain no more than eight individuals. Conversely, a room with one assigned student hosting a maximum occupancy allotment will contain no more than two individuals.

- Students will also be responsible to follow posted residence hall guidance in the residence halls for COVID safety.
- We also ask students and families to review the Return of the Pirate Nation document: <https://returnofpiratenation.ecu.edu/>

WHO'S WHO

Moving into a new community and a new way of living can be a challenge, but there are plenty of people around to help make your transition as smooth as possible.

Resident Advisors

Resident Advisors (RAs) are responsible student leaders who are employed by Campus Living to develop caring and meaningful relationships with each student in their community. RAs are assigned to each floor of the residence halls, and work to create a developmental and supportive environment where students feel comfortable discussing their problems and concerns. RAs also are trained to address conflicts, respond to emergencies, and keep students aware and informed of policies and activities.

In addition, RAs promote student learning by providing informative and involving programs. These programs address the varied needs of each student and inform and connect students to the many resources on campus.

You can expect your RA to:

- Know your name and to get to know you
- Act as a role model and lead your community
- Help create a sense of community and mutual respect
- Promote the acceptance of diversity and inclusiveness
- Support and enforce all university policies and procedures
- Confront behavior that disrupts the community
- Respond to problems and help you to solve your problems
- Develop programs that are both informative and fun
- Act as a referral agent for students
- Keep you connected to student life and campus activities at ECU
- Listen to your concerns and help mediate roommate conflicts

You cannot expect your RA to:

- Be available 24 hours a day
- Wake you up for class
- Solve your problems for you
- Be your personal or professional counselor
- Never make mistakes
- Ignore policy violations

Residence Hall Coordinators

Residence Hall Coordinators are full-time, professional administrators with master's degrees in college student personnel or related fields. They supervise RAs, develop programs, adjudicate conduct cases, and participate in student activities. They interact with students, staff, university departments, and other organizations to promote an environment conducive to social and intellectual growth. Residence Hall Coordinators live in the residence halls to better serve residents.

Neighborhood Service Offices

The campus is divided into three neighborhoods: Central, College Hill, and West End. Neighborhood Service Offices, located in Gateway East on College Hill and in West End Dining Hall on West Campus, offer assistance to residents seven days a week.

The Neighborhood Service Offices are an extension of Campus Living. Office services include providing loaner keys/key fobs, coordinating package pickups, entering maintenance requests, and lending vacuum cleaners. Staff members also accept room change forms and conduct check-ins and check-outs from the residence halls. Professional and student employees staff each office.

Campus Dining Staff

Campus Dining managers, chefs, and their friendly staff are all part of the Campus Living team. If you are going to class, studying, and participating in campus activities, you are sure to work up an appetite. The Campus Dining staff always has something cooking to satisfy your hunger.

Facilities Staff

Campus Living employs university Facilities Services staff to clean and maintain the residence halls. University cleaning staff works during the daytime hours, with a reduced weekend workforce.

RESPECT AND COURTESY

A Spirit of Respect

The residence halls of East Carolina University are a multicultural community of individuals. Our students and staff are of diverse racial, cultural, and class backgrounds. Our views encompass a broad spectrum of religious and political beliefs, and our sexual orientations differ. We are unique in that we strive to work and live together and, in the process, learn from one another in an atmosphere of positive contact and mutual respect. We are committed to promoting behavior that demonstrates our beliefs about the respectful treatment of each member of our community.

The residential community is a special place. It is a community designed to foster freedom of thought and unconventional, even uncomfortable, opinions. It attempts to provide an environment for inquiry in which innovation and creativity are nurtured.

Campus residents are individually and collectively responsible for their behavior and are fully accountable for their actions. Residents should be aware of the differences that exist in the residential community. Acts of bigotry in violation of University Policy or applicable law have no place within the East Carolina residential community. The University's regulations on student conduct are violated where a student's conduct creates a "hostile environment" for another as that phrase is defined by law. A hostile environment exists where the conduct is directed toward a particular person or persons; is based upon the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender-identity, creed, disability, or veteran status; is unwelcome; is severe or pervasive; is objectively offensive; and so unreasonably interferes with the target person's employment, academic pursuits, or participation in University-sponsored activities as to effectively deny equal access to the University's resources and opportunities. The University's student conduct regulations are also violated where a student threatens, coerces, harasses, or intimidates another person or identifiable group of persons, in a manner that is unlawful or in violation of a constitutionally valid University policy, while on University premises or at University sponsored activities based upon the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, disability, or veteran status. Likewise, we will not accept ignorance, anger, alcohol, or substance abuse as an excuse, reason, or rationale for such behavior.

We must all aspire to an ideal of openness, not only to allow people to be different, but to recognize that diversity is the virtual core of campus life.

A Spirit of Courtesy

Members of the residence hall community share certain goals, some of which include academic accomplishment, friendship, and a sense of belonging. While living on campus, it is essential that individuals respect the rights of their fellow residents, including the rights to privacy, property, study, and rest, and to equal access to facilities common to all.

It follows, then, that the spirit of residential community is one of mutual respect and cooperation. Each resident has the right and obligation not only to be responsible, but to remind fellow residents of their responsibilities should their behavior departs from reasonable standards. It would be impossible to create policies for every facet of residence life; therefore, a spirit of common courtesy and respect for others should always be maintained. Each resident must be willing to contribute to an atmosphere conducive to community living, study, and sleep. Consideration for other residents must always be shown.

LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE

Healthy roommate relationships are only one piece of the campus living experience—a very BIG piece. The purpose of this section is to help you develop a positive relationship between you and your roommate. In it, you will find conversation starters, tips for making it through the good and not-so-good times, and helpful tidbits of information collected from higher education professionals.

There are several tools you can bring with you to campus that will help you and your roommate kick-off the school year right. Some of these tools include:

- Respect
- Flexibility
- Care
- Appreciation for diversity
- Trust
- Willingness to communicate

A Compromising Situation

Many students have never had the chance to share a room with another person, while for others, a room to themselves would be an oddity. Sharing a living space requires flexibility, consideration, and effort by each roommate. You can get to know your roommate by discussing some of the following before they become an issue:

- I assert myself in situations where...
- I feel taken advantage of when...
- My definition of compromise is...

To create and maintain a healthy roommate relationship, it is imperative that communication begins at the beginning. Living with another individual is a challenging situation for many people. A little extra effort, however, can limit the number of confrontations later.

You and your roommate should begin to learn about one another as soon as possible, and answers to the following questions are a great place to start:

- Where are you from?
- Do you know what your major will be?
- What kind of work are you hoping to do?
- What do you like to do in your spare time?
- What are you looking forward to here at ECU?
- What things make you a little nervous?
- Are you a morning or a night person? What time do you like to go to bed? Wake up?
- When and how do you like to study?
- Have you ever shared a room with another person?
- What do you think are the most important things that we can work on to help us get along as roommates?

Once you have made it to campus and you and your roommate are alone in the room, talking about the following issues will help you “settle” in:

- **Arranging the room.** Take this step together when you first move into the room so that you both feel like you belong in the room. Remember, the room can always be rearranged later to keep things “new.”
- **Using each other’s stuff.** Discuss what things are OK to borrow and which items you would rather keep to yourself. Include clothing, CDs, food, video games, and computers.

Communication Tips

A breakdown in communication is the most common problem for roommates who are unable to get along. Use the following strategies to help avoid possible arguments or confrontations:

- **Talk it out.** Sooner or later, an issue is bound to come up that frustrates one of the roommates. Make the commitment to work disagreements out verbally between the two of you. Keep all the issues “on the table” and avoid going behind one another’s back.
- **Agree to disagree.** Roommates don’t have to be mirror images of each other. It is important to remember that you are each your own individual. Being different from one another is what makes the experience beneficial to both roommates. Choose to respect one another’s perspectives and ideas. Remember that there is more than one way to look at an issue.
- **Leave messages.** As roommates, you will rely on one another for contact with people outside of your room. Decide where messages will be left for one another. Include phone messages, dry-erase board messages, and messages from visitors.

Helping Hands

Life at college can have its rough days, which sometimes turn into rough weeks. Your roommate may have trouble and your automatic response may be to jump right in and help. However, it is important to recognize your limitations when it comes to helping. You should make sure that you are doing what is best for your roommate.

Academic difficulty. Is your roommate sleeping through classes? Do they put homework to the side when social opportunities arise? Or, are they obsessed with grades and become upset with a bad grade?

Struggling with alcohol or other drugs. You may have noticed your roommate coming in late at night or on several nights. Has your roommate begun hanging around with a new crowd of friends? Does your roommate seem to be in an altered state at times? Have you seen drug paraphernalia around the room? Is alcohol becoming a “normal” part of your roommate’s life?

Depression. Is your roommate sleeping a great deal during the day? Does your roommate cry frequently or ever mention harming themselves?

Family issues. Does your roommate dread going home for the weekend or for breaks? Has your roommate ever mentioned to you anything about family abuse at home? Have you overheard fights on the phone with people at home?

Unfortunately, there is no one cure-all that can fix any of the above situations or any others that may come up. The most important thing to remember is that you have resources in your hall as well as across campus. Don’t get in over your head. Get to know your RA and your hall coordinator and ask them to help!

Roommate + Roommate = Friends?

There is a myth that says that college roommates must be the best of friends. This is not true. Mere acquaintances can make the best roommates if the lines of communication are established and there is mutual respect. If you and your roommate are not best friends, don’t worry. It most likely means that you each have found people with common interests in other areas. Remember that you are both trying to meet new people and make new friends on campus.

Put It All Together

College roommates may turn out to be the best of friends or may part ways and head off in their own directions. Regardless of how the two of you end your roommate experience, there are bound to be unforgettable moments that the two of you will share for the rest of your life. It is important to remember that the differences among people are what make our experiences memorable. You will soon find that different people can become compatible roommates.

A little effort, respect, care, and tact – plus an open mind – can help you increase your chances of creating and maintaining a strong roommate relationship.

Safety First!

Sharing your room with someone also means sharing responsibilities. Foremost among these is ensuring your personal safety. Each of you may have your own idea of what “being safe” means. Therefore, we ask you to discuss the following points:

- Locking the room
- Expectations for guest and visitor behavior
- Sharing and posting passwords and number codes
- Carrying your keys/key fob always
- Whether you will allow people in your room if neither roommate is present
- Following the policies outlined by Campus Living

Roommate Contracts

Sometimes new roommates need a little assistance communicating with one another. To ease the transition and to help in some of the decision-making processes, the Campus Living office has created the Roommate Contract. Within the first several weeks, or as designated by staff, your RA will approach you and your roommate to discuss the contract in detail. This document is to be filled out completely by both roommates. It serves as a signed pact between roommates and covers many topics that need to be discussed.

PRACTICAL PLANNING

Your room assignment and roommate information will be emailed to your ECU account. We encourage you to contact your assigned roommate before you pack so you don't end up in a room with two televisions and no music player.

