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Residence Life and Housing at SUNY Oswego

Introduction

Living on campus is an integral part of the college experience at SUNY Oswego. The Department of Residence Life and Housing actively and continuously strives to enhance and support students' **Personal Growth, Intellectual Development**, and outlook on **Civic Engagement**.

The residential education program is geared toward assisting students in achieving essential learning outcomes. Living in a residential environment is a unique and rich experience providing the opportunity for students to live in close proximity to persons whose backgrounds, goals, values and lifestyles often differ from their own. This living/learning environment requires of residents self-exploration, openness to diversity, participation in residential community activities and respect for the rights of others. The reward is the development of skills, attitudes and experiences that will serve them throughout their lives.

Oswego's housing policy requires that all single, full-time undergraduate students who are not 21 years-of-age live in College housing unless commuting from the domicile of their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) or approved by the Department of Residence Life and Housing to live off-campus.

The Residence Life and Housing Department is staffed and structured to assist students in making personal adjustments and a smooth transition into the College community. Programs and policies are designed to help students understand the responsibilities of membership in this community, participate in programs and enhance their personal development. Examples of these programs include wellness, stress management, fitness, self-esteem and roommate relationships. The standards, policies and procedures contained in this Handbook are designed to provide basic information about and foster understanding of our residential community. While we have attempted to make it as comprehensive as possible, inevitably some areas have not been included. Residents should contact Residence Life and Housing staff regarding any questions of interpretation or exclusion.

Mission—Residence Life and Housing provides secure, welcoming and engaging living environments that encourage and support the academic and personal success of residential students.

The Department of Residence Life and Housing values a VIBRANT, CARING and JUST LEARNING COMMUNITY.

Learning Outcomes—The Department of Residence Life and Housing is committed to providing students the opportunity to embrace:

- Intrapersonal Development
- Interpersonal Competence
- Humanitarianism and Civic Engagement



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The Residential Community: A Community of Similarities & Differences

As you get to know the other students in your community, you will probably become aware of a number of differences. Some of these will be immediately apparent as you meet students of different races and nationalities. Other differences may become known over time as you learn more about each other: differences in socioeconomic status, political affiliation, religion, philosophy, lifestyle, physical ability and interests. At the same time, there is much that you share in common; you are all college students living together in a residential community. And, you probably share many of the same concerns about both your academic and social college life. One of the most exciting and challenging learning experiences you will have in college is this experience of living with individuals who may be similar to you in some ways but different in others. This diversity creates an enriching “laboratory of learning” right in your residential community. Although the experience of living and learning with those different from yourself is not always easy, your success in building relationships within this community will serve you well long after your time in college.

While you are here you can choose to remain open to the diversity around you by sharing yourself with others and learning about them as well. Even if you do not share another’s perspective, you will have an opportunity to gain a clearer understanding of the basis for your differences and will be ultimately more able to accept others for who they are and what they believe. To close yourself to persons or ideas based on past information or experiences, or because you feel uncomfortable or awkward, robs you of one of the richest learning experiences available to you here. It is understandable that you will want, at times, to seek out and spend time with individuals who share a similar background, interests and/or lifestyle; but it is also desirable to stretch your personal boundaries and expand your knowledge and understanding by availing yourself of opportunities to interact with a variety of individuals.

What You Do Is Important

As a resident student you are expected to respect your fellow residents and should expect that you will be treated with respect and courtesy in return. Communication is critical in creating this community of mutual respect. Small misunderstandings and acts or comments which inadvertently cause hurt to someone else can continue to grow and escalate if they are not discussed so that there can be learning and understanding. Acts of bias are often the result of inexperience, lack of understanding or ignorance, and can often be prevented from recurring through gentle confrontation and honest communication.

However, unfortunately, there are certainly some comments and acts which are intentionally meant to hurt and demean. Residents often choose to confront such behaviors on their own; however, they are always encouraged to bring acts of bias to the attention of residence life staff, all of whom are prepared to provide assistance. Confronting a situation or mediating a conversation is often sufficient to prevent recurrences of biased comments or behaviors, but at times other measures are necessary. Residence life staff support the belief that respect for individual and group differences is an appropriate expectation to place on resident students and when individuals act in a manner which shows disregard for the feelings of others, staff are trained and expected to intervene.

As a community member, YOU are encouraged to:

- * **Set a positive example**
- * **Speak up against negative behavior**
- * **Offer support to victims of bias**
- * **Negotiate peaceful solutions to conflict**
- * **Inform staff of acts of bias and involve them in seeking a resolution**
- * **Give every member of the community the kind of respect that you want to receive from them**

Student Learning and Success: Opportunities for Involvement and Growth

The on-campus advantage. Living on campus offers a wealth of exciting and interesting opportunities right in your own residential community, but it's up to you to get involved. Why should you get involved? You'll meet other students, get acquainted with faculty and staff, explore career possibilities, sharpen your academic skills, take part in area council, pick up a new skill, learn about a variety of issues and campus opportunities, and have a good time! Read on for more details...

Off to a good start! When you first arrive on campus you will find programs to help you adjust to campus and residential community life. As part of your orientation we will offer programs on living with a roommate, personal safety and dealing with differences. You will be exposed to an entire menu of other program offerings as the semester goes on.

A myriad of program possibilities. Your Resident Student Staff (RSS) - Resident Assistants/Resident Mentors/Village Community Assistants/Graduate Resident Mentors - will organize activities which might include floor dinners, intramural sports, movie nights, trips to local attractions in Oswego and Syracuse, and a variety of other programs. In addition, RSS organize a number of other activities and programs designed to meet your personal and academic needs. These programs are designed to build on your classroom experience and contribute to your development as a whole person.

Wherever you are in your college career or personal development - whether you are choosing a major or choosing a career, experiencing the excitement of a new relationship or the painful break-up of an old one, whether your interest is sports or music, literature or science, whether your concern is for the homeless or the health of the planet - residential community programs can respond to both your needs and your interests. Don't hesitate to let your hall staff know your ideas!

