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Student Development Office Housing Contract Information

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Opportunities for Resident Students

At Grace University, there are many opportunities for personal growth through residential life. The interpersonal skills and responsibilities learned through daily interaction, hall events, and student body activities will pay great dividends in the coming years.

Resident Assistants (RAs) and Team Leaders (TLs) are students who have been selected to give leadership in the Residence Halls. The combined effort of RAs and TLs will provide relationship building opportunities and will create some of the most meaningful memories of college life.

Room Furnishings

- Rooms are furnished with a bed, desk, drawer space and at least one closet. These items are not to be removed from the room. The University provides blinds and curtain rods, but not curtains or carpet. Valance rods are not allowed.
- Students may not alter the room or its furnishings.
- Coin-operated laundry facilities are provided and easily accessible to residents (\$1.50 for each load washed and dried).
- Rooms are painted in neutral colors. Reusable white adhesive putty or 3M tabs may be used to hang pictures and other wall decorations, however, any damage to the wall will be charged to the student. Nails or tacks may not be used.
- Bicycles must be registered and stored in the bike storage room. It may be wise to bring a lock or cover.
- No pets allowed (except fish).

Hall Descriptions

Women's Residence Halls

Harder 4 – Rooms are available for both single and double occupancy. Harder rooms have various layouts, however the average room size is 16' 6" by 9' 8". Each room has at least one spacious walk-in closet. Bathroom and showers are centrally located. This hall also has a large lounge for residents to enjoy community.

Rieger – Average room size is 11' by 15' with windows 36" wide by 48" high. Each room has a half-bath, two closets and two built-in vanities. Showers are centrally located. A large lounge is available on the hall for residents to enjoy.

Stanford – Average room size is 11' by 13' with windows 82" wide by 61" high. Each room has a sink, built-in shelving units and air-conditioning. Bathroom and showers are centrally located on the hall. One room on the hall is designated as a lounge for resident use.

Men's Residence Halls

Harder 3 – Rooms are available for both single and double occupancy and have various layouts. Average room size is 16' 6" by 9' 8". Bathroom and showers are centrally located. This hall also has a large lounge for residents to enjoy community.

Schmidt – Average room size is 11' by 13'. Bathroom and showers are centrally located. Each room is air-conditioned. A lounge is located near the center of each hall.

Housing Requirements

Undergraduate students at Grace University are encouraged to live on campus in order to foster community and increase life change. On-campus residence is seen as an important part of the total "Grace experience."

- Single students under the age of 21 (taking 9 or more hours) are required to live on campus.
- All on-campus students must purchase one of the meal plans.

Exceptions:

- Students living at home with their parent(s), legal guardian(s), or relative(s) (approved by the Student Development Office)
- Married students
- Students turning 21 years of age before the end of the semester (the day the dorms close signifies the end of the semester)
- 4th-year seniors
- Students taking 8 credit hours or less of classes (this is combined in the case of co-op programs)
- Co-op students taking no classes at Grace University
- Students whose employment requires off-campus housing
- Students with dependent children

Students may petition for an exception to the campus residency requirement through the Student Development Office.

Dining Provisions & Requirements

- Students living in University Residence Halls must sign up for either the 20 or 13 meal plan.
- Students in articulated co-op programs may sign up for the 7 meal plan.
- Regular dining service begins for new students on the Saturday evening of move-in day. Regular dining service begins for returning students on the Monday of move-in day.
- Dining service may not be available at times when the Residence Halls are open. For example: meals are not available during Fall, Thanksgiving, or Spring breaks. Students are responsible for meals not provided in this contract.

Housing Assignments

- Students may request a roommate, but the final housing assignment rests with the University.
- All freshmen (and most sophomores) will be placed with a roommate.
- Single rooms are available to upperclassmen or special needs students on a first-come, first-serve basis only. Seniors are not guaranteed a single room.
- Students will receive written confirmation of their room assignment within 30 days. Housing assignments will be assessed based on the information provided in the Housing Contract.

Housing Provisions

- The contract is with the named party and is not assignable, saleable, or transferable. Room transfers between students or vacating of rooms requires written authorization from the University.
- Authorized University personnel may enter and inspect the room as deemed necessary.
- The University is not responsible for loss or damage of personal possessions – no exceptions. Students are encouraged to arrange for private insurance coverage.
- The Residence Halls are closed between semesters for Winter Break.
- The University reserves the right to remove and dispose of any personal items remaining on Grace University property 24 hours after:
 - a cancellation of the contract;
 - a student's departure from the University; or
 - the official date of the closing of the Residence Halls.
- The University requires the student to pay any costs incurred to remove any items.

Housing Reservations

- Housing is not reserved until the student is fully accepted to the University and has submitted a signed Housing Contract with \$150 Housing Reservation Deposit.
- The Housing Reservation Deposit becomes a Security Deposit on the first day of residence.
- Reservations are held through the first day of classes.
- The University reserves the right to refuse housing and dining privileges.

Housing Contract Termination

- The contract is intended for both the Fall and Spring semesters, or from the time of arrival through the Spring semester.
- The contract is terminated if:
 - the student elects not to attend the University;
 - or the student vacates his/her room before the end of an enrollment period.
- In the event that a contract is terminated, the following refund of institutional charges will apply:
 - through August 26, 2009 (Fall semester) or January 26, 2010 (Spring semester) — 100%
 - through September 2, 2009 (Fall semester) or February 2, 2010 (Spring semester) — 75%
 - through September 9, 2009 (Fall semester) or February 9, 2010 (Spring semester) — 50%
 - through September 16, 2009 (Fall semester) or February 16, 2010 (Spring semester) — 25%
 - from September 17, 2009 (Fall semester) or February 17, 2010 (Spring semester) — 0%
- Refunds are subject to an Administrative Fee of \$100.
- Students who violate published University policy or engage in any other conduct resulting in disciplinary removal of the student from the Residence Hall will not receive a refund of tuition, room or board expenses.
- The University reserves the right to determine when the student must be moved out of the residence hall.
- The University will refund the Security Deposit in full by mail within 30 days after contract termination, unless:
 - Inspection reveals damages beyond normal wear to the room and/or its furnishings during student's occupancy
 - Student fails to remove personal possessions.
 - Student has an unpaid University account, in which case the refund will first be applied toward that account.
 - Student has failed to follow proper check-out procedure.