Each room is furnished with bed frames and mattresses, two desks and chairs, closet/wardrobe space, and dresser space. There is also a bulletin board next to each room door so that your neighbors can leave you messages. Please do not pack any items to hang on doors. Computers, televisions, stereos, CD players, radios, and desk lamps are all fine to pack. All residence hall rooms allow for OPTIONAL cable television service, so you will need to provide a cable-ready television or DVD/Blu-ray unit and a cable cord to connect your TV or bring a HD antenna if you would like free local broadcasts.

Storage space in your room is limited. Consult the list that follows before you pack.

What to Pack

Necessities

- Linens for an 80-inch mattress*
- Reusable mug
- Blanket, mattress pad
- Laundry basket or bag
- Laundry detergent
- Towels, pillow
- Safety-fused power strip or surge protector
- Desk lamp
- Summer clothing
- Flip-flops (for showers)
- Toiletries
- School supplies
- Charger for cell phone
- Clothes hangers

*Our beds have up to 80-inch length mattresses. Purchase bed linens and sheets to fit an 80-inch mattress.

Optional Items

- Snacks
- Coffee/ beverage maker
- Basic cleaning supplies
- Lap board
- Iron, sewing kit
- Drawer lining (not contact paper)
- Television
- Fish tank (10 gallon maximum; one per room)
- Bicycle with lock
- Fan
- Can opener
- Plates, cups, cutlery
- Command Strips
- Calculator
- First-aid kit (plastic strips, aspirin, cotton balls, etc.)
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Battery-operated radio
- Bluetooth Music Player
- Removable poster tape
- Flashlight
- Computer/Tablet

Leave at Home – These Items Are Safety Violations or Not Allowed

- Candles, candle warmers, torches
- Weights
- Oil lamps
- Pets (except freshwater fish)
- Incandescent light bulbs
- TV Mounts for wall
- Extension cords
- Weapons
- "Glow-in-the-dark" stickers
- Hot plates and any heating unit with exposed heating element
- Electric or candle wax melters
- Dartboards
- Contact paper or wallpaper
- Electric/kerosene heaters
- "Instant" pots or Pressure cookers
- Ceiling fans
- Illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Torch-style halogen lamps or Lava Lamps
- Microwaves (any size)**
- Toaster/toaster oven
- Mattresses
- Electric fry pan/Deep fat cookers
- Air conditioners
- Cinder blocks/bricks
- Non-removable stickers
- Non-Approved Bed Lofts
- Hookahs and water pipes
- Refrigerators (any size)**

E-cigarettes, cigars, and cigarettes may be possessed in the residence halls, but not used. Campus and residence hall policies require these to be used outside at least 100 feet from all campus buildings.

**Campus Living provides microwaves and refrigerators in each room.

CAMPUS CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET

ECU's computer network for on-campus students allows you to connect your personal computer to the internet through Ethernet ports or Wi-Fi located in each residence hall room. The connections provide unlimited access to ECU's e-mail and PiratePort systems, and the internet. There is one Ethernet port minimum (activated) in each room except Greene Hall. Students will need to provide their own Ethernet cable if they plan to use the wired connection.

Computer setup and information on our auto-registration system for Campus Living network will be available when you arrive on campus on the automated web page you should see the first time you connect your computer. Once you set up your computer in your room, you usually can be online within minutes.

Illegal Downloads

Students should be familiar with the university policies concerning downloading copyrighted materials. Students are responsible for the material they choose to download or share with others.

<https://copyright.ecu.edu/>

Computers at ECU: ECU Student Computer Purchase Program

ECU recommends all students have access to a computer but does not require a specific type. A computer should meet your academic needs including any specifications and software required by your academic program. The Student Computing Initiative program includes the ITCS Pirate Techs staff who works with academic programs to select system requirements. Dowdy Student Stores' Tech Deck team works with vendors to negotiate the best pricing possible for students. The selected systems also conform to any special configurations required by your academic department. ECU-Dowdy Student Stores sell computer equipment and software at an educational discount. The store is also an authorized reseller for Apple, Lenovo, and Dell computers, with on-site technical assistance available.

Bringing a Computer: Some Things You Need to Know

We encourage students to bring computers to campus. There are no policies that require certain types of computers for use in the residence halls, but there are some minimum requirements for connecting into the Campus Living network system.

Students are required to have current/recent versions of Windows and Macintosh system software. We may be unable to support earlier versions of Windows and Macintosh system software due to the end of manufacturer support for those products.

Software

Students at ECU use a variety of software for classroom and personal use. Specific software will vary by course and major; however, Microsoft Office is the most used software at ECU and is recommended for most students. ECU-Dowdy Student Stores sells computer equipment and software at an educational discount.

Specific Campus Living Network Policies

- Students should read and understand the University Student and Employee Computer Use Policy and the University SPAM E-mail Policy. The policies are available online at: <https://www.ecu.edu/prr/08/10/03> and <https://www.ecu.edu/prr/08/05/04>. Students are responsible for their actions on the Campus Living Network and for the use of their computer connected to Campus Living Network.
- Students may use wireless Ethernet, but student owned and/or operated wireless network hubs are not allowed in the residence halls. Wireless network hubs are restricted, because of the potential for interfering with existing and future University run wireless networks, and for network security reasons.

- The use of "mini hubs" or other equipment that allows more than one computer or network device (i.e. PlayStation, Wii or Xbox) to connect to a single Ethernet port is not allowed without specific permission from Campus Living. Most student room have two Ethernet ports, but each student is only guaranteed access to one port. Some rooms that have wireless access points positioned in the room, may only have one port for student use.
- Students should be aware that if their use of the Campus Living network interferes with or impacts the use of the network by others, the Campus Living network staff would contact students about fixing or correcting the problem. The problem can be either the amount or the type of network use by the student. Computers that are used in violation of University Policy or that continue to interfere with network operations may be disconnected at the discretion of the Director of Housing Operations or the Director of IT Security until the problem can be rectified or an investigation of the problem is complete. If there is evidence of a violation of University Student and Employee Computer Use Policy, the computer owner can be referred for judicial action to the Office of Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- Students are not allowed to set up their own Microsoft domain or domain controller. These can disturb the ECU network structure. Mail and SMTP servers are not allowed for security reasons. FTP, web, and game servers are allowed, but if they are the source of any network problems (such as high bandwidth use or security problems), students can be requested to shut them down. Students running a server should run regular checks for operating system updates and patches.
- All students using the Campus Living network system are REQUIRED to have an active and updated copy of virus-protection software installed.
- The use of static IPs or circumventing the Campus Living network registration process in any way is a violation of the University Student and Employee Computer Use Policy.

WHERE CAN I EAT? – CAMPUS DINING

Dining Services serves up variety, convenience, and taste in all campus restaurants. For a well-balanced Campus Dining experience, ECU offers two unlimited all-access dining halls and six food court locations. Dining Services also includes six coffee bars and four convenience stores located in West End Dining Hall and Jones Residence Hall. For your convenience, there are also several P.O.D. Express Stores for you to purchase snacks and beverages.

The best advantage of Campus Dining is the value and flexibility it offers the campus community. Your meal plan allows you to eat anywhere on campus: dining halls, food court locations, coffee shops, and convenience stores. You choose what's right for you. Most food court locations accept Pirate Meals, and all food locations accept Purple and Gold Bucks, cash, Visa, and Master Card.

Todd and West End Dining Halls

These two unlimited all-access dining halls provide full meal service seven days a week with continuous dining from morning to evening, Monday through Sunday.

In Todd Dining Hall, the kitchen has been moved from the back of the house to exhibition cooking stations throughout the dining hall where everything happens right in front of you. Both locations feature home-style meals, popular ethnic cuisine, pasta, pizza, soup and salad, popular grill items, & a deli. In addition, there are waffles, cereal, a variety of beverages, soft serve ice cream with sundae toppings, and a yogurt bar.

West End Dining Hall features a Mongolian Grill, while Todd Dining Hall features an Eastern Carolina Smokehouse grill and Simple Selections, an allergen friendly station. Both locations offer daily vegetarian entrees and side items at each station. Both dining halls include fresh and delicious made-to-order options. Todd is located in the College Hill neighborhood; West End is in the West End neighborhood located between Clement and Fletcher Residence Halls.

Food Court Locations (Some Locations May Be Impacted By Dining Changes Due to COVID)

The Galley

The Galley is open from mid-morning until late at night seven days a week. It offers casual dining and serves menu items on an a la carte basis. Located on College Hill, the Galley features a Subway, Stacked, The Brewhouse by Port City Java, and the Pirate Market convenience store. Stacked is a burger concept that will feature fresh ground beef and chicken. The Brewhouse at Port City Java is a regional coffee brand that hails from Wilmington that serves freshly roasted coffee and a selection of pastries.

Croatan

The Croatan is home to a full-service Chick-fil-A and Chili's Too! Get your Chili's favorites by dining in or get them To Go! Chili's Too offers ribs, burgers, salads, and fajitas! Chick-fil-A offers your favorite Chick-fil-A items in a full-service restaurant. Fix your cravings with items such as the Classic Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Chick-fil-A's Famous Waffle Fries and now milkshakes, ice cream and grilled nuggets!

Pirate Market P.O.D.

Located in Jones Residence Hall, the Pirate Market P.O.D. is a full-size convenience store open seven days a week. The store stocks everything from health and beauty aids, detergents, canned goods, and snacks.

Reade Street P.O.D. and Subway

Reade Street P.O.D. is a small convenience store located next door to West End Dining Hall on West Campus. Also located in Reade Street P.O.D. is Subway, offering a full line of made to order subs, salads, and wraps. Open late, Reade Street P.O.D. provides for all your shopping needs, including frozen foods, beverages, vegetarian entrees, snacks, microwavable meals, candy, cookies, crackers, health and beauty products (including makeup, hair care products and skin products), cleaning supplies, and paper products.

The Wright Place

The Wright Place, located next door to the Student Stores in central campus, is a hub of activity between classes. You can begin your day with a cup of specialty coffee from Starbucks or choose from bagels and breakfast sandwiches at Einstein Bros. Bagels. From lunch until night classes, enjoy OLILLO by Cat Cora, which offers a delicious, healthy, made-your-way menu featuring Cat Cora's signature Mediterranean tastes and flavors, Einstein Bros. Bagels deli sandwiches and salads, or Burger Studios delicious burgers and sandwiches.

Bate Express and Belk

The Bate Express, located on the first floor of Bate building and the P.O.D. Express located on the first floor of the Carol Belk Building, are mini-store offering items for those on the run, such as ready-to-eat snacks, salads, sandwiches, cold beverages, and coffee.

Student Union at the Health Sciences Campus Greens to Go

Student Union at the Health Sciences Campus Greens to Go is all about the customer, where customization has no limit. Our menu features classics such as Caesar and garden salads, along with artisan options like buffalo bleu chicken and cobb chicken salads. Or, you can visit Taste of Greenville, our new rotating restaurant concept featuring restaurants from Greenville.

Food Trucks

The duo of Street Eats and Grid Grub bring fun, fast, and delicious street food options to ECU students at multiple points on campus. Street Eats serves a selection of tacos and Mexican street fare, while Grid Grub specializes in favorites like loaded hot dogs, cheese steaks and more.

