UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI - STUDENT HOUSING

Visitation and Overnight Guests

Summary/Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define the expectations for guest visitation in residential facilities. It also discusses the hours guests are permitted to visit, the process that allows for residents to request overnight guests, and the circumstances in which guests are permitted to stay overnight.

Visitation Hours

Residents living in student housing will abide by visitation requirements set forth by the Department of Student Housing. All community guest(s) must be registered by the resident host and escorted at all times while in the buildings. Each guest must provide and surrender a university or picture I.D. to the desk receptionist when checked in. This identification will be returned when the guest is checked out of the building by the resident host. False identification will be turned over to the University Police Department for appropriate action. A resident may not have more than two registered guests at any time.

All guests should follow the visitation hours set forth by student housing. Maximum visitation hours for any residence hall are 9 a.m.-12 a.m. on Sunday-Thursday and 9 a.m.- 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

PROCEDURE

Check In/Check Out Procedures

• The resident host must meet his/her guest(s) at the door.
• At the front desk, the student housing staff member will record the guest's name, time, and the resident host’s room number.
• The guest must leave a photo I.D. at the desk after being signed in.
• The guest must remain with the resident host at all times. At no time is a guest permitted to remain in the room or hall without the resident host. The resident host is responsible for the actions and behavior of his/her guest(s), and the guest is expected to abide by all policies as set forth by student housing and the university.
• Prior to leaving the building, the guest must be checked out at the front desk. The resident host must participate in this process. At that point, the guest’s I.D. will be returned.

A resident host must register his/her guest each time that the guest visits, even if the same guest visits more than one time each day.
Visitation of Overnight Guests in the Residential Facilities

Residents are permitted to have two registered guests of the same gender as themselves stay overnight in their rooms. Individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted as overnight guests. Only guests of the same gender as the resident host who are students at the University of Mississippi may stay overnight Sunday through Thursday. Guests are to stay no longer than three nights in any given two-week period. A person may not be an overnight guest of more than one resident per two week period. Residents should receive their roommates’ permission prior to permitting a guest to use the roommates’ beds. Guests are registered through the front desk of each residence hall.

PROCEDURE

Students who want to have overnight guests approved to stay with them must do the following:

- Resident host must fill out an overnight guest request form at the front desk at least 48 hours before the guest will arrive.
- The resident host must provide all of the information requested of the overnight guest.
- Overnight guest forms will go to the Graduate Community Director or Community Coordinator of each residential community and will then be approved or denied.
- Resident hosts who are permitted to have overnight guests will follow the proper protocol for checking in their guest(s) upon each entrance to and exit of the building, even if they are approved overnight guests.