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Residence Life Policies

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Residence Life Policies are listed below. Residents are also are governed by the LCSC Student Code of Conduct (/student-affairs/student-code-of-conduct), and Federal and State laws, including, but not limited to Title IX (/discrimination-harassment) (sexual harassment, sexual assault).

Some of the Residence Life Policies are based on Community Standards that form naturally in different living groups in our society. Every residence hall or off-campus resident has rights and responsibilities while living in a residence hall or off-campus residence and a community. There are some things residents should know about living with roommates and other residents in close proximity and the Residence Life Policies and Community Standards seek to provide that information.

Alcohol 		+
Appliances		+
Beds/Mattresses		+
Bicycles		+
Babysitting		+
Check-Out Procedures		+
Custodial Service		+
Candles/Incense		+

Decorating ×

Residents are encouraged to personalize their room with plants, posters, rugs, comforters, etc. When planning to decorate, it is important to keep in mind that no permanent changes may be made to the spaces, and any damage done in decorating the room (or removing decor at the end of the year) will result in a charge to the resident. No flammable decorations are allowed in LC State owned housing. Residents are not allowed to paint their rooms or their suites.

Residents are not permitted to make holes (nails, tacks, or screws) in the walls, ceilings, furnishings, and/or other elements of their living space. This includes mounting TVs on the wall. We want you to feel at home, but we also want to preserve our properties. Use push pins to hang pictures or posters. Duct tape is not allowed. Please put your TVs on a table/desk/dresser.

Decorating Guidelines

These guidelines are not intended to take away any resident's First Amendment rights, but rather to facilitate the time, place and manner that decorating shall occur in Lewis-Clark State College owned housing.

1. Common area space in suites/houses are for all individuals residing in the suite/house and decorating should be agreed upon by all individuals in the


1. suite/house. Decorations must not clash with decorating guidelines or community standards.

2. Decorations are to be in strict compliance with the City of Lewiston health, welfare and fire codes (including all electrical wiring and cannot impede any escape routes, etc.). No decorations may be hung in windows as this does not comply with fire codes and they can impede an escape route.
3. All common-area decorating shall be reserved for Residence Life staff only, to ensure fire code regulation and escape route clearance. No personal decorations/property are allowed to be hung or stored in common areas.

Residents are free to display posters and other items in rooms. **Possessions or displays of alcoholic beverage containers, alcohol marketing items (cardboard cut outs & displays), drug signs or paraphernalia, profanity, or harassing or intimidating visual materials are considered inappropriate and shall not be displayed.**

Drugs	+
Disruptive Behavior	+
Doors	+
Emergency & Safety Equipment	+
Emotional Support Animal (ESA)	+
Evictions	+
Felony Convictions	+
FERPA Guidelines	+
Financial Obligation	+
Fireworks/Explosives	+
Fire Alarms	+
Fire Drills	+

Furniture👤	🔍	+
Gambling		+
Guests		+
Hall/Floor Programming		+
Housing Assignments		+
Judicial Process		+
Keys & Salto Fobs		+
Kitchens		+
Laundry Facilities		+
Lock-Outs		+
Mail		+
Maintenance Services		+
Missing Students		+
Obeying College Officials		+
Packages		+
Personal Garbage		+
Personal Hygiene & Housekeeping		+
Personal Property		+
Pets		+
Posting Materials		+

Public Safety - Campus Security		+
Quiet Hours		+
Refund Schedule		+
Renter's Insurance		+
Residence Hall Programming and Events		+
Room Change Policy		+
Room/Suite Entry		+
Room Condition Form (RCF)		+
Safety		+
Smoking, Vaping & Tobacco Use		+
Solicitation		+
Sporting Activities		+
Telephones		+
Termination of Contract		+
Theft & Loss		+
Unauthorized Animals		+
Vacation Period Housing		+
Weapons/Firearms		+
Windows		+

Community Standards



Living in campus housing (Residence Hall or LC State owned Off-Campus Properties) at LC State means living within a community of students. This community is a dynamic place, composed of various people with different values, cultures, lifestyles and attitudes. As members of the community, we must strive to understand the individuality and life choices of those among us. We can best learn from one another in an atmosphere of positive encouragement and mutual respect. We must possess a genuine desire to learn from those around us, as well as give the respect and tolerance we desire from others. Each person has a role to play in our campus community, and should be allowed to do so. Living in campus housing at LCSC affords you many opportunities to face challenges, achieve success in a variety of areas, and grow as an individual. These things only happen when you actively participate and support your housing community.