Main Campus Student Center

This state-of-the-art facility opened in spring 2019 bringing with it six new dining locations. Dining Services was excited to bring back some of ECU favorites with the return of Panda Express. An additional Starbucks was opened along with three new restaurant concepts: Raising Canes, Au Bon Pain, and 1907 Grill. Rounding out the restaurant lineup is the confectionery and sweet shop, an ice cream parlor that exclusively serves Simply Natural ice cream.

WHEN CAN I EAT?

Campus Dining Hours

Please visit dining.ecu.edu/ for current locations and hours.

Holiday and break hours will be different. The hours are subject to change without notice.

MEAL PLAN INFORMATION

Essentially, a meal plan is prepaid account for your on-campus meals. At the start of the semester, you pay one price to cover all the meals you will be eating in the dining halls and retail locations on campus. Your meal plan activity is tracked on your student ID card (1 Card).

How Do I Use a Meal Plan?

Pirate Meals

Each meal plan comes with a predetermined amount of Retail Pirate Meals (Purple 20, 40, 60). The number represents the number of Pirate Meals available per semester. Retail locations include: MCSC, The Wright Place, The Galley, HSC, and The Croatan. Each of these locations house several national and proprietary brands such as Subway, Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, Chili's Too, and much more. When you visit most of these locations, several Pirate Meal options will be available for you to choose from per retail outlet. These meals will be deducted from your meal plan over the course of the semester as you use them. Once these meals are gone in a semester, Purple and Gold Bucks, cash, or credit card will have to be used to pay for food items in the retail locations.

Purple and Gold Bucks

Each meal plan includes a defined amount of Purple or Gold Bucks. Purple or Gold Bucks can be used like cash. Purple or Gold Bucks can be used at all dining locations on campus and are primarily used at the coffee shops such as Starbucks and Port City Java, as well as the C-Store or P.O.D. locations. Students running low on Bucks can add additional Bucks at any time in \$20 increments. When using Bucks, you automatically save 10% on meal purchases at the dining halls. Gold Bucks can be used during sporting events at concessions.

Guest Meals

Each Purple (residential) meal plan comes with five guest meals. Guest meals can only be used in Todd or West End Dining Halls. These meals can be used for friends, family, or faculty that you would like to treat to a meal.

What is Continuous Dining and All-Access Dining?

Continuous dining means we are open nonstop from morning to night at both Todd and West End Dining Halls. Come in for a full meal or just to grab a beverage or snack. All-access dining allows meal plan members to come into the dining halls multiple times throughout the day as often as you like; giving you all access to a variety of foods during our set hours of operation.

What if I Don't Use All of My Purple Bucks in a Semester?

Unused Purple Bucks from the fall semester will roll over to the spring. Purple Bucks not used by the spring semester, however, will be forfeited as they are a part of the meal plan for that year. Any unused Gold Bucks that are added during the year will roll over from year to year until graduation.

CampusDish Website

Visit the Campus Dining CampusDish website at ecu.edu/dining for more information on meal plans, dining locations, hours of operation, nutritional information, employment, special events, and much more.

MEAL PLAN POLICIES

Campus Dining strives to provide students with the most economical and flexible meal program possible. The following policy information provides you with an idea of how you can get the most out of your meal plan and make your meal plan work for you.

Campus Dining Meal Plan and Card Policy

All students in student housing under this contract are required to participate in a Campus Dining meal plan. All residence hall students must choose a Purple Meal Plan. If a student does not specify a meal plan on this contract, the student will automatically be assigned Purple 40 Meal Plan.

Getting Started

You can use the meal portion of your meal plan from the first day the residence halls open until the last day of exams. Purple Bucks funds are always valid for use. All you need to access your meal plan is an ECU 1 Card. The 1 Card is valid if you are enrolled at ECU and carries a \$15 replacement fee. Meal plan setup fees and deposits to Purple Bucks accounts can be made either online at ecu.edu/dining, by calling 252.ECU.FOOD, or in person at the Campus Dining office located in Todd Dining Hall. Payments made in the Campus Dining office are immediately credited to your meal plan. Payments made online are automatically credited to your meal plan the next business day. (For example, a Friday deposit made at the cashier's office will be credited to your meal plan on Monday morning.)

Liability Information

You must present your 1 Card to the cashier each time you dine in our facilities. ECU 1 Cards are not transferable. Meal plan members may not pass, sell, or loan their 1 Cards to others. Report a lost card immediately during business hours to the Office of Campus Dining (ECU-FOOD) or the ECU 1 Card office (328-2015). After regular business hours, call ECU Police at 328-6787. Your ECU 1 Card will be deactivated immediately.

Campus Dining becomes responsible for account balances only at the time you report a lost or stolen card. Replacing a lost card costs \$15. You also can buy a one-week temporary card for \$1. Purple Bucks cannot be used to pay lost card charges.

Meal Plans and Financial Aid

If you are receiving financial aid, you may elect to waive payment for a meal plan until you get your award money. To do so, the Office of Student Financial Aid must issue a deferment through the cashier's office.

Changes, Cancellations, and Refunds

- A. Changes of meal plans are initiated only in the Campus Dining office located in Jones Residence Hall. Students may cancel their meal plan only if they buy out of the housing portion of the Campus Living Contract or are approved by the appeals committee to cancel their contract. Students who cancel or buy out of their Campus Living Contract after July 31, 2019 for any reason or are evicted from Campus Housing will require a \$150 buyout fee for canceling their Campus Meal Plan in addition to any charges from the Campus Housing portion of the contract.
- B. Meal plans are refundable on a prorated basis less any Purple Bucks funds used less any fees or charges.
- C. Students may make changes to their fall semester meal plans until the Friday after Labor Day. There is a \$25 service charge for changing to a smaller meal plan when a refund is requested; however, a total value rollover to a smaller plan will incur no service charges.
- D. Students may make changes to their spring semester meal plans until the Friday after the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. There is a \$25 service charge for changing to a smaller meal plan when a refund is requested; however, a total value rollover to a smaller plan will incur no service charges.

ECU TRANSIT

ECU Transit operates during the academic year, beginning the first day of class of each semester and summer school session. Limited on-campus service is available during breaks when ECU is open. Service is free for students, staff, and faculty; all you need to ride is your 1 Card. Note that there is a reduced service area during the summer sessions. ECU Transit does not operate when ECU is closed. ECU Transit is an extension of the ECU campus, and everyone using ECU Transit must observe the policies and guidelines outlined in the student handbook.

Fixed Route Service

Four major services are offered during the fall and spring semesters: peak daytime routes, reduced night combination routes, Pirate Express, and weekend on-campus routes. During the day, almost all routes in operation run with a focus on getting riders to, from, and around campus. Once most classes have ended for the day, routes combine and relocate due to lower ridership demands while covering nearly the full daytime service area. On Friday and Saturday nights, Pirate Express operates to provide safe transportation for late night travel to and from major apartment complexes connecting to campus and Uptown Greenville. On the weekend routes circulate campus and provide service to local shopping areas. More information on specific routes can be found at ecu.edu/transit.

Want to Track Your Bus?

Track your bus using NextBus. NextBus is available on all smart phone and mobile devices and is available to download for free on all device platforms.

SafeRide Van Service

SafeRide serves to facilitate safe and reliable evening point-to-point trips for students, staff, and faculty. Fare-free transportation is available to their homes/residences or vehicles within our service area where bus routes are not currently operating. It also serves to facilitate safe and reliable evening movement around the ECU campus. For more information on the SafeRide service area visit ecu.edu/transit.

SafeRide is a point-to-point, demand-response van service. Trips must be requested via smartphone app or by calling the SafeRide dispatch center at 252-328-7433. This service works to efficiently supplement the bus system at night after regular daytime service has ended. This service operates 6:30 p.m. to 2:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 a.m. on the weekend.

Want to Schedule a SafeRide?

Scheduling a ride with ECU Transit just became easier than ever with the help of the Transloc Rider app. The Transloc Rider app enables users to quickly schedule a ride on SafeRide using any smart phone. This app is available to download for free on all device platforms. Rides can also be scheduled by calling the SafeRide line at 252-328-7433.

Pirate Access

ECU Transit offers additional support for our riders with permanent or temporary mobility impairments through a service called Pirate Access. This service operates cooperatively with Disability Support Services and the Dean of Students Office. Pirate Access requires certification by Disability Support Services. Pirate Access operates Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. any time the university is open. Application forms for Pirate Access can be found at ecu.edu/transit.

RESIDENCE HALL FEATURES AND CAMPUS SERVICES

For your convenience, each residence hall offers several facilities, services, activities, and opportunities to make your stay at East Carolina more pleasant and enjoyable. Keep in mind, however, that with membership in the residence hall community comes responsibility. You are expected to abide by the regulations that govern life in our residence halls as a means of protecting yourself and your property.

Bathrooms

Residence hall bathrooms are for the use of residents and their guests of the same sex. Housekeepers clean bathrooms regularly. Residents are also responsible to do their part in keeping bathrooms clean. No personal items, such as toiletries, carpet, and cooking equipment, are to be left in the bathrooms, laundry rooms, or kitchens.

Bicycles

Bicycle racks are provided around the residence halls. For safety reasons, bicycles may not be left on balconies, porches, hallways, stairs, or any other public areas of the building. Students are encouraged to register their bicycles with Parking and Transportation Services or the ECU Police Department.

Care and Cleaning of Rooms

Students are expected to keep their rooms clean. Students will be required to clean their living accommodations should the staff determine that the room or suite presents a health hazard. Students living in College Hill Suites are responsible for the cleaning of the bathroom. Students living in Scott Hall where bathrooms are inside their rooms are responsible for the cleaning of the bathroom.

Scotch tape, staples, adhesive holders, “glow-in-the-dark” stars, “blue gooey” tack, screws, brackets, tacks, and nails are not to be used on walls, windows, woodwork, floors, or ceilings. Concrete and cinder blocks and bricks are prohibited from the residence halls because of the potential damage to walls, floors, and carpets caused by their use. Removable poster mounts and hooks are suggested for use in residence hall rooms for decorating and can be found at home improvement stores and the ECU Dowdy Student Store.

Furniture

Lounges, reception lobbies, study rooms, computer labs, and other common spaces in each residence hall are equipped by the university for the comfort and convenience of residents. The use of lobby or lounge space for student meetings must be approved by the coordinator of that building. Furnishings in common areas, as well as dishes from the dining hall, cannot be moved from those areas. Students who take these items will face disciplinary action or possible prosecution.

Individual room furniture in the residence hall may be rearranged by the residents when it is not built-in. All furniture must be returned to its original layout before checking out of the room. Furniture that is built-in must be left in place. Student room furniture must remain inside the specific room in which it is placed by the university. Residents may not store any room furniture on or off campus. Students who take room furniture from individual rooms will face disciplinary action and possible prosecution. Non-approved lofts and canopy beds are not permitted.