Where are these programs held? Most activities and programs are held in floor or community lounges, although sometimes RSS will organize groups to attend out-of-hall programs elsewhere on campus. Watch for posters on the bulletin boards, digital signage, and/or announcements in your mailbox for upcoming programs organized by your residential community staff. If you would like to get more involved by offering a suggestion or planning a program yourself, the staff would be happy to have your participation.

Special offerings. The Department of Residence Life also has two Fitness Centers (one beneath Cooper Dining Center and one beneath Littlepage Dining Center) which offer group exercise classes, Cybex circuits, free weights, and cardiovascular equipment. To sign up for the Fitness Centers, students can either go to the main desk of Cooper or Glimmerglass gyms, or online. Also, Campus Recreation offers many popular programs and services for students, faculty and staff including: Intramural Sports, Open Recreation, Lee Hall Open and Lap Swim, Sports Equipment, Student Employment and other Special Events. For building hours and more information about Campus Recreation programs visit www.oswego.edu/campusrec. Contact Campus Recreation, 101 Lee Hall at (315) 312-3114.

Leadership opportunities. In addition to attending programs, resident students are encouraged to get further involved by participating in area council. This involvement can range from attending meetings once a week to running for an office. Area Council is an excellent place to gain leadership experience and offer input on residence life and campus policies and programs.

Rights and Responsibilities of Student Residents

In accordance with Chapter 416 of the Laws of 1988 and the State University Board of Trustees Resolution 89-130, adopted June 21, 1989, Oswego State has adopted standards for policies on rights and responsibilities of student residents. In the development of policies, the College endorses and strives to incorporate the principles of the 1987 Association of College and University Housing Officers - International statement of student's rights and responsibilities. That statement is as follows:

Residents in university housing facilities possess specific individual and group rights and responsibilities which must serve to guide Housing personnel in making decisions concerning student welfare and behavior. The following statements define minimal expectations regarding these rights and responsibilities. Each resident has the right to engage in activities that are a part of campus life. However, these rights carry with them reciprocal responsibilities on the part of the individual to ensure these same rights for other residents. Individuals must be educated regarding these particular rights and responsibilities that are associated with community living.

Students have the right . . .

- To have free access to their living accommodations.
- To live in a clean and secure environment.
- To expect a regionally competitive price on housing accommodations and/or food service.
- To written/electronic copies of college housing rules and regulations, or individual building policies which 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 creatively within established guidelines.
- To expect enforcement of the housing agreement/contract.
- To direct access of staff who provide assistance, guidance, and support as needed.
- To host guests, within established guidelines.
- To equitable treatment when behavior is in question.
- To enjoy individual treatment when behavior is in question.
- To enjoy individual freedoms without regard to race, sex, national origin, handicap, age, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.
- To participate in student governmental bodies, and Housing departmental committees.
- To individual and group educational and developmental opportunities in their living community.



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Students have the responsibility. . .

- To adhere to rules and regulations.
- To comply with reasonable requests made by staff, or university officials.
- To meet expected room and board payment schedules.
- 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 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 conduct proceedings to determine appropriate standards of behavior.
- To contribute positively to the community by participating in educational and developmental activities.
- To keep their room, suite, lounge, townhouse and floor reasonably clean.
- To study and academically succeed to the best of their ability.



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The Residence Life and Housing License, *Student Handbook* and departmental publications are written, edited and reviewed with the intent of being clear, concise, and stated in common and everyday language. They contain the specific policies and procedures of SUNY Oswego that delineate rights and responsibilities as well as the student conduct system and administrative review and appeals process used to enforce them.

Residential Community Staff

Resident Student Staff (RSS)

Resident Assistants (RAs) are selected student leaders who live in the residence halls to serve as counselors, advisors, communication links, and activity planners for an assigned section of the hall.

Resident Mentors (RMs) fulfill all of the functions of the RAs and also serve as academic mentors in the Johnson Hall First Year Residential Experience program. The RM's main role is to help ease the transition to college and help make the first year a successful one.

Village Community Assistants (VCAs) are students who live in The Village townhouses and serve as counselors, advisors, and communication links.

Student Operations Services (SOS) Staff

SOS Coordinators (SOSCs) are experienced upperclass students who assist the RHD and/or AHD in supervising the front desk, Recycling and Computer Lab operations in each residence hall.

Desk Attendants (DAs) are student employees who staff the front desk of each residential community. Their duties typically include sorting mail, communicating information and messages, and signing out equipment.

Recycling Technicians (RTs) are students who are employed to monitor the recycling rooms and the separation of recyclables from trash.

Professional Staff

Residence Hall Directors (RHDs) are full-time live-in professionals who supervise the staff and manage the complete operation of each residence hall. The Village Community Director (VCD) supervises the staff and manages The Village townhouses. These individuals typically have Master's degrees, generally in fields such as Higher Education or Counseling, and they reside in apartments within the hall/complex.

Assistant Hall Directors (AHDs) are full-time graduate students who live in the residence halls. In most halls, the AHD assists the RHD in the overall management of a residence hall. All residence halls housing 400 or more students have AHDs. There is also an AHD in Johnson Hall due to the nature of the First Year Residential Experience program. The Mackin-Sheldon "complex" is assisted by an AHD.



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Community Development Specialists (CDSs) are experienced full-time professionals who supervise the RHDs/VCD for several assigned buildings. Each CDS lives in an apartment in one of their assigned residential communities. These individuals are part of the Residence Life and Housing Management Team and can be contacted at the main office in 303 Culkin Hall at 312-2246 (ext. 2246).

Fitness Center Manager, Assistant Directors, Associate Directors, and the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing round out the leadership team. These individuals can be contacted at the main office in 303 Culkin Hall at 312-2246 (ext. 2246).



Residence Life and Housing management staff.

Custodial staff care for the public areas in our residential communities daily. In addition to cleaning, minor repairs are also made by the custodial staff. Residents are expected to report repair needs through the front desk.

