

Southern Union State Community College
Department of Residence Life
Guide to Residence Living
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Welcome to Southern Union State Community College and your residential community! It is our mission to provide a residence life program that fosters community and the growth of each individual. We want our students to make the residential hall their home away from home. It is our belief that you will find your place at Southern Union and enhance your community through joining its goals and purposes.

This guide is provided so that you may know the policies, procedures, and information relative to residential life at Southern Union. Please read this information carefully and keep it on hand for easy reference. As a responsible member of the SU Residence Life community, every resident will be responsible for becoming familiar with the all residential policy and procedure.

We hope that this year is full of personal growth and educational accomplishments. The residential community is an environment where you can live and learn. We ask that you allow the Residence Life Staff to assist you in the community and know that we are here to support you!

• **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

ACUHO-I Statement of Resident's Rights and Responsibilities (Revised 2002)

Students in college housing facilities possess specific individual and group rights while engaged in activities that are part of college life. With these rights, residents have reciprocal responsibilities to ensure these same rights for other residents. Housing personnel should educate residents regarding these rights and responsibilities that are associated with community living and use them as a guide in making decisions concerning resident welfare and behavior. The following statements define minimal expectations regarding these rights and responsibilities.

Residents have the right...

- To have reasonable access to their living accommodations based on a published schedule of occupancy.
- To live in a clean and secure environment.
- To facilities and programs that support the pursuit of academic success.
- To expect a regionally competitive price on housing accommodations and/or food service.
- To have access to written copies of university housing rules and regulations, or individual building policies that govern individual and group behavior.

- To the respect and safety of personal property.
- To study without interruption or interference.
- To be free from unreasonable noise.
- To be free of intimidation or harassment.
- To express themselves freely within established guidelines.
- To expect enforcement of housing agreement/contract.
- To have direct access to staff who provide assistance, guidance, and support as needed.
- To host guests, within established guidelines.
- To receive equitable treatment when behavior is in question.
- To enjoy individual freedoms regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.
- To participate in resident governmental bodies, and housing departmental committees.
- To have access to individual and group social, educational, and developmental opportunities in their living community.

Residents have the responsibility...

- To adhere to rules and regulations.
- To comply with reasonable requests made by staff, or university officials, or fellow residents.
- To meet payment schedules for room, board, and other required housing fees.
- To monitor and accept responsibility for behavior of guests.
- To report violations of rules and regulations to appropriate staff.
- To respect the rights of others, as stated above.
- To respect the diverse backgrounds and interests of those others who are different from them.
- To treat others in a civil manner and manage conflict in a mature manner.
- To be serious in their academic pursuits.
- To participate actively in self-governance.
- To participate in housing departmental committees as requested.
- To express themselves individually, or by association with groups.
- To participate in judicial proceedings to determine appropriate standards of behavior.
- To contribute positively to the community by participating in educational and developmental activities.

What to bring to the your dorm room

Linens

Bath and Hand Towels
Twin Sheets
Pillows/Pillowcases
Blankets
Comforter
Mattress Pad/Cover

Laundry/Clothing Care

Detergent
Fabric Softener/Dryer Sheets
Basket/Bag
Iron / Ironing Board
Coat Hangers

Personal Items

Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Brush and Comb
Shaving Items
Hair Dryer
Shampoo/Conditioner
Bath Soap
Basket (to carry toiletries)
Any other beauty/hygiene supplies

Miscellaneous Items

Sewing Kit
First Aid Supplies
Headache/Cold Medicine
Alarm Clock
Plate
Silverware
Flashlight

Optional Decoration

Poster/Photos/Artwork
Calendar
Small Area Rug
Desk Lamp
Clip-on Light
Curtains

Optional Equipment

Television
VCR/DVD Player
Stereo/Radio
Headphones (if you like loud music!)
Small Refrigerator less than 5 Cubic Ft Small
CDs/DVDs
Computer (Internet Access Available)
Printer
Surge Protectors

Kitchen Supplies

Hot pot
Silverware
Plates
Paper towel
Paper plates/bowls

Prohibited items:

- Anything with an open flame (ex. candles)
- May only have one piece of carpet (no larger than 5x7)
- Outside furniture (ex. futons, recliners, sofas, tables)
- Microwaves
- Bed risers
- Pets
- Deep fryers
- Refrigerators larger than 4.6 cubic feet
- Weapons (guns, knives, air pistols)
- Hot plates