Insurance

The university does not carry insurance covering personal belongings. Check with your parents’ insurance company about the coverage you receive while at school. You may want to consider purchasing a separate policy. The university does not assume responsibility for theft or casualty losses of students’ personal property. Additional insurance information is sent to students during the summer.

Keys and Key Fobs

Appropriate keys and key fobs are issued to each resident at check-in. Keys received provide access to the respective room and suite; key fobs to the entry doors.

A resident's signature on the key registration form acknowledges receipt of the keys and an assumption of responsibility for them. During the time keys or key fobs are in the resident's possession, they must not be loaned or duplicated. If a key or a key fob is lost, the resident must pay for a lock or key fob replacement and new keys. Report lost keys and key fobs immediately to the Neighborhood Service Office. Residents should be aware that they may be removed from the residence hall if they give their hall keys/key fobs to anyone.

To assist residents who may have temporarily misplaced a room key or key fob, a loaner key must be secured from the Neighborhood Service Office.

When a resident terminates the Campus Living Contract and moves off campus, their keys/key fob must be returned to the Neighborhood Service Office within 24 hours. When a resident is making a room change, the keys must be returned to the Neighborhood Service Office within 48 hours. If keys are not returned as stated, a charge of \$120 will be made for the room key replacement and a lock change. There is also a \$30 charge for suite key or key fob replacement. After 48 hours, the key fob will be deactivated.

Laundry Rooms

Each residence hall has one or more laundry rooms equipped with washers and dryers. The cost of using the residence hall laundry facilities is included in the Campus Living rent structure. To ensure the security of clothes in the machines, we suggest that residents stay nearby while doing their laundry. The laundry facilities are for the use of residents only. Please do not invite your friends over to do their laundry.

Lobby

The lobby is the place where most residents and guests enter the building. The lobbies are natural areas for socializing and special events. Lobby space is, however, limited to the use of residents and their guests.

Mail Services

Campus Living provides delivery of 1st class US Mail (no bulk mail) to the Neighborhood Service Office Monday through Friday. Neighborhood Service Office also provides delivery of packages from services like FedEx and UPS on days these services deliver. Students will receive an email to their official ECU email address notifying them when they receive mail or a package. Students can pick up the item during the Neighborhood Service Office hours with proper ID.

Resident students should inform friends and family of their campus address. Students should also inform parents and friends to never send cash through the mail. The following format should be used on all incoming campus mail:

Student's Name
Residence Hall Name and Room Number/Box Number
East Carolina University
1000 E. Fifth St.
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

NOTE: Make sure you write "Hall" or "Dorm" after the name (i.e. Jarvis Hall) so that your mail does not go to Jarvis Street.

The Neighborhood Service Offices only receive mail and send out stamped or prepaid mail. Many services available through the U.S. Postal Service are provided at the University Mail Services customer service counter. Mail Services is located on campus in Building 43 off Founders Drive. The customer service counter is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m., and Friday 8:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. The entrance to the customer service area is on the west side of the building, south of the Flanagan Building and adjacent to Slay Hall.

Services available here are similar to a traditional post office, including buying stamps or mailing a letter or package. Standard mailing boxes are available at no cost.

Maintenance

If you have a maintenance or pest control problem or need something repaired in your room, you can call the Maintenance Hotline or complete a request online. Dial 328-4997 and press 1 if you live on College Hill or press 2 if you live in West End/Central. Leave the following information:

1. Your name
2. Your residence hall and room number
3. Your telephone number
4. Specific description of the repair or service requested
5. Location and room number of problem

During regular Neighborhood Service Office hours, follow the voice mail instructions.

Maintenance After Regular Hours

In the event of an emergency, you should contact the on-call Resident Advisor for your hall. The RA will determine if immediate action is necessary and contact the proper personnel. Examples of what may require emergency repair are: large water leaks from sinks, toilets, or pipes; loss of electrical power to general rooms; smoke detector malfunctions; large broken windows; or jammed locks or doors that will not lock.

Pest Control

To keep pests out of the room, you should take precautions to store food properly and practice reasonable housekeeping chores. All food should be kept in a refrigerator or in airtight containers. All trash, including empty boxes, should be discarded promptly.

Residents are also requested to cover and store all food items and leave the floor space by walls clear during breaks, because residence halls are treated for pests during break periods.

To request pest control, call the Maintenance Hotline at 328-4997. (The pest control company usually visits campus three times a week.)

Painting

Each residence hall room is either completely repainted or touched up during the summer. If you are not satisfied with the condition of your room at check-in, please contact the Maintenance Service Center at 328-4997 and request that a university painter inspect the condition of your room.

Parking

Parking on campus is by permit only. All students, staff, and faculty who park on campus are required to register their vehicles with the Department of Parking and Transportation Services, pay a registration fee, and display a valid parking permit.

You should register your vehicle before you arrive on campus for the semester. Contact the Department of Parking and Transportation Services at 252-328-6294 for further information. The parking and transportation office is located at 305 East 10th Street.

Porches and Breezeways

Several residence halls have porches and breezeways for the convenience and enjoyment of the residents. As these are for community use, you should not remove furniture, cook, hang clothes, park bicycles, skateboard, or block free access in these areas.

The roofs of porches and buildings are off limits to residents, and no one except university maintenance personnel is allowed on these areas.

Recycling and Trash Disposal

Keeping our environment clean is the responsibility of each member of the community. Each residence hall has trash and recycling containers located in designated trash rooms throughout the building and/or within individual student rooms.

After you move into your residence hall, take all cardboard out to the dumpster beside your building, remove packaging material, flatten the cardboard, and leave it beside the dumpster. Grounds personnel will pick up and recycle this material.

Each resident is responsible for removing individual room trash to the trash rooms and disposing of items in the proper recycling containers. No wet trash or food waste should be placed in recycling containers but should be disposed of in the waste cans provided. Because of the danger of cuts to the housekeeping staff, no glass may be placed in trash room containers. Please place all glass items in the recycling bin marked for glass or directly in your residence hall dumpster.

Medical waste should be put in appropriate containers. Students using needles for medical reasons should provide and use a sharps container.

Telephone Service

Campus Living will provide students with the option of having local telephone service for a minimal cost. The service will be accessible only to those select students who wish to have it activated. Resident Advisors and professional staff will still have phone service, and courtesy phones are located throughout all residence halls. Campus Living sends out information regarding this service before students arrive on campus. If you would like to have the service once you arrive, contact Campus Living.

Textbooks

ECU-Dowdy Student Stores provides school supplies, books, and other tools for students at East Carolina. Incoming freshmen are offered a textbook reservation service that allows them to have all their supplies boxed and ready for pick up when they arrive on campus. To take advantage of this service, freshmen must charge their order to a major credit card or their financial aid account. For further information, call 328-6731.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safety and security are important issues within the residence community. Each resident must abide by safety and security regulations to protect themselves and others. In all emergency situations, students can receive assistance from the ECU Police Department (911 or 252-328-6787) and/or from the residence hall staff. Students should:

- Be cautious about who is entering the building behind them. Only residents and staff should be entering the building without an escort.
- Not be afraid to ask the person entering behind them if they live in the building, or call the RA on duty
- Follow applicable escort and visitation policies.
- Not loan their keys/key fob to anyone.
- Not prop open doors.
- Report suspicious individuals or activity to Campus Living staff or ECU Police.

Residence Hall Health and Safety Checks

Campus Living staff conduct a safety inspection of each student room at least once each semester. Safety inspectors are trained to look for fire hazards, health and safety violations, and any unauthorized items within plain view in the room.

Inspectors will leave a copy of the safety inspection in the room, and the violations must be corrected within 24 hours after inspection. Failure to correct safety violations will result in disciplinary action. If the health and safety team discovers something illegal, staff will not confront the students but rather report the concern to ECU Police or Residence Hall Staff as applicable. Any damage to the room will be when students vacate a residence hall space.

Shared common spaces, semi-private and private bath spaces will also be inspected for the general cleanliness. Any area that needs to be cleaned because the condition of the room is deemed unhealthy, an attraction to pests, or potentially damaging to the room will be reported to the student(s) in the suite or room. All spaces will be re-inspected within seven days of providing students with notice of the health and safety concern. If the problem has not been corrected, the space will be cleaned by the University at the expense of the space occupant(s). On rare occasions if the room cleanliness necessitates action, with the authorization of the Director of Housing, students' living spaces will be cleaned at the students' expense.

Security Measures

The first line of defense for residence hall safety is access-controlled doors. Locking outside entrances, living areas, suites, and individual rooms in the residence halls will help provide privacy and security for all residents.

The outside entrance doors to the residence halls are locked 24 hours a day. Residents are issued key fobs to open exterior entrances and in some buildings access-restricted elevators. In halls where the physical layout permits, additional interior access-controlled doors have been installed to provide added security. Residents who are found propping open exterior or security doors and/or loaning keys/key fobs are subject to removal from the residence halls.

While ECU Police complete frequent building walk-throughs, hall staff also assist in monitoring the building security. A Resident Advisor in each complex is on duty each night. If students cannot reach the RA on call, they can also contact their Neighborhood Service Office. Several professional staff members are always on call when students are on campus.

Security Phones

Blue-light security phones are strategically placed across campus. They can be found in various academic buildings, in some elevators, outside residence halls, and on blue-light poles. When the receiver is picked up or the call button depressed, the phone immediately calls the ECU Police Department. In an emergency, students or guests can push the button and continue to safety while ECU Police are dispatched to the location.

ECU Police Department

The ECU Police Department is a full-service police organization with sworn, certified police officers, private security, telecommunications officers, and full-time support personnel.

Located next to Umstead Hall in a two-story colonial-style house called the Blount House (609 East Tenth Street), the department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing protection and services to the campus community.

The police telecommunications center is equipped to handle all types of emergency communications, including computer-relayed 911 calls and TDD (deaf access) calls. The staff monitors fire, burglary, and robbery alarms on campus, in addition to operating the campus emergency phone monitoring system.

University police officers have enforcement jurisdiction on all property owned, operated, and/or controlled by East Carolina, and on all adjacent streets. Sworn ECU officers receive the same training and certification as other state police officers and participate in ongoing training in first-aid, CPR, firearms, defensive tactics, legal issues, diversity training, and other areas essential in a university environment. The officers have enforcement powers within the city of Greenville, when assisting under a signed mutual aid agreement, and in additional jurisdictions where mutual aid agreements have been signed with certified law enforcement agencies.

A report of any criminal activity that occurs at off-campus facilities or activities involving students (including fraternities and sororities registered with the university) is submitted to the university police and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for review and, if necessary, the report will be referred to the student conduct process.

