Residence Hall Bill of Rights

Summary/Purpose: This policy defines the basic expectations students should have for each other when living together in a residence hall environment.

In a group living environment, it is important that each student understand their rights as a student and their responsibilities to others. The rights to study and sleep are considered primary in a group living environment. For most students, the major purpose from enrollment is to pursue an education. Excessive noise inhibits this goal. Therefore, any activity that a student chooses to do in a residence hall must not infringe upon another’s right to sleep and study.

All Ole Miss residence hall students are required to sign a housing contract which states that the student agrees to abide by the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of Ole Miss as outlined in the contract, on the Ole Miss Policy Website and in the Residence Hall Handbook. It is expected that each student take responsibility for reading and understanding the expectations of behavior in all Ole Miss publications. More specifically, the University has some basic expectations that govern the special nature of interpersonal relationships in the residence halls. These are reasonable expectations that the students should have for one another while sharing space in residence halls. The Residence Hall Bill of Rights outlines these expectations:

- The right to sleep during the night undisturbed
- The right to study in one’s room free of noise and distractions any time but especially during quiet hours
- The right of access to one’s room and facilities
- The right to feel secure against physical or emotional harm
- The right to a clean room and clean common areas
- The right to have one’s belongings respected
- The right to have guests in the room who will not disturb a roommate’s right to sleep or study
- The right to privacy
- The right to redress grievances

Those students who disregard the rights of others by ignoring the Residence Hall Bill of Rights may be asked to leave campus housing under item 14 of the housing contract.