In the event that residents need **emergency assistance**, there are a variety of sources available. A network of coverage exists for each individual residential community and on a campus-wide basis. In each community there is an on-call system which provides for RSS/VCA staff availability during evening and night-time hours. Information regarding who is on duty for a particular community is available at the front desk. The Village Community Director, all Residence Hall Directors and Assistant Hall Directors share in duty coverage for the campus. If a resident requires the assistance of a Residence Hall or Village Community Director and one is not available, University Police can assist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 312-5555 (ext. 5555).



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General Residential Information

Asbestos

Asbestos is a collective term used to describe a group of naturally-occurring mineral fibers. Asbestos was mined and used commercially in North America beginning in the late 1800s. Its use increased greatly during World War II. Since then, it has been used in many industries.

Exposure to asbestos may increase the risk of several serious diseases including asbestosis (scarring of the lungs), lung cancer, and mesothelioma (a rare cancer of the pleural cavity lining). Nearly everyone is exposed to asbestos at some time during their life; however most people do not become ill from their exposure.

It is important to realize that the danger posed by exposure to asbestos occurs when asbestos-containing materials (ACM) become damaged or friable (able to be crumbled under hand pressure) and release asbestos fibers into the air. Most experts agree that asbestos poses no danger if it is in good condition and not disturbed. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends often times managing asbestos in-place as more prudent than removal. The College currently follows operations and maintenance procedures for managing asbestos in buildings. These procedures include building inspections of asbestos-containing materials to monitor and assess the condition of these materials. Any asbestos-containing material which is damaged is repaired or removed by New York State certified asbestos handlers. The facilities staff are trained in techniques for routine maintenance and cleaning of potentially asbestos containing materials without disturbing the integrity of the substance to avoid the possibility of exposure.

Asbestos is commonly used as an acoustic insulator, thermal insulation, fire proofing and in other building materials. Asbestos fibers are incredibly strong and have properties that make them resistant to heat. Many products are in use today that contain asbestos. Most of these are materials used in heat and acoustic insulation, fire proofing, and roofing and flooring. Although the EPA banned the manufacturing of asbestos in 1989, it was appealed in 1991 and some building materials still have asbestos as a constituent. Some of the more common products that may contain asbestos include:

Floor tiles	Pipe insulation
Mudded joints on pipe elbows or fittings	Sprayed-on building insulation
Wall plasters	Joint compounds
Ceiling plasters	Interior of fire doors
Mastic (glue)	Cove base molding

If any of the listed materials become damaged in your room, please notify your hall director or the Residence Life and Housing Office. Appropriate personnel will then be notified to assess the situation. Any questions or concerns you may have regarding asbestos in College residential communities may be directed to Residence Life and Housing, extension 2246.

Area Council

Each residential area (3) has a governing body which consists of elected officers (generally a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) and student representatives from each residence hall. The area councils are advised by Residence Hall Directors and they facilitate regularly-scheduled meetings that are open to all residents of that area community. Area councils provide students with opportunities for involvement and leadership and they also provide students the opportunity to put forward input on departmental decisions.

Break Housing

The College recognizes that some residents must remain in Oswego during periods of recess (i.e., Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring breaks, Summer) when our traditional residential communities are closed. The Department of Residence Life and Housing provides special Break and Summer Housing for our residents. Information about and applications for Break Housing may be obtained prior to each recess from the Office of Residence Life and Housing, 303 Culkin Hall, (315) 312- 2246, reslife@oswego.edu.

Cable TV

All residential communities receive Spectrum and College-originated campus cable television programming. Each student room is equipped with a cable outlet. Residents must provide their own digital televisions (including connecting hardware); see more specific information below.

In an effort to provide quality television service for students and staff, most of the channels are digital, high definition, and do not require a set-top box cable receiver. However, a QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation) tuner is needed to receive the full range of channels offered. Many newer televisions come equipped with QAM tuners.

Occasional reception problems may occur and should be reported by calling the Campus Technology Services Help Desk (phone # 315- 312-3456) between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Fridays; there are no evening or weekend services.

Current cable channels are listed online at oswego.edu/cts/cable-tv-channels.

Closing & Opening Schedule and Procedure

The residential communities close during the major recesses in the academic year (Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Recesses). Prior to these closings, special security arrangements are implemented. Residents planning to remain in the hall/complex until closing time are required to communicate that to the Residence Hall Director/Village Community Director. Building security is changed to restrict access to the building during this period. Therefore, accessibility for those persons staying in the building may significantly change. Anyone failing to comply with security arrangements will be required to leave the building and may be charged accordingly through the student conduct system.

Residents wishing to be housed during major recesses in the academic year must pay an additional pro-rated charge and specific accommodations will be determined by the College and may not be the resident's regularly assigned room. Student teachers will not pay an additional charge if engaged in student teaching during the break period. (For additional information, see the Break Housing section of the *Residence Life and Housing License* .

Before residents leave for any break they must:

1.	Pull up blinds (except 1st floor).	5.	Dispose of food that may spoil.
2.	Close windows tightly and lock.	6.	Make arrangements for care of pets and plants. Pets are not permitted to remain in the hall.
3.	Empty wastebaskets and properly dispose of recyclables and garbage.	7.	Lock door.
4.	Turn off lights and unplug all electronics, including refrigerator.	8.	Sign closing sheet and affix to room door.

Computer Rooms

Computer rooms are located in Oneida, Hart, Scales and Waterbury Halls. Each is equipped with Mac and Dell PC computers networked to a laser printer. The Oneida Computer Lab is closed for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Residents of Hart Hall, Scales Hall, and Waterbury Hall have 24-7 access to a computer room within the building. Each is equipped with Mac and PC computers networked to a laser printer. These rooms are only available to Hart, Scales, and Waterbury residents respectively.

Each of the previously mentioned computers is connected to the campus network for e-mail and Internet access. There are a variety of software packages installed on each including word processing, spreadsheet, graphics, drawing, e-mail and www software.