General Safety Tips for Residence Hall Living

Although ECU's campus is generally a safe place to live and attend school, there are some steps you can take to ensure your safety and the safety of the residence hall community:

1. Keep your room and suite door locked at all times, especially when you are sleeping or just going down the hall for a couple of minutes.
2. Secure your property (such as computers) before leaving a shared community space.
3. Never prop open an outside entry or suite door. Propping doors allows people who aren't supposed to be in the halls access to your room and everyone else's in the hall.
4. Escort your guests into the building. Sometimes people you don't know will ask you to let them in, so they can "visit a friend." For everyone's safety, only allow your escorted guests into the hall.
5. Carry your ID and keys/key fob separately. Key chains with ID holders are a convenient way to carry your things, but if you lose your keys, you lose your ID. The person who finds them will be able to find out where you live very easily. Always keep your ECU 1 Card with you while on campus.
6. Report missing keys/key fobs immediately to the Neighborhood Service Office. They will contact the Campus Living locksmiths who will change your locks quickly to help ensure that you and your property will remain safe.
7. Avoid phone and internet scams. Scammers will offer great deals over the phone or via email, but they are only trying to steal money. Don't give out any credit card numbers, your address, or any other personally identifying information to anyone you do not know or trust. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
8. Keep your computer and email passwords and confidential. Your ECU accounts are tied to you.
9. Evacuate your hall when the fire alarm sounds. Even though fire drills are common, don't assume that the fire alarm is false.

10. Do not tamper with the fire equipment. Tampering with particle detectors, fire extinguishers, heat sensors, or fire alarm pull stations puts everyone in your hall in great danger.
11. Take advantage of Operation ID through the ECU Police Department. Mark your valuables in a way that you can identify them in case they are stolen. Ask your residence hall staff about Operation ID.
12. Keep windows closed and locked when the room is vacant.
13. Report any suspicious persons or unescorted guests to the ECU Police Department at 911 or 328-6787 or to the hall staff immediately.

Missing Student Policy

ECU encourages students to provide contact information for an individual to be notified in case the student goes missing. You can list your emergency contact using the Banner Self Service option. An emergency contact will be contacted in accordance with official notification procedures by the institution if the student is determined missing. Campus Living encourages students to register a contact using the Banner Self Service option.

ECU will notify the custodial parents or guardians of any students who are not yet 18 years of age, and who are not emancipated individuals, and who are determined missing in accordance with the official notification procedures. ECU will also inform appropriate law enforcement agencies. Upon notification from any entity that a student may be missing, the University may use any of the following resources to assist in locating the student:

- Initiate a wellness check. In accordance with approved guidelines, appropriate staff will visit the residential room to establish contact or verify that the individual is not currently available in their assigned space.
- Contact known friends, other students living in the same location, and family members to gather additional information on student's potential location and other applicable information.
- Assign a liaison to ensure that family members are provided with information and support.
- Access class information and contact academic departments and faculty members to ascertain information on last physical sighting of the student as well as any other relevant information.
- Search on-campus public locations, including but not limited to dining facilities, libraries, recreation areas, etc.
- Access the residence hall/apartment electronic key database to determine time and use of most recent entry points of the student using their key fob.
- Access the campus meal plan electronic database to determine time and use of most recent point of sale transaction.
- Access to electronic access of camera footage.
- ITCS may be requested to provide the following information:
 - email/computer access logs to verify last log in and use of university computers
 - ensure that use of student accounts/passwords is monitored
 - obtain and examine Internet service provider and email records. Monitor instant messaging and chat room activity
- If there is any indication of criminal activity, the university will involve the appropriate local outside agencies.
- In conjunction with the university's Student Safety and Concerns Committee, prepare, update, and disseminate information as appropriate to agencies within and outside of the university community or the public at-large as appropriate.

Fire Safety

As a member of the university community, residents have a responsibility to educate themselves on preventive fire safety measures and fire detection protocols. Under no circumstances should staff or students enter the building while the fire alarm is activated, nor should the alarm be silenced without clearance from the ECU Police.

If students or guests see a fire ignite, they should:

- Close the door to the fire area.
- Activate the building fire alarm system and exit the building immediately.
- Go to the nearest phone, dial 911 or ECU Police, and report the exact fire location.
- Stay clear of the structure and report to the building's posted evacuation location.
- Go to nearby shelter or a neighboring building when instructed to by hall staff or emergency personnel, especially in cold or inclement weather.
- Remain in a safe area until the fire department and environmental health and safety personnel allow re-entry into the affected structure.

If you are in a fire area:

- Stay as calm as possible.
- Using the back of your hand, feel closed doors from top to bottom for heat.
- If fire is not perceived by checking for heat, crouch low and open the door slowly.
- If safe, go into the hallway and close the door behind you.
- Activate the building fire alarm system and alert others to evacuate.
- Go to the nearest stairway and leave the building in a prompt and orderly manner. If the stairway is full of smoke, leave it and go to another stairway.

If you are trapped by a fire:

- Try not to panic.
- Pack the space under the door with wet towels, clothing, or other material.
- Dial 911 and report your location.
- Go to a window, open it, wave a white or brightly colored cloth from it, and call to any people below.
- Do not break windows unless smoke is pouring into your room and you need fresh air to breathe.
- Stay near the window where you can be seen. Do not hide under the bed or in the closet.
- If you cannot get to a window, go to an inside corner of the room, curl up on the floor, and protect your face with a wet cloth. Stay calm, breathe slowly, and call out for help when you hear rescue personnel in the hallway.

If you have a disability:

- An individual with a disability in this section refers to anyone with a permanent or temporary disability, who for any medical reason is unable to evacuate a building using the stairwell.
- An individual with a disability on the ground floor should evacuate the building through the nearest clear exit if they can do so under their own power or with the guidance of another evacuating community member. An individual with a disability on upper floors in a building should go to the nearest stairwell. If they are unable to exit, or safely reach a stairwell, they should stay in their room. If possible, they should hang a towel or blanket out of the window to signal for help. In addition, they should stuff a blanket or towel under the door to block entry of harmful smoke or gas.
- If possible, all individuals with a disability should contact the ECU Police or 911 to notify the police of their location. Also, they should tell someone who is evacuating the building to transfer this same location information to an on- scene emergency personnel.
- The ECU Police or hall staff will notify the individual with a disability when the building is considered 'all clear' during a fire drill or false alarm if the student is not able to evacuate.
- In case of fire, emergency personnel will make every attempt to enter the area to rescue individuals who are unable to exit the building.

Fire Protection

The University employs a full-time staff of fire prevention professionals within the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Fire prevention staff inspect all university buildings, and test and maintain all sprinkler systems, standpipes, fire pumps, fire alarms, and fire extinguishers. They also provide educational programs on fire safety in the residence halls. When students move to a new location, they should familiarize themselves with the fire alarm pull stations, the two exits nearest their room, and their building's posted evacuation location.

Fire Drills

A fire drill will normally be conducted in each residence hall every semester to help students become familiar with evacuation procedures. Students must leave the building during the drill and report to their building's posted evacuation location. Individuals that choose to remain in the building during a fire alarm may be subject to disciplinary action. Students should also lock their rooms as they leave to prevent theft of property. University insurance does not compensate for loss due to theft.

Smoke Detectors

All residence halls are equipped with smoke detectors (also called particle detectors because they detect vapors and other particles). Some buildings also have heat detectors on the ceilings. All smoke detectors in the residence halls are hardwired into the building's electrical service. They do not operate on the room's electrical outlets and cannot be accidentally disconnected.

Residents should take the following precautions to ensure the proper operation of their particle detectors:

- If the smoke detector is working, the red light should be blinking. If the red light is not blinking, contact staff immediately.
- Do not cover or obstruct the particle detector in any way.
- Do not tamper or hang personal items from particle detectors or sprinkler heads. This is prohibited.

Fire Sprinklers

All residence halls are equipped with fire sprinkler systems. These systems can help stop a fire in the residence hall, but they also can cause a great deal of damage if misused or tampered with. Each sprinkler head has a glass tube or fusible link, which can be broken by impact or intense heat. When a sprinkler head is activated, large amounts of water pour out and cannot be stopped until the system is shut off. Follow the guidelines below to help keep the sprinkler heads and other parts of the system intact so that they are appropriately activated:

- Do not tamper with any part of the sprinkler system.
- Do not hang ANYTHING from a sprinkler head, or from any other part of the fire suppression equipment, including the pipes.
- Keep a clearance of 18" around sprinkler heads, including in closets.
- Keep sources of heat away from the sprinkler heads.
- Avoid hitting the sprinkler heads when moving items into, out of, or around a room.
- Do not engage in sports or horseplay that could result in anything striking a sprinkler head anywhere in the residence hall.
- Report any leaks or problems with the system right away.

Tampering with the fire sprinkler system is a violation of state law and university regulations and will result in referral to the student conduct process, possible removal from the hall and/or possible legal action.

Fire Alarms

The floors of all campus buildings are equipped with manual fire alarm systems consisting of pull stations and horns. The floors are also equipped with automatic fire alarm systems consisting of heat and/or smoke detectors and automatic sprinkler systems. Students should never tamper with these systems. False fire alarms are dangerous to residents and emergency personnel who must respond. They are also illegal and punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are located on each floor in each campus building. Residents should only use a portable fire extinguisher if they have been trained to do so. Irresponsible use of a fire extinguisher can create a dangerous situation for other residents and could result in damage to personal property.

Fire Prevention

An ounce of prevention goes a long way. To protect residence hall students and staff, the university has adopted the following fire safety policies. Residents are responsible for informing guests of the fire safety regulations and practices of the residence halls. Violating these policies could result in contract cancellation, separation from the university or other sanctions.

Electrical Appliances

A list of appliances you may use, in appropriate areas of the residence halls, appears in the section entitled "Practical Planning" Be sure that all electric cords, plugs, and appliances are in good condition. All appliances should have an Underwriter's label or other recognized testing laboratory seal of approval. If uncertain about the safety of an appliance, students may have it inspected by environmental health and safety staff. Do not overload wiring by turning on too many electrical devices at one time.

Open Flames/ Candles/ Incense

Open flame devices are prohibited from use in any university building (except laboratories and workshops, or under the auspices of Facilities Services or Campus Living personnel).

Candles are not permitted in student rooms. Use or possession of candles or burning incense is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls. The use or possession of hookahs and other water pipes are not permitted in any area of the residence halls. Failure to comply with these fire safety policies are a violation of the residence hall regulations as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Tobacco Usage

By state law and for the health and safety of our students and guests, all residence halls rooms are nonsmoking; this includes electronic or e-cigarettes. All other interior spaces operated by ECU Campus Living and Dining are nonsmoking as well, including dining areas, lobbies, study areas, and hallways. As with other exterior areas on the ECU campus, smoking is not allowed within 100 feet of residence hall and dining area steps, entry areas, porches, breezeways, courtyards, and windows.

Fire Safety Violations

Students who fail to follow fire safety guidelines can pose a threat to the life and health of fellow residents. The following list contains fire safety violations. Students may be referred to the conduct process and/or go through the contract review process (in addition to facing criminal prosecution) if they:

- File a false report of fire or other dangerous conditions (except cases of reasonable error or accident)
- Fail to properly report a fire.
- Interfere with the response of university or city officials to emergency calls.
- Park within eight feet of a fire hydrant or in designated fire lanes. The car will be ticketed and towed at your expense.

