

Expectations for Community Living

University of San Diego Department of Residential Life



RESPECT

- If a request is made to be quiet (e.g., turn my music down), I will comply or try to find some sort of compromise.
- Keeping the community clean is everybody's responsibility. I will put trash and recyclable materials in the given receptacles only.
- I live in a highly diverse community. I will respect and be sensitive to the many spectrums of diversity including age, gender, ethnicity, religion, ability, sexual orientation, employment, class, etc.
- If smoking in the designated smoking areas, I will maintain a respectful distance from all living areas (e.g., open windows).
- I will respect the property of others whether it belongs to an individual, family, the community, or the university.
- I understand that Residence Life staff, maintenance workers, housekeeping staff, public safety officers, and other staff are serving our community and deserve my respect.
- I will protect and preserve the environment.
- I will be respectful of my roommates when I have a guest visit the room.
- I understand that my guests will be held to all of the standards and expectations of our community and will do everything in my power to make sure that they comply.
- I understand that much time is spent making the residence halls a welcoming and comfortable place. I will appreciate and respect the efforts made to make the residence halls our home.

INTEGRITY

- I will take responsibility for my own actions and hold others accountable when necessary.
- Honesty is an important part of community living. I will be truthful in my interactions with others and in my work.
- I will do my best to keep the commitments that I make.
- I take pride in the community, which I am helping to create.
- I will be open to forgiving others for their previous actions. I will strive to make reasonable amends with those that I have offended.
- If I have issues or conflict with a community member, I will take my concerns to that individual. If we are unable to resolve our conflict, I will seek assistance from the Residence Life staff and will work to resolve any conflict through fair mediation and compromise.
- I will not compromise the safety and security of my personal property and that of the community.

HOLISTIC GROWTH

- I will take advantage of the opportunities for academic, social, and personal growth offered to me in the residence halls.
- I will give serious consideration to my academic development and strive to achieve reasonable goals.
- I will utilize the resources available to me.
- I will seek to live a balanced lifestyle.
- I will take the time to reflect on my development and experiences.
- I will have FUN – and enjoy the experience.

Resident Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____

*This form is required to be submitted with your housing contract in order to live in the residence halls.

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University Values and Residential Life

Living in the Residence Halls is a wonderful opportunity to experience learning along with personal growth and development. You have the opportunity to meet new friends, explore new ideas and get involved in the campus community.

The purpose of the Residence Life Department at the University of San Diego is to develop effective communities to enhance and support the Mission of the University and facilitate student learning. Residential students can expect to find supportive staff, along with a variety of resources and programs all focused on the University's Core Values. Here are just a few examples:

Academic Excellence:

Residents can expect to find environments conducive to studying. There are published quiet hours that residents should hold each other accountable for. There is Internet access in every room and group study areas in every residence hall. Live-In Resident Faculty provide students with tutoring and general academic guidance as well as sponsor intellectually stimulating programs and events.

Knowledge:

The Newspaper Readership program provides three free newspapers for resident students on a daily basis: San Diego Union Tribune, New York Times and USA Today. The purpose of this program is to facilitate awareness of local and global events. Resident students can expect community dialogues about current issues to be held in the residence halls.

Community:

Residence Life Staff are expected to facilitate strong communities. This includes knowing every resident personally and sponsoring social programs to promote interaction among community members. Residential Learning Communities exist in each residence hall permitting students with common interests to live near each other. Student Organizations within the residence halls offer opportunities for leadership roles within the community that plan programs and address student concerns.

Ethical Conduct:

Community Standards are upheld in residential areas by the Residence Life Staff and peers. It is expected that residential students are respectful of each other and abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in the University's Student Code of Conduct. Students are held accountable for violations of the Student Code.

Compassionate Service:

Resident students regularly participate in community service events either in the community or through donation centers in the residence halls. Residence Life Staff and Student Organizations are expected to sponsor community service events each semester. Resident Ministers live in each residential area and provide support for residential students.