Residence Life staff members believe that for residents to be an important part of their residential community, everyone should have the privilege of shaping and building the community. We consider the creation of community standards as a guide for developing communities.

At a floor meeting during the first few weeks of the semester, resident hall students will discuss and determine the standards they would like for their community. The community members discuss how they want to live together, how they will treat one another, how they will utilize their common space, etc. The outcome of developing community standards is for the members to create goals for the year. After the community has determined these standards, they are posted throughout the floor for all the residents and guests to review and follow. Community Standards are considered "living" documents, which means they can be modified if the community agrees to the modifications. These documents are reviewed frequently to make sure they continue to meet the needs of the residents who developed them. Our off-campus tenants should facilitate these conversations amongst themselves and determine as a household what their standards will be.

The Community Standards process is a support piece designed to assist residents who live and study in a diverse community. By openly discussing and making group decisions about negotiable items, all residents have the opportunity to participate as members of a greater whole.

Your Community Rights Include:

- To sleep, study, and socialize in your room without unreasonable disturbance

- To live in a safe, secure, healthy, and clean environment
- To be an active member within a supportive and stimulating community
- To gain access to a variety of programs and services
- To become involved in the community through participation in the community's programs, the planning of events, and caring for the facilities and the community environment
- To grow and develop as a citizen of LC State through interaction with other members of the community

Your Responsibilities in the Community Include:

- To consider the needs of other residents and to balance them with your own needs
- To provide open communication with other community members and Residence Life staff
- To promote individual and community safety
- To demonstrate dignity and respect for all individuals

The Residence Life staff in each hall is present to assist residents in creating a positive living community. They work hard to create a residence hall environment that is conducive to academic, social, and personal pursuits that lead to a resident's success and graduation from LC State. By organizing floor meetings, educational interactions, and social events, residents and staff come together to enjoy all of the benefits and conveniences of living on campus.

(Adapted from *In Search of Community*, Ernest Boyer, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.)

Roommate Relationships

Roommates don't need to share every aspect of LC State life together, and are not necessarily best friends; however, all roommates need an understanding of one another's lifestyles, values, and expectations. Having a roommate is an exciting and often rewarding experience. The best roommates are those that have similar schedules and level of cleanliness – but not necessarily hang out all of the time.

Communication between roommates is the key to establishing a positive relationship. This relationship will contribute to your overall satisfaction with college life. You should discuss any problems that arise and should work together to resolve any differences. Keep in mind that individual rights to sleep, study, and to privacy are primary over all other rights, including visitation and other privileges.

Steps to Follow When Conflict Arises

- In private, approach the roommate or person displaying the unacceptable behavior.
- Be direct and specific (not insensitive) about the problem or concern. Use "I" statements, not "You".
- Discuss the person's behavior, not the person's personality (this enables the person to be less defensive).
- If the situation does not improve, arrange to meet again with the roommate or person.
- Each person involved should take a turn describing his/her perception of the situation, how he/she feels about it and what he/she wants. Use "I" statements, not "You".
- Each person should agree to a compromise and help develop a solution.
- Together, develop a plan of action and set a time-frame for the changes to occur.
- Set a future date to evaluate the situation and renegotiate if necessary.

If a person finds it difficult to approach a roommate or a roommate is unresponsive, seek assistance from your Resident Assistant. Take the initiative to act positively.

To assist you and your roommate/suitemates with getting to know each other and setting out some preliminary expectations regarding living together for the upcoming year, we encourage you to read and complete a roommate or suitemate agreement at the beginning of the year.

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