- Damage or tamper with fire alarms and/or other safety equipment.
- Refuse to evacuate any university building after a fire alarm has sounded or other notice has been given.
- Use appliances or materials that create a fire hazard (Consult your hall staff about safe usage procedures.).
- Possess fireworks or explosives.

When appropriate, legal action will also be taken. The use of drugs, including alcohol, does not mitigate a student's responsibility related to their behaviors.

Hazardous Materials

Flammable solvents, except ordinary quantities of items such as lighter fluid or spot remover, may not be stored in student rooms. Highly combustible materials and noxious chemicals must not be kept in residence halls except in amounts in containers that are commonly available for household use (one pint or less). The improper use or possession of flammable or hazardous substances may result in separation from the university or such lesser sanctions as may be judged appropriate to the act.

Gasoline in any amount and other flammable liquids in the same class are prohibited from storage in any residence hall. Furthermore, any vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or device with a motor and fuel tank is prohibited from entry into any university building.

Possession or use in a residence hall, university building, areas associated with such structures, or on property owned or controlled by the university, of fireworks, firearms, or other hazardous or dangerous weapons or substances is prohibited.

Electrical Power Safety

Too many appliances in use, at the same time, will overload electrical wiring and trip the circuit breaker, resulting in a loss of power to the room and creating potential fire and safety hazards. You are urged to pay special attention to the directions for using each of your appliances to avoid overloading the circuits. Residents are not allowed to tamper with electrical wiring in any way.

To ensure safety, only safety fused surge protectors, power strips (see *note below), or cubes (with on/off switches) are permitted. Surge protectors and power strips must be high gauge (thick) with a multi-outlet power strip and a switch at one end. The power cord must be plugged directly into the wall socket. All appliances must be plugged into the surge protector or into the wall directly.

Extension cords of any type are prohibited in the residence halls.

If the appliance uses a lot of power (like a refrigerator, microwave, hairdryer, etc.), these items must be the only appliance on the surge protector or on that wall outlet. If the power keeps going off in your room, it is a good indication that there is too much of a power drain on that outlet. This is a fire hazard and it will cause the breakers to trip. Additional surge protectors connected to the first, or extension cords connected to surge protectors, are not permitted.

Surge protectors may not be nailed, stapled, run under the carpet, wrapped around furniture, run across the ceiling, or attached to any surface by any other creative means.

*Note: A power strip with a breaker or safety fuse only should be used in Gateway East and West, Clement, and Scott. A surge protector will offer better protection to appliances and electronics in all other halls.

CAMPUS LIVING CONDUCT PROCESS

Living on campus is an exciting opportunity that complements the academic experience at ECU and provides students with the chance to meet new people, face new challenges, and have a meaningful “college life” experience. Students will live, interact, and work with a diverse group of students. Respect and civility in this environment are crucial to everyone’s success. As a result, residential students are held to certain expectations.

As a member of the residential life community, residents must abide by Campus Living contractual regulations (including this Resident Handbook), all applicable University policies (including the Student Code of Conduct), and all state and federal laws. As a member of the residential life community, students are expected to hold others accountable for abiding by the rules and regulations.

Students will be held accountable by Campus Living staff and/or the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for violations of any applicable rules and regulations.

This section of the handbook will familiarize students with the conduct processes and contract review. Campus Living uses these processes any time a member of the community allegedly violates an applicable rule or regulation, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct. For further details pertaining to the ECU Student Code of Conduct see: ecu.edu/PRR/11/30/01

For a copy of the current Campus Living Agreement visit the Campus Living website at campusliving.ecu.edu and view the Contracts, Forms & Appeals tab under Current Students.

Campus Living at East Carolina University has made it our mission to create the best possible environment for our residents: an environment that fosters both academic and personal enrichment. Our resident’s academic success, health, and safety are our highest priorities. We want students to enjoy their time living on campus. As a Campus Living resident, students are afforded certain rights:

- Students have the right to live in an environment that allows them to achieve their academic and personal goals.
- Students have the right to be treated with civility and respect by those who live, work, and visit their residential community.
- Students have the right to report incidents or areas of concern.
- Students are also expected to follow certain community responsibilities or expectations: students have the responsibility to respect the rights of other students.
- Students have the responsibility to treat others with civility and respect.
- Students have the responsibility to hold others accountable for following the norms and standards created by the community.
- Students have the responsibility to abide by all applicable rules and regulations.

These responsibilities are expectations for their behavior. They are meant to supplement the existing rules and regulations. Residents’ community are their responsibility!

What happens when Campus Living receives an incident report?

Campus Living staff responds to and documents situations that may indicate a policy violation or community concerns. We refer to this documentation as an incident report. If students are involved in an incident, they will typically be notified at the time of documentation. Sometimes incident reports are created after receiving information from off-campus partners, such as local law enforcement. Campus Living will contact students by email, phone, or letter with information about the incident and with instructions about a follow-up meeting.

Who “hears” or evaluates a case?

If the incident report indicates a potential policy violation, a conduct case will be created. For most cases, students will meet with a Residence Hall Coordinator who will serve as a conduct administrator; however, some incident reports may be referred to other Campus Living staff or the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Occasionally, students may be required to meet with both Campus Living staff and with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

What is a “pre-hearing” or “hearing”?

Conduct administrators evaluate incidents for Code violations. As mentioned, sometimes hall staff will serve as conduct administrators. A pre-hearing is a review and assessment of information available, including information from students, witnesses, staff, police, and other relevant documentation. Other documentation may include video surveillance, electronic door access records, meal plan records, and other records maintained, as is standard, by the university.

A hearing (also called the charge meeting) is the second step of the process. A charge meeting can coincide with a prehearing if the administrator has enough information to move forward and the student opts to complete the process.

Attending all meetings, related to a student’s case is imperative. Failure to attend scheduled meetings may generate additional sanctions, as well as the loss of the opportunity to share the student’s perspective.

What are the possible outcomes?

Conduct administrators assign sanctions in accordance with general sanctioning guidelines, the range of which is described in Section 3.3 of the ECU Student Code of Conduct which can be found online: ecu.edu/PRR/11/30/01.

Students may also or simultaneously go through a Campus Living contract review process (as described below).

If a student does not know about a policy, at the time of the incident, can the student be found responsible?

Yes. When admitted to East Carolina University, students agree to follow all applicable rules and regulations. When a student completes a Campus Living agreement, the student further agrees to follow all applicable rules and regulations specific to residing in the residence hall communities.

If a student has questions about a documentation or a policy, what should they do?

Campus Living staff can provide information about policies within the residence halls. The best person to contact regarding specific policies or documentation is the Residence Hall Coordinator. Your coordinator is a great resource regarding behavioral expectations as well as other aspects of campus life.

What if a student ignores Campus Living or the Conduct Administrator’s attempt to reach them?

Prehearing and hearing letters are delivered to student emails through a database. If a student ignores staff by not responding to emails, letters, telephone calls, voicemails, or any other communication efforts, or they fail to attend scheduled meetings Conduct Administrators reserve the right to conduct the evaluation or hearing in absentia. An evaluation or hearing in absentia means a determination will be made on the case without the student’s input. Any sanctions assigned will be enforced to the same extent as if the student had responded. See section 5.1 of the Student Code of Conduct (ecu.edu/PRR/11/30/01) for additional information pertaining to the university’s right to make decisions without first meeting with the student.

May students appeal a decision or outcome?

When students receive a decision from Campus Living, they will also receive specific instructions on how to file an appeal and reasons students may cite for an appeal. If they have questions on how to appeal, they should ask at the time of their original decision or within the appeal window.

Appeals of all sanctions other than relocation, cancellation, restitution, or Campus Living Property bans must be appealed through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Appeals must be submitted electronically. Instructions are found in the student's outcome letter.

How does a Campus Living ban, restitution, relocation, or contract cancellation appeal get decided?

The administrator in charge of your appeal will review your written statement, as well as the documentation from the original evaluation or hearing. The administrator will also respond to your appeal in writing, indicating whether the original decision will be upheld, reversed, or modified.

If you appeal, the outcome may not be increased or enhanced but may be modified and adjusted. Also, if you appeal, Campus Living automatically places any applicable deadlines on hold until after you receive a ruling.

Can a student be forced to relocate or move off campus?

Yes. Contractually, Campus Living reserves the right to relocate students or terminate the Campus Living Contract. The residence halls should be a safe and secure environment for students to live. There are certain residence hall policies that were developed to help provide that type of community, including those found in section VIII of the Campus Living Contract.

In addition to other sanctions or consequences, behaviors that compromise the safety and security of residents may result in termination of the Campus Living agreement. Students should refer to the Campus Living agreement for details pertaining to financial consequences associated with cancellation. Any refunds or charges will be processed through the cashier's office who can be contacted at 252-737-6886.

What happens to a student's meal plan if they are required to move off campus?

Unless Campus Living determines that the student sanctions warrant meal plan cancellation, the student will remain a member of the dining program. Though students may not cancel their plan, they may change you're their plan. Once students return keys to Campus Living due to a cancellation, students have up to five business days to change their meal plan. If a student does not return their keys – requiring Campus Living to change a student's locks – then the student has five business days from the date they were notified of the lock change to choose a new meal plan. To choose a new meal plan, students must call 252-328-4663 and ask for the meal plan office.

Can Campus Living enter my room?

Yes. The University's right to enter rooms is described in the Campus Living agreement under the heading "University's Right to Entry." Student(s) rooms may be searched if a student gives permission or if there is reason to believe that the occupants of the room are in physical or psychological distress. Campus Living may also enter the room for regular health and safety inspections. Only authorized personnel will enter a student's room. If staff believe or have discovered illegal or prohibited items, ECU Police will be contacted.

Typically, the professional staff member conducting the search will knock and announce their identity and purpose. If there is no response, admission is denied, or if entry is not granted within a reasonable time, the professional staff member conducting the search may enter using a master key.

Illegal items and/or items, which are considered a violation of the Code of Conduct or the Campus Living agreement, found in the room will be submitted to ECU Police or designee. The items will be held until claimed and taken off-campus or as a part of a criminal investigation.

What if a guest or a person a resident allowed into the halls is responsible for the misbehavior?

Campus Living holds the hosts, or anyone who allows another into the residence halls, responsible for the conduct of their guests, or those they allow into the halls.

Formal Firm Notice Letters

At times, upon review of an incident report Conduct Administrators may decide the situation does not require an in-person hearing. In such cases, Campus Living will issue a Formal Firm Notice Letter (FNL). A FNL means we believe you may have been responsible for a policy violation, but due to lack of severity, and to the student's benefit, the Conduct Administrators have elected not to fully evaluate the situation and the student's record will reflect a finding of no charges pursued. The University will, however, maintain a record of the letter and the incident should there be any future occurrences. If you receive an FNL, it will explain with whom you should speak if you have further questions.