Damages

The baseline condition of the room at the time of occupancy is established by completing a *Room Inventory and Condition Record* (RCR) form. This process is done with a Resident Student Staff member and is a shared responsibility. Residents are financially responsible for any damages to facilities and furnishings that exceed normal wear and tear. Upon termination of the Residence Life and Housing License (which for most persons occurs at the end of an academic year) or at any time that a resident changes from one room to another, an inspection must occur.

At the time of inspection, an RSS member will identify any damages and discuss with the residents of the living unit the assignment of responsibility. The resident(s) will be advised of the charge or estimate at the time of check-out. The resident(s) will receive a bill of damage(s) and an explanation of their right of appeal electronically to their oswego.edu email address.

Payment of damage charges is due within 30 days of billing. Once damage charges have been collected, every effort is made to repair the damage as quickly as possible. Exceptions to this would be due to shortages of personnel or instances when only partial payments were assessed and collected.

Incentive Fund Program. There is an incentive fund program intended to encourage active participation by residents in the reduction of damage to facilities in their halls. Each building receives an allocation of funds at the start of each semester. The cost to repair any unidentified damage caused by vandalism or abuse is deducted from this account. The remaining balance at the end of each semester may be used by the residential community council to purchase equipment and items of their choice that enhance the community. Examples of past purchases include DVD players, game systems and recreation equipment.

Decoration of Residential Areas

Individual Rooms—Affixing items to walls using tape, staples, tacks, nails, etc. may result in damage to the walls and subsequent charges for repair. Therefore, attaching items to walls is done at the student's own risk. Strips for hanging pictures and other decorative items are provided in some student bedrooms. Pictures and posters may be hung on the room doors; tape, paint and marking pens should not be used on doors. Residents will be charged for cleaning or repairing both sides of their room door. Any alteration to the room that causes damage to the room is the responsibility of the occupants of that room. Any decoration which adds significantly to the combustibility of the room is prohibited. Please refer to the Fire Safety policy in this section for more specific regulations related to Furnishings and Decorations. Furniture, decorations and other items which increase the flammability of residents' rooms or public areas may be prohibited at the discretion of Residence Life and Housing staff. Window curtains must meet NFPA 701 Standard.

Public Residential Areas—Decorations in the hall should not be excessive since they tend to increase the combustible load of the area in the event of a fire. Nothing should be attached to or hung from fire detectors or ceilings. Students may opt to decorate with fire-rated materials.

Holiday Decorations—Experience has shown that precautions must be taken when decorating for the holidays to assure personal safety and avoid damage to facilities. Here are some general guidelines to follow:

1. Use only fire-resistant materials. These are generally no more expensive than flammable materials and goods.
2. Use aluminum papers and foils.
3. Use care when working with water colors and magic markers; they should not be applied to any building surface. Magic marker goes through construction paper and stains most surfaces including Formica.
4. Use masking tape sparingly to prevent paint chipping from walls and woodwork.
5. Use only Underwriters Laboratory (UL and ETL) approved equipment and materials.
6. Natural Christmas trees are prohibited in ALL residential facilities. Noncombustible artificial trees may be used in rooms and floor lounges.
7. Protect personal safety by refraining from blocking exits or decorating corridor lights and fire detectors.
8. Candles and other open flames are prohibited.
9. Use decorative lighting sparingly so that electrical consumption will not be increased.

Detripling

When overcrowding (or PLUS Occupancy) exists, the process of breaking down these over-occupied rooms begins as soon as vacancies are identified. Under most circumstances, residents in PLUS Occupancy are given first priority for available space before residents from other halls who would like to change buildings. The decision as to which roommate will leave the over-occupied room is typically left to the roommates.

Elevators

To ensure safety, all elevators are inspected weekly and tested annually. Elevators are for the sole purpose of riding from one floor to another. Misuse of elevators (holding the doors open, jumping, etc.) may cause damage to the elevator. Individuals found responsible for damage to the elevators may be held financially responsible.

Items lost down the shaft of the elevator should be reported to the Residence Hall Director. Retrieval of items from the elevator shaft may be billed to your student account.

Emotional Support Animals in College Housing

Residence Life & Housing will allow an emotional support animal if certain conditions are met. The animal must be necessary for a resident with a disability to have equal access to housing and the accommodation must also be reasonable. An accommodation is unreasonable if it presents an undue financial or administrative burden on the College, poses a substantial and direct threat to personal or public safety or constitutes a fundamental alteration of the nature of the service or program.

With advance approval, a person with a disability may have an emotional support animal in their residence hall room as a reasonable accommodation.

A. Requests for emotional support animals in residence hall Students requesting an emotional support animal in college housing must complete a three-step interactive process:

1. Indicate a special needs request (specifically an emotional support animal) on the housing application when applying for housing, annually, in advance of the start of the academic year or term.
2. Seek approval for ESA by submitting documentation of a disability to the office of Accessibility Resources (AR) and discussing with AR staff.
3. Complete the *Animal Registration & Agreement Form for Service and Emotional Support Animals* in Residence Life & Housing annually, and submit a picture of the animal and animal health records (with up-to-date vaccinations and veterinary contact information).

B. Documentation guidelines for Emotional Support Animal in Residence Halls

1. Documentation must be submitted to the office of Accessibility Resources (AR).
2. Documentation must be on letterhead from a licensed mental health provider (e.g. licensed mental health counselor, licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage & family therapist, psychologist, or psychiatrist) who has can validate the existence of an established relationship with the student.
3. Licensed mental health provider must be from New York state or from the state of the student's permanent residence.
4. Documentation must include diagnosis, and specific reasons that an emotional support animal is necessary (i.e. a nexus between the accommodation and the disability).

C. Timing of Request

1. In order to adequately process a request for an emotional support animal, students are recommended to begin the process at least 60 days prior to the animal arriving on campus.

D. Conflicting disabilities

1. Some people may have allergic reactions to animals that are substantial enough to qualify as disabilities. SUNY Oswego will consider the needs of both persons in meeting its obligations to reasonably accommodate all disabilities and to resolve the problem as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. Students requesting allergy accommodations should contact the office of Accessibility Resources (AR).