Community Conflict Resolution

Separate from the Campus Living conduct process, students may also receive educational assignments or consequences (including relocation or cancellation) because of a community conflict. A community conflict occurs when two or more residents such as roommates, suitemates, or residence hall neighbors fail to maintain respectful relationships. The following outlines each community member's respective roles in the process of resolving community conflicts:

Student Roles & Responsibilities

Students who experience a community conflict should refer to the applicable sections of the most current Move-In Guide for advice and guidance on how to manage the roommate and community relationships. A student who continues to experience strained relations, after reasonable attempts to solve any conflict, should notify a Resident Advisor or a Residence Hall Coordinator. In the event any student requires immediate assistance after regular business hours the student should contact the Resident Advisor on-call by the telephone number posted within the residence hall. Students may request after-hours Residence Hall Coordinator assistance through the Resident Advisor on duty or through the Neighborhood Service Offices. Campus Living staff members are always available to assist any student with urgent concerns at any moment of the day.

Resident Advisor Roles & Responsibilities

The Resident Advisor's role is to hear from all sides of any disagreement and to help students communicate. Resident Advisors are also expected to document community conflicts and consult with their supervisor, or the on-call Residence Hall Coordinator. If either student indicates that conflict resolution is unlikely, then the Residence Advisor should immediately notify a Residence Hall Coordinator. A Resident Advisor must also immediately notify a Residence Hall Coordinator if either student indicates there may be related violations of the Campus Living Agreement or the Student Code of Conduct.

The Residence Hall Coordinator's Roles, Responsibilities, & Authority

As a professional staff member, the Residence Hall Coordinator can provide students additional resources, including the opportunity to resolve any conflict through additional mediation, a revised written roommate agreement, mandatory referral to resources provided by other departments within the university, or others.

A Residence Hall Coordinator may also, after reasonable attempts to resolve any conflict, require both students to relocate. Relocation is often the result if either student indicates there is little or no chance to reconcile roommate relations. The Residence Hall Coordinator may require both students to relocate, even if only one student indicates that reconciliation is not possible. Generally, Campus Living contractually reserves the right to require any student to relocate for any reason. Campus Living may also remove any student from on-campus housing whose pattern of behavior negatively affects the residence hall floor, suite, or building. This standard provides broad discretion and authority in the process of managing community conflicts. If a Residence Life Coordinator, in consultation with a supervisor, determines that both students must relocate the decision may only be reviewed by the Associate Director of Campus Living for Student Success and Conduct or their designee.

Either student may appeal within five calendar days of the ruling
Subject to availability, and as a temporary or interim solution, Residence Hall Coordinators may reassign students to courtesy rooms. Courtesy rooms provide students with an opportunity to be apart from each other before reconvening for further mediation or while other procedures, such as appeals, remain pending.

Further Review & Determination by Campus Living Administration

During the appeal process, Campus Living may require students to reside in courtesy rooms to help avoid any continuing conflicts. Any deadlines established by the original decision maker shall be on hold during the appeal process.

The Associate Director of Campus Living for Student Success and Conduct or their designee will uphold the relocation decision, if the decision is reasonable under all circumstances. This standard affords great deference to the original decision maker. Students who appeal a relocation decision have the option to meet with the Associate Director of Campus Living for Student Success and Conduct or their designee. Students will receive a written decision regarding the appeal along with any new or revised deadlines associated with the decision. No further appeal or review is available in community conflicts unless Campus Living has assigned cancellation. If cancellation has been assigned, the student has the option to appeal to the Associate Vice Chancellor of Campus Living & Dining or designee. The student will receive appeal instructions, as applicable, in writing from the Associate Director of Campus Living for Student Success and Conduct or a designee.

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

While managing community conflicts, Campus Living refers any potential code of conduct violations to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities (OSRR). OSRR will evaluate the case for proper assignment. OSRR may return the case to Campus Living for processing; during such times, the Campus Living Conduct Office will assign the case to an administrator who was not involved in resolving the underlying community conflict.

Alcohol Policies for East Carolina University

East Carolina University adheres to federal, state, and or local law regarding purchase, possession, and consumption of alcohol. To review East Carolina University's Policy on alcohol, please refer to the University Alcohol Policy (POL07.30.04) available online at ecu.edu/prr/07.30.04. Campus Living enforces University restrictions described in the alcohol policy, such as prohibiting common sources of alcohol within the residence halls, by prohibiting kegs, party balls, punch bowls, etc. Additionally, Campus Living prohibits students under the age of 21 are prohibited from possessing any alcohol paraphernalia within the residence halls, including but not limited to shot glasses, beer bong, empty or keepsake alcohol containers. Likewise, students over the age of 21 must label their alcohol if sharing a room or suite with a student under the age of 21 and may not consume alcohol with guests under the age of 21 present.

Drug Policy for East Carolina University

Illegal or abusive use of drugs by members of the university community adversely affects the mission of the university and is prohibited. For the complete policy and revisions on the Illegal Drug and Substance Abuse Interim Regulation (REG05.20.10) for East Carolina University, please refer to ecu.edu/prr/05/20/10.

Campus Living's Contract Review Drug Policy

Campus Living is concerned with the welfare and safety of our students. Campus Living applies all policies (including policies related to drugs and paraphernalia) to students inside and around residence halls, dining halls, or in the areas immediately surrounding/adjacent to the residence halls and dining halls. Students found responsible for illegally using, possessing, distributing, selling, or manufacturing any controlled substance, counterfeit drug or device(s) used to ingest, distribute, sell and/or manufacture an illegal or counterfeit drug will likely have their Campus Living Contract cancelled in addition to action taken by the University. Because of the severe risk to safety and security for these policy violations, Campus Living may proceed with cancellation before the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities completes its evaluation and hearing process.

Consistent with the campus-wide prohibition against “counterfeit” drugs, Campus Living broadly applies this term to include any fake, imitation, drug substitutes, or drug-like substances. Common items within this category include but are not limited to: “K2,” “spice,” and “salvia,” “diviner’s sage,” etc.

In addition, students are expected to report violations of all policies (including policies related to drugs and paraphernalia) to Campus Living staff and/or to the police.

Weapons Policies at East Carolina University

The possession or use of a weapon on university-owned or university-controlled property is incompatible with the academic mission and programs of the university. In addition, any threat to commit bodily harm, either by use of a weapon or physical force, is also inappropriate in an academic community. Therefore, neither students nor staff may possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, any weapon. East Carolina University broadly defines what is or may be considered a weapon. Use or possession of toy, counterfeit, or imitation weapons will also be considered and treated as weapons.

For the complete policy regarding weapons including their definition see Section 2.6 of the Student Code of Conduct (ecu.edu/PRR/11/30/01).

Campus Living Weapons Policy

Campus Living believes any person that violates this weapons policy is a direct threat to the safety and welfare of our residence hall community. Students that are found responsible for violating the weapons policy will likely have their residence hall contract cancelled. Because of the severe risk to safety and security for these policy violations, Campus Living may proceed with cancellation before the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities can complete its evaluation and determinations related to possible sanctions.

Campus Living also strongly cautions against small, medium, or large-scale games involving pretend or imitation weapons. Because of the stringent application of weapons policies at East Carolina University, engaging in these activities can place students at risk of severe disciplinary action. Students should also consider the adverse risks associated with creating the illusion or misperception that they may present a threat to law enforcement or other community members, which may inadvertently result in forceful intervention.

RESIDENCE HALL POLICIES

The following policies have been created to promote a sense of community, individual responsibility, and safety in all residence halls. These regulations include rooms, hallways, lounges, courtyards, balconies, breezeways and all other common areas of, within and nearby any residence hall. These policies are in effect throughout the year unless otherwise specified.

Noise & Disruptive Behavior

Because of the proximity of residence hall rooms and the number of people housed in university residence halls, residents will abide by the established policies to ensure an environment that is healthy and conducive to academic pursuits.

- A. Residents are responsible for abiding by established quiet hours and must always be considerate of others. Campus wide quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and midnight to 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Each hall government may lengthen its quiet hours if voted on and approved by a majority of residents. During exam periods, quiet hours increase to 24-hours a day throughout the residence halls to insure a quiet study environment for all students.
- B. The playing of sports or games, including but not limited to basketball, bicycle-riding, frisbee, roller-skating, skateboarding, football-throwing, running, floor hockey, rollerblading, squirt gun/water fights, corn hole, and slip & slide are not permitted in the following areas, including but not limited to: hallways, breezeways, balconies or porches.
- C. Campus Living enforces courtesy hours 24-hours a day. Volume must always be at reasonable and courteous levels. The volume level of noise, stereos, radios, televisions, and voices should not be heard outside of the room or building. No drums are allowed in the residence halls.
- D. During quiet hours, avoid noise caused by groups of people in hallways or stairways.

Facilities Usage

Common areas in the residence halls are designated for the use of the residents of that building. Residents may reserve areas (if available) in their residence hall through their Residence Hall Coordinator. No outside groups may reserve residence hall facilities. Residents must abide by all policies and are responsible for damages.

Health, Safety, & Security Regulations (HSS)

For the safety and security of the residence hall environment, health and safety regulations have been established for the protection of students, staff, and property. Failure to adhere to these regulations may be cause for disciplinary action.

- A. Open flames, including candles, incense, hookah pipes, propane stoves, and gas or charcoal grills, are not permitted in residence hall rooms, hallways, breezeways, balconies or porches. Smokeless tobacco devices are also prohibited from the residence halls.
- B. Open coils (including hot plates, toasters, and toaster ovens), oil lamps, electric or kerosene heaters, deep fat cookers, and cooking with grease are prohibited in residence hall rooms.
- C. All residents must evacuate the residence hall when a fire alarm is sounded. Evacuate by using the stairs and the nearest outside exit door and report to your building's posted evacuation location.
- D. Bathrooms, hallways, and breezeways must be kept clear of personal belongings and other objects that create a health and safety hazard.
- E. Decorations of any kind on room doors are prohibited. Resident decorations in hallways are to be confined to bulletin boards and door frame only. Fabric wall hangings must be treated with flame retardant. Miniature lights may be used if they are UL approved and are not attached to or touching the ceiling or pipes.
- F. Transoms over the room doors must be left sealed and may not be opened.
- G. Jamming doors or purposely hindering the exit of residents from their room or building is prohibited.
- H. Cigarette butts must be placed in appropriate receptacles. Discarding cigarette butts on campus lawns and campus landscaping is considered littering.

- I. Residents and guest must comply with the University policy regarding smoking near Campus buildings and residence halls. Smokers must remain at least 100 feet away from all campus buildings.
- J. Room screens may not be removed, opened, or tampered with at any time, except in situations of imminent danger. Except in cases of imminent danger such as fire, students may not exit through residence hall windows.
- K. Vending machines should not be tilted, shaken, abused, or moved.
- L. Weightlifting equipment and waterbeds are not permitted in residence hall rooms.
- M. Ceiling fans, stand-alone freezers, and refrigerators are prohibited. Refer to the section entitled "Practical Planning" for additional items that are safety violations.
- N. Throwing objects from windows, porches, and breezeways is prohibited.
- O. Hanging flags, signs, banners, or writing inside or outside of windows is prohibited. Room windows need to be 50% clear in case the window is needed for an emergency exit.
- P. Decorations and string lights are prohibited on ceilings pipes and egress doors. This includes inside residence hall rooms.
- Q. Torchiere lamps with tubular halogen bulbs are prohibited in the residence halls.
- R. Extension cords are prohibited in the residence halls. Only surge protectors or power strips with safety fuses are allowed and must be plugged directly into a wall. Please refer to the section entitled Practical Planning for additional safety information.
- S. Compact florescent or halogen light bulbs should be used for additional lighting in student rooms; incandescent bulbs or bulbs that get hot to the touch when on present safety and energy conservation concerns and are not permitted.

Posting, Sales, and Solicitation in the Residence Halls

Campus Living policies are subject to university-wide policies found online: ecu.edu/prr/07/30/08

Printed Materials (Posters & Flyers)

Printed materials in compliance with this policy may be posted in university residence halls with prior approval of the Director for Residence Life. All residence hall bulletin boards are either official bulletin boards or departmental bulletin boards. There are no general use bulletin boards in the residence halls.

Campus Living will assist individuals, groups, and organizations wishing to publicize events in residence hall facilities. Campus Living must maintain facilities free from damage caused by unrestricted posting of materials. The following guidelines are to be followed when posting materials in the residence halls:

- A. Individuals, groups, or organizations should bring materials to Campus Living located in Jones Residence Hall. Also available in Jones Hall is a flyer which will assist individuals and organizations with the preparation of materials for distribution within the residence halls.
 - a. The office staff will assist individuals, groups, and organizations by suggesting the best number of copies to leave for distribution.
 - b. The office staff will distribute the materials to the Residence Hall Coordinators, who will assume responsibility for posting and removing the material.
 - c. Materials should be brought to the Campus Living office at least 10 days before the event is to take place to ensure adequate posting time. All materials should be pre-sorted and collated.
- B. All unauthorized materials posted in restricted areas will be removed and discarded.
- C. Individuals, groups, or organizations who do not follow the above guidelines for the posting of publicity will have all publicity removed. They may also face suspension of the privilege to post materials in the residence halls and may face consequences under the Student Code of Conduct.

Sales and Solicitation

Permission to engage in the following noncommercial solicitation and canvassing activities in the residence halls shall be obtained from Campus Living. All violations or appeals shall be heard by the Associate Director of Campus Living for Conduct and Special Projects. The decision will be final.

- A. Sales and solicitation may occur only within the designated areas of the residence hall.
- B. There shall be no door to door solicitation of any kind.
- C. All non-affiliated groups shall be sponsored by a duly registered student organization, and they shall follow the same procedures as outlined above.
- D. Non-commercial activities shall include:
 - a. Allowing students to be afforded access to the presence and ideologies of candidates who seek election in town, county, state, or national groups.
 - b. Allowing affiliated groups to participate in solicitations on behalf of charities that comply with the North Carolina "Solicitation of Charitable Funds" acts.
 - c. Allowing an affiliated group, acting in a manner consistent with its stated purpose and in fulfillment of its informational or educational goals, to seek to enlarge its membership, disseminate its own point of view, or to solicit support for its causes.
 - d. Allowing enrolled students to be afforded access to religious views and perspectives.

Pets

Pets, except freshwater fish, are not permitted in residence halls. Aquariums over 10 gallons are not permitted (only one 10-gallon aquarium per room). Aquariums are to be used for fish (small) only (no hermit crabs, piranhas, African dwarf frogs, scorpions, tarantulas, etc.). Students should note that during extended holidays power may be shut off, which can affect heating and lighting in aquariums.

Property Damage, Vandalism, State-Owned Furniture

The residence hall to which you have been assigned is your home away from home for the academic year. As a resident, it is your responsibility to assist in the upkeep of the building by not damaging your room or common areas. The following policies must be followed:

- A. University-owned furniture must not be removed from individual rooms, lobbies, basements, study halls, or kitchens or stored in a different location to which it is assigned. Individuals that remove or store University furniture will have disciplinary action taken against them.
- B. University property must not be vandalized. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, writing, carving, or defacing doors, walls, and bulletin boards; tearing down signs; and/or damaging the furniture.
- C. Built-in room furniture must not be moved. The room must not be altered to accommodate personal items, including hanging lamps, bunk beds, or wall hooks. Rooms must be returned to original check-in condition prior to checking-out.

Residents are responsible for the condition of the furnishings and the condition of the room/suite. Unless the responsible party is identified for the purpose of billing, the following procedures will be used in rendering a bill for any damages that are not a result of normal wear:

- A. Damage to a student room: When a specific individual cannot be identified as responsible for the damages, charges will be divided equally among the occupants of the room.
- B. Damage to suite facilities (bath and hallway): The occupants of the suite will each be billed an equal portion of the bill.
- C. Damages to residence hall common areas: When a specific individual or individuals cannot be identified as responsible for the damage Campus Living may assign responsibility and bill all residents of the floor/wing/building to be held accountable for an equal portion of the bill.

Repair bills may include the cost of both labor and materials. Damage bills must be paid by the assigned billing date. Failure to make payment will result in the university instituting normal collection procedures.

Unauthorized Room Changes

Students who make an unauthorized room change may be required to return to their original room assignment, denied the opportunity to participate in any other room change, and assessed \$200 for an unauthorized room change.

Visitation Policy

In addition to the restrictions listed below, guests under the age of 17 are not allowed in the halls after the quiet hours listed above. Campus Living strongly advises against hosting guests under the age of eighteen due to the risks and liability it presents for the host and guests. This includes babies and children. Individual Residence Halls may further constrain these limitations by formal action of the hall government and with departmental approval. The rules may not be further relaxed.

Visitation Policy Change for 2020-2021: Due to safety concerns with COVID19, visitation/guests inside ALL residence halls is restricted to ONLY current residence hall students at ECU (except for announced opening and closing periods.) Non-residence hall students/guests are not allowed.

Standard Halls

Applies in Clement, Fleming, Fletcher, Greene, Garrett, Gateway East and Gateway West, Jarvis, Jones, Legacy, Tyler, and Umstead halls.

- A. Visitation hours are 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday morning. Residents may host guests during these hours.
 - a. Overnight guests, who do not live in the same residence hall are not permitted after 2 a.m. or before 8 a.m. Monday through Friday morning. This also applies to residence hall student family members.
 - b. Overnight guests are permitted within individual residence hall rooms throughout the night on Friday and Saturday if both roommates agree.

Extended Halls

Applies to Scott, College Hill Suites, and White

- A. Visitation hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday morning. Residents may host guests during these hours.
 - a. Overnight guests, who do not live in the same residence hall are not permitted after 2 a.m. or before 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday morning.
 - b. Overnight guests are permitted within individual residence hall rooms throughout the night on Thursday, Friday and Saturday if both roommates agree.

Single Gender Halls

Applies to Cotten Hall.

- A. Visitation hours are 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Friday morning. Residents may host guests during these hours.
 - a. Overnight guest, who do not live in the same residence hall are not permitted after 2 a.m. or before 8 a.m., Monday through Friday morning. This also applies to residence hall student family members.
 - b. Overnight, opposite-gender guests are not permitted after 2 a.m. or before 8 a.m., Monday through Friday morning. This also applies to residence hall student family members.
 - c. Overnight, same- gender guests, are permitted within individual residence hall rooms throughout the night on Friday and Saturday, if both roommates agree.

24- Hour Designated Visitation Spaces

Each residence hall has one 24-hour designated space that allows for guests to visit each day. All 24- hour designated common areas will be posted as such. All other common areas are subject to the same visitation hours as the rest of the building.

- Cotten lobby area near grand staircase, facing Wright fountain entrance.
- Clement main lobby area
- College Hill Suites 1st floor lobby
- Fleming lobby area near grand staircase, TV area, near main entrance
- Fletcher main lobby area
- Garrett main lobby on the first floor
- Gateway East main lobby area
- Gateway West main lobby area
- Greene main lobby area
- Jones 1st floor front lobby
- Jarvis 1st floor main entrance (mailbox area) TV lounge with big glass door entrances
- Legacy basement
- Scott basement game room
- Tyler main lobby area
- Umstead main lobby on the 1st floor
- White main lobby area

Cohabitation

Cohabitation is not permitted. Cohabitation is defined as a non-assigned person living in a residence hall space for more than 48 hours regardless of the approval of the assigned residents.

Escort Policy

Nonresident students and guests of a building must always be escorted by a resident assigned to the respective residence hall.

- A. Residents are responsible for ensuring that visitors comply with all residence hall and university policies and will be held accountable for the behavior of their guest.
- B. A guest must always be escorted by a resident of that building.
- C. Roommates must agree when having a guest in the room.
- D. Residence hall bathrooms are for the use of residents and guests of the same sex only. Guest should use the appropriate bathroom facilities.

If a resident needs assistance with a guest, they should not hesitate to ask a staff member or call the ECU Police for help.

Maximum Occupancy (Adjusted for 2020-2021)

Each residence hall student may host, within a residence hall room, a maximum of one person. A room with two assigned students, each hosting their maximum occupancy allotment, will contain no more than four individuals. A suite with four assigned students, each hosting their maximum occupancy allotment, will contain no more than eight individuals. Conversely, a room with one assigned student hosting a maximum occupancy allotment will contain no more than two individuals.

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Campus Living

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Residence Hall Coordinators

Clement Hall	328-6689
Cotten, Fleming, and Jarvis Halls	328-2668
College Hill Suites	737-3260
Fletcher Hall	328-6101
Garrett Hall	328-6074
Gateway East	328-3632
Gateway West	328-3641
Greene Hall	328-6746
Jones Hall	328-6149
Legacy Hall	328-6935
Scott Hall	328-6144
Tyler Hall	328-6455
Umstead Hall	328-6052
White Hall	328-6381

Neighborhood Service Offices (NSOs)

Central and West End Neighborhood Service Office	328-4022
College Hill Neighborhood Service Office	328-4044

Campus Dining – ecu.edu/dining

Campus Dining Office (meal plan questions)	ECU-FOOD	dining@ecu.edu
ECU Catering	328-4756	catering@ecu.edu
Nutrition Department	328-2333	

Dining Locations

West End Dining Hall	328-5644	westenddining@ecu.edu
Todd Dining Hall	328-4801	todd dining@ecu.edu
Croatan	328-6477	croatan@ecu.edu
Chili's Too To Go	328-8646	chilis@ecu.edu
The Wedge (West Campus)	744-6030	thewedge@ecu.edu
The Galley	328-1771	galley@ecu.edu
The Wright Place/Starbucks®	328-4855	wrightplace@ecu.edu
Pirate Market/Java City	328-0833	piratemarket@ecu.edu
Reade Street Market/Subway	328-9592	westendmarket@ecu.edu
Java City at Joyner Library	328-5568	javajoyner@ecu.edu

Maintenance

Maintenance Requests	328-4997
ITCS Helpdesk	328-9866

ECU Police

Emergency 911
Non-emergency 328-6787

Parking and Transportation Services

ECU Transit 328-6294
328-4724

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