E. Compliance with state and local animal laws

1. Animals that are not allowed as pets in New York state, or in the Town of Oswego are not allowed as Emotional Support Animals.

F. Process once approved by the office of Accessibility Resources

1. Residence Life & Housing will notify roommate(s), and other residents as appropriate
2. Residence Life & Housing will address residents' concerns related to the emotional support animal
3. Emotional support animals may not enter the residence hall until the *Animal Registration and Agreement Form* is approved by the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life & Housing.

G. Expectations for animal care and control

The student is responsible for ensuring that the ESA does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence halls or of the residential students. Reported behaviors that are not conducive to the community will be adjudicated through a conduct process.

The student must comply with all state laws and local animal ordinances, as well as recommended Residence Life policies and guidelines including, but not limited to, the following:

- An ESA may reside in the residence hall only in the assigned space after the approval process has been completed.
- Within the residence hall, ESAs are not permitted in any public common spaces including community/ shared spaces, lounges, recreational rooms, study rooms, prayer rooms, computer labs, laundry rooms, conference rooms, bathrooms, or staff offices. The ESA is not permitted in other students' residence hall rooms.
- The student is solely responsible for the ESA's care, restraint, control, and supervision always.
- In the event the ESA no longer resides in the residence halls, the student should contact Residential Life staff.

Unattended ESAs: ESAs shall not be left alone for extended periods of time in a student's room and should never be left overnight without the owner. The ESA is not permitted to be left in the care of another student. In the event an ESA is left for an extended period without proper care, Residential Life will attempt to contact the student or their emergency contact to remove the ESA .

If these parties are unable to be reached, Residential Life may notify ESA control and have the ESA removed. Any costs for removal of the ESA if the student is not present shall be the responsibility of the student.

Emergency Contact: The student must provide Residential Life with contact information for an alternative caregiver if the student is unable, or unwilling, to provide adequate care. Residential Life will assume no responsibility or liability for the care of a student's ESA.

H. Removing an emotional support animal

1. If concerns regarding the animal are reported to Residence Life & Housing, the student will be contacted within 48 hours and given the opportunity to address the concerns and or situation.
2. If SUNY Oswego determines the animal to be a substantial and direct threat to the health and safety of others, the *Agreement* may be revoked and University Police may order the animal to be removed from campus. This may occur as a result of a very ill animal or a substantial lack of cleanliness of the animal.
3. In addition, failure to comply with expectations for direct care of the animal may also result in the *Agreement* being revoked. If this occurs, student will be given written notice to remove the animal within 10 days.

For more information, please go to the *Student Handbook* online to see the Compliance Policies section.

Employment Opportunities

Numerous opportunities exist for student employment with the Residence Life and Housing Department. The positions, salary scale and qualifications are listed below. For further information, please refer to our website found at oswego.edu/reslife/employment.

Resident Student Staff (RSS)

Title	Positions Available (#)	Compensation	Minimum Qualifications
Resident Assistant (RA)	94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single room • 1/2 full board plan • ResNet and installation fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophomore standing/complete 1 year out of high school • One semester as resident student at a college/university • Minimum academic load of 12 hours/semester • Cumulative GPA of 2.4 with a minimum of a 2.0 semester GPA beginning with the semester immediately prior to, and during each semester of, employment.
Resident Mentor (RM)	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single room • 1/2 full board plan • ResNet and installation fee • \$300 stipend per semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See RA Qualifications previously
Village Community Assistant (VCA)	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single room • 1/2 of a full board plan or no meal plan • ResNet and installation fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current RSS staff member of four semesters or higher

Student Operations Services Staff

Title	Positions Available (#)	Compensation	Minimum Qualifications
Desk Attendant (DA)	10 - 12 per hall	Minimum Wage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must reside on campus during term of employment • 2.0 semester and cumulative GPA
Recycling Technician (RT)	2-4 per hall	Minimum Wage + \$.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must reside on campus during term of employment • 2.0 semester and cumulative GPA
Student Operations Services Coordinator (SOSC)	1 per hall	Minimum Wage + \$.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must reside on campus during term of employment • 2.0 semester and cumulative GPA • At least one semester as a Desk Attendant at Oswego

Please note: A limited number of summer positions are available; Summer Resident Assistant, Summer Desk Attendant, and Mail Clerk.

Fitness Center Staff

Title	Positions Available (#)	Compensation	Minimum Qualifications
Facility Attendant (FA)	35-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Wage • Fitness Center Membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a SUNY Oswego student • e-mail fitness@oswego.edu for more information
Group Exercise Instructor (GE)	10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Wage + \$1.75 per hour • Fitness Center Membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a SUNY Oswego student • Must complete 8-week instructional course • e-mail fitness@oswego.edu for more information

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Title	Positions Available (#)	Compensation	Minimum Qualifications
Personal Trainer (PT)	20-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Wage + \$.25 per hour • Fitness Center Membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a SUNY Oswego student • Must complete the course <i>Introduction to Personal Training</i> (HSC 232) • e-mail fitness@oswego.edu for more information
Student Manager	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Wage + \$.50 per hour • Fitness Center Membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a SUNY Oswego student • Must be current fitness center employee • e-mail fitness@oswego.edu for more information
Graduate Assistant Manager	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition waiver • Fitness Center Membership • \$7000 stipend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance into a full-time graduate degree-granting program at SUNY Oswego • e-mail fitness@oswego.edu for more information

Fitness Center Membership Rates

	SEMESTER	ACADEMIC YEAR
RESIDENT STUDENT	\$60	\$110
OFF CAMPUS STUDENT who lived on campus at Oswego for:		
4 or more full semesters*	\$65	\$120
1 to 3 full semesters*	\$70	\$130
COMMUTER STUDENT	\$75	\$140

* "Full semester" refers to fall semester and spring semester only; summer housing does not apply.

Front Desks

Each residential community has a front desk adjacent to the main lobby. The desk is a center of activity, where information and services are available on a daily basis. Desk services include providing items for sign-out such as kitchen utensils, vacuum cleaners, games, and recreational equipment. Residents should check with their desk staff for the specific items and sign-out procedures in their community. This is also where residents' mailboxes are located and where packages can be picked up.

Guest Registration Procedure

On Campus Guests

Resident guests should visit the hall front desk with their host each time they enter the building. The host and the guest will both swipe their SUNY Oswego ID cards into the Front Desk Website.

Off-Campus Guests

Daytime Guests: 7am-12am

The Guest will need to complete the following steps to obtain their guest pass:

1. Register at oswego.edu/reslife (Note: Only need to do this once.)
2. Upon arrival, the visitor and the host must check in at the front desk with the approved guest pass.

The host must log-in via myHousing.oswego.edu and follow prompts for a daytime guest visitor pass.

Overnight Guests: 12am-7am

The Guest will need to complete the following steps to obtain their guest pass:

1. Register at oswego.edu/reslife (Note: Only need to do this once.)
2. Upon arrival, the visitor and the host must check in at the front desk with the approved guest pass.

The host must log in via myHousing.oswego.edu and follow prompts for an overnight guest visitor pass.

All Guests must present their guest pass to campus officials if asked for it. Guests without a pass or an expired pass will be asked to leave the building. See the *Guests* section in this *Handbook* for further information.

Heat

The desired temperature in resident rooms is 68 degrees. Since 68 degrees is not a particularly high temperature, it is important to allow the heating system to be as efficient as possible. The most important factors are to keep the space near the radiators clear (at least 12") for air circulation and make sure that both windows, inside and storm, are tightly closed.

Residents who believe their room is cold should contact the front desk. In response, a staff member will check the room temperature and see if the problem can be identified. An appropriate maintenance person will be contacted if necessary. There is no case in which a resident should be in a room below 68 degrees for longer than one or two hours after notification of staff. If a quick solution is not possible, portable heaters will be issued by Residence Life and Housing as a temporary solution until the problem can be remedied.

Insuring Personal Property

The College does not assume any liability or responsibility for loss or damage to personal property of residents except when negligence on the part of the College is established. There are occasions when system failures result in loss or damage to resident's personal property. Residents who find themselves in this position frequently believe that the College should be responsible for restitution; however, the College would not be responsible unless it was aware that the situation that caused the problem existed and did not resolve that situation, thereby resulting in loss or damage to personal property. To establish negligence, persons are usually required to file a suit against the State of New York in the Court of Claims. Persons believing their loss was the result of negligence should contact the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing for clarification.

All residents are encouraged to lock their doors and secure their belongings. They should also review their family insurance to determine whether they have appropriate coverage for their personal property while they are away at school and are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance coverage.

Internet

Residential Network

- **Wireless:** All residential communities are part of the SUNY Oswego Wireless Network. When attempting to connect a device to our wireless network, residents have two options; Oswego-Secure-RES and Oswego-Gaming-RES. Oswego-Secure-RES allows for the connection of tablets, smart phones, laptops, and desktop computers whereas Oswego-Gaming-RES allows for the connection of gaming consoles, streaming devices, and Smart TVs.
- **Wired:** The majority of our resident rooms are equipped with a wired network port for each resident. In Funnelle, Lonis, and Moreland Halls, residents are provided hubs that allow for multiple connections to the wired network.
- **Gaming Network:** In order to connect gaming or streaming device in the resident rooms, residents must first register their device at mydevices.oswego.edu. Once the device is registered, residents can connect to either the wireless, Oswego-Gaming-RES, or to the wired network via Ethernet cable.
- The per semester connection fee is included on your college bill.
- If residents experience problems with their connection, please reach out to the Campus Technology Services Help Desk at help@oswego.edu or 315-312-3456.

Kitchens

Kitchen facilities are available in each residential community. Generally, the number of kitchens per student is low and those facilities are primarily used for special occasions such as baking birthday cakes and cooking group dinners. Cooking utensils, including pots and pans, can be signed out from most residential community front desks.

Laundry Rooms

Each residence hall is equipped with laundry machines for use by residents. Laundry rooms are located in the basement of each hall; each Village townhouse is equipped with a washer and dryer. The per semester user fee is included in each student's College bill. Any needed repairs to laundry machines should be submitted to the front desk. For safety reasons ironing is permitted only in laundry rooms. Irons should not be left unattended.

Mail

Mail is delivered to the residential communities daily Monday - Friday except federal holidays and periods of academic recess.

Each resident is assigned a mailbox located near the front desk of each residence hall. Mail is received and sorted at the front desk. Mail delivery will work most efficiently if mail is addressed as indicated below. In most residential communities, each resident has their own mailbox; in these communities (Cayuga, Hart, Johnson, Lonis, Moreland, Riggs, Scales, Seneca, Sheldon, Waterbury Halls and The Village), the mailbox number is different from the room number. To send mail to students in these halls, be sure to include the student's mailbox number in the address.

Residential Community Street Addresses:

Return Address

Student Name (last name is very important!)

Hall, Mail Box (or Room*)#

Street Address (see list below)

Oswego, NY 13126

*In Funnelle, Oneida and Onondaga, roommates share a mailbox; in these halls, the mailbox numbers are the same as the room numbers.

To send mail to students in these halls, please include the student's room number in the address.

- Cayuga Hall: 20 Cayuga Circle
- Funnelle Hall: 25 Union Road
- Hart Hall: 15 Union Road
- Johnson Hall: 20 Rudolph Road
- Lonis Hall: 53 Sheldon Avenue
- Moreland Hall: 53 Sheldon Avenue
- Oneida Hall: 10 Onondaga Circle
- Onondaga Hall: 20 Onondaga Circle
- Riggs Hall: 28 Rudolph Road
- Scales Hall: 34 Rudolph Road
- Seneca Hall: 47 Cayuga Circle
- Sheldon Hall: 72 Sheldon Avenue
- Waterbury Hall: 30 Rudolph Road
- The Village buildings A thru F: 90 Iroquois Trail
- The Village buildings G thru L: 80 Iroquois Trail

Please note that the College is not responsible for cash or valuables sent through the mail.

Students who move to another residential community should leave a forwarding address card at the desk of the community from which they are moving. Forwarding address cards should also be filled out before leaving the campus for the summer. Students are reminded to notify their magazine subscriptions of their home address 6 weeks before the end of school.

Mail Forwarding

First Class mail will be forwarded for one year. If no forwarding address is on file, the mail will be returned to sender. Second Class and Third Class mail will not be forwarded and will be returned to sender or discarded. Residents are asked to update their address at myoswego as part of the check-out process.

Maintenance Concerns

The standards for custodial and maintenance work are contained in this *Handbook* in the "*Minimum Living Condition Standards for University Residence Halls*" section. Students can request repairs and/or report maintenance and custodial concerns by submitting an online service request (iService) on the Facilities Maintenance & Operations web page. Residents may need to schedule an appointment, as Maintenance staff will be unable to enter the room without the resident present or without prior consent from the resident and any roommate(s). Although we strive to deal with each report effectively, errors do occur. Residents should persist in reporting problems until they are resolved and maintenance emergencies should be reported to the front desk. If the desk is closed, contact the RSS on duty or University Police (5555).

oswego.edu/facilities-services/service-requests

Medical Housing Requests

Students with specific housing needs due to disability or medical necessity can request such by following the *Medical Housing Consideration Policy* and process. The request form, including detailed instructions, is available on our website at www.oswego.edu/reslife/forms.

Properly submitted requests are reviewed on a regular basis by a team of College staff. Approved requests (such as granting of a "Medical Single Room") are honored on a space available basis. Approval is valid for the balance of the current academic year; requests must be re-submitted for each subsequent academic year.

Posting and Distributing Promotional Material in Residential Communities

Each residential community has posting space on resident floors and in the main lobby area. Typically, floor bulletin boards are used to advertise in-hall/floor activities (area council, programs, etc.), registered student organizations' activities and official announcements from College departments. Limited space is available in lobby areas for advertising by individuals and organizations not registered with the College.

PROCEDURE to POST

Posting must conform with the campus policy on "*Posting Promotional Material on Campus*" which can be found in the *Student Handbook*. Organizations from outside Residence Life and Housing must obtain approval from the Assistant Vice President of Residence Life and Housing for distribution of promotional material in residential facilities. Posting of the material is the sole responsibility of the hall/community director and staff.

Note: For the purposes of the posting policy, any area outside of an individual student room, including the side of the door facing the corridor, is considered public space.

1. The following is the number of postings each building requires for the floor bulletin boards:

Hall/Community	Postings Needed	Hall/Community	Postings Needed
Cayuga	18	Riggs	8
Funnelle	9	Scales	8
Hart	9	Seneca	21
Johnson	5	Sheldon (closed)	2
Mackin (Lonis/Moreland) (closed)	9	The Village	2
Oneida (closed)	18	Waterbury	9
Onondaga	20		

*flyers must be separated and labeled per hall.

2. Postings should be no larger than 11" x 17".
3. All information on postings must conform with *College Policies* and be consistent with the programmatic objectives of Residence Life and Housing.
4. Posting will be done by building staff assigned that responsibility, not representatives of the posting organization.

Postings will be displayed as soon as reasonable, but no later than 24 hours after receipt of the material and removed and destroyed after the date of the event.

PROCEDURE for MAILBOX DISTRIBUTION of PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Mailbox distribution of material will occur only under the following guidelines:

1. All materials with proper U.S. postage will be distributed.
2. Distribution of materials without U.S. postage will be limited to:
 - a. College offices and departments
 - b. Building purposes
 - c. Registered student organizations with approval of the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing

Recovered Property Policy

Periodically, lost personal property is found in residential communities. Such items usually fall into two categories: owner-identified and owner-unidentified. During periods when residential communities are occupied and during periods of recess, found items should be turned in at the front desk. If no owner is identified during a reasonable period (2-4 weeks), the item will be transferred to University Police.

At the conclusion of the Spring Semester, items that are found for which ownership can be determined (such as labeled personal property) should be given to the appropriate building director or University Police. The owner will be notified that the property has been found and asked to advise regarding disposition.

Property that is not identified must be disposed of in compliance with Article 7B of the New York State Property Law. Under this law as applied to the SUNY campus, persons are required to surrender found items to University Police. University Police are then required to log and store the property and dispose of it in the following manner:

1. If the person who found the item is not an employee of the State of New York and no one comes forward to claim the property, after a specified period of time determined by the value of the property, University Police will return the found item to the finder and it will become the finder's property.
2. If the finder is an employee of the State of New York and no one comes forward to claim the item, the finder may not claim the property. Instead, the property that remains unclaimed after the prescribed period of time must be placed in public auction, with the proceeds going to the State's general fund.

It should be noted that failure to follow the steps indicated above is a misdemeanor.

Recycling

Oswego County has a mandatory program that requires recycling of metals, glass, container plastics and most paper, pizza boxes, newspapers and magazines. Residents must bring their trash and recyclables to the designated location(s) in each building (typically the hall's Recycling Room). Residents can learn of procedures in each building from the residential community staff. Specific hours of operation for the Recycling Room will be posted in your residential community.

Refrigerators

Compact refrigerators that clearly conform to proper electrical and chemical standards, operate on no more than 2.0 amps, have a capacity not exceeding 6 cubic feet and have outside dimensions that does not exceed 48 inches, are permitted. Two refrigerators are allowed per resident room; each must be UL/ETL-approved. Compact refrigerators can also be rented through the Residence Life and Housing Office.

Removal of Personal Belongings

All residents must vacate the residential community and remove all personal belongings from the premises in accordance with the termination or expiration of the Residence Life and Housing License. If personal belongings are not removed from the premises, the resident, by signing the Residence Life and Housing License authorizes and agrees to pay a per day room rental charge to the College for each day that the room was not available for reassignment by the College. Further, the resident agrees to pay such fees as are assessed by the College for the labor involved in the removal and temporary storage of the resident's personal belongings, and the College shall not be responsible for any resulting loss or damage to those belongings abandoned by the resident.

Residence Hall Waiting Lists

Students who wish to move to a different room and/or residence hall can request a room change; returning students can do so by adding their names to Waiting Lists for specific residence halls. This is accomplished online at myHousing.oswego.edu. Please note that adding oneself to a Waiting List does not guarantee that the student will have the opportunity to change rooms.

New students are to contact their Residence Hall Director to discuss the reasons they would like to move. If deemed necessary, the Residence Hall Director will add the student to the appropriate Waiting List(s).

Residential Community Security

General Information

All exterior doors to residence halls are locked 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Please see *Residential Communities, Fitness Centers and Dining Centers Entrance Protocols* later in this Handbook.

United States Postal Service (USPS), UPS, Fed Ex ground/air, and Campus Mail will be given access to the residence halls. Other deliveries such as food, flowers, etc., will require the person placing the order to be available to meet them at the entrance of the building by giving the delivery person a phone number at which you can be reached. If the previous method will not work, alternate arrangements must be made by the orderer.

Policies and Procedures

In order to assure reasonable security, the following policies and procedures are in place:

1. Guests in the section *Rules Governing Residential Facilities* of the Handbook, and *Guest Registration Procedure* in the section *General Residential Information* of this Handbook.
2. Lost keys are to be reported to the hall director by the residents of the room as soon as possible after the loss is detected. Lost keys are replaced by re-keying the lock and making new keys for all residents affected. A charge for the costs involved is assessed to the individual who lost the key(s).
3. All residential community front desks are open 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
4. Non-residents of the building are considered guests and must register and be accompanied by a resident in order to be in the building.
5. A telephone is located in the foyer of each building to facilitate the implementation of these security systems.

Residential Communities, Fitness Centers and Dining Centers Entrance Protocols

Residential Communities

All residence hall exterior doors are locked 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Only students assigned to a specific residence hall and their registered guests will have access to the residence hall community.

Due to its multi-use, the Mackin Hall main entrance will be unlocked 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mackin's weekend hours will be consistent with all other residential communities. Mackin Hall is closed for the 2021-2022 academic year)

- Each building's residents will be able to enter their residence hall at designated entrances by use of their I.D. card 24 hours per day when college is in session.
- Each residence hall exterior door is labeled on the exterior side to indicate the type of authorization required to open the door.
- Selected residence hall doors are available to residents of the building for entrance during specific times. Please consult with your hall staff for details or consult the poster on the exterior of the door.
- Registered guests must enter via the main entrance to the building.

Faculty assigned to Hart and Johnson Halls and staff of the Department of Residence Life and Housing are given appropriate access to designated residential communities.

- Faculty and staff may request access to residence halls on a need only basis by contacting the Residence Life and Housing Office (extension 2246).

Fitness Centers and Dining Centers

During hours of operation, Lakeside, Cooper and Mackin (closed 2021-2022) Dining Centers may be accessed without use of ID card via the following entrances:

- * Lakeside main entrance
- * Lakeside via Riggs/Lakeside tunnel
- * Cooper via Hart/Cooper tunnel
- * Mackin via Mackin main entrance (closed 2021-2022)

Also, students can access Lakeside via Lakeside main entrance and Cooper Dining Hall via Hart/Cooper tunnel.

Students residing in Seneca and Cayuga Hall can access Pathfinder Dining Hall through the connected tunnel. Onondaga and Oneida Hall residents can access Littlepage Dining Hall through the adjoining tunnel. Students not residing in Seneca and Cayuga Hall will need to access Pathfinder Dining Hall either through the side door or backside of Pathfinder. Likewise, students not residing in Onondaga or Oneida Hall can access Littlepage Dining Hall through the side door or back entrance to Littlepage. These entrances can also be used for "Late Night" service.

Respect for Residence Life Staff

Members of the Residence Life staff are to be able to perform their assigned duties free of harassment, intimidation or menacing behavior from those with whom they work. When a staff member is engaged in the performance of authorized duties, the following behavior by residents or their guests is strictly prohibited. The following violations may result in disciplinary action including arrest, removal from residence and suspension:

1. Verbal abuse (including, but not limited to ethnic, sexist or racial slurs).
2. Physical intimidations or menacing behavior directed at the staff member.
3. Display of visual materials that demean or humiliate a staff member.
4. Interference with a staff member engaged in the performance of assigned duties.
5. Failure to comply with a reasonable request from a staff member.
6. Failure to respond to the questions or instructions (including opening of a room door) of a staff member in the performance of their assigned duties.
7. Failure to acknowledge and comply with a staff member's request to enter a resident's room when that staff announces that they are acting in the performance of their assigned duties.

Room Entry

Requests for entry into resident rooms/suites/townhouses by College personnel is infrequent and would occur only under the following circumstances:

- When residents are present, staff members will knock on the door, announce themselves and request entry just to visit or perhaps to accomplish some administrative task such as a repair, survey, etc.
- Periodically to inspect rooms (not personal possessions, desk drawers, etc.) to determine their condition for health and safety purposes. In this case, written notice is given to residents at least 48 hours in advance of the inspection. Typically, in this situation rooms will be entered whether or not the occupants are present. As part of the vacation closing procedure, staff do check closets to be sure the room is empty. For further information regarding student privacy, please refer to the "Privacy" section in the Student Handbook.
- The college reserves the right to enter, repair, inventory, inspect, or search, and, students expressly consent to such entry or entries into any student space at any time, including but not limited to health and safety inspections of residence hall rooms. This includes Residence Life staff, University Police Department officers, Facilities staff, and any other College employees or contractors who have a legitimate need to enter the space.
- To halt the continuation of an activity where imminent danger to life, safety, health, or property is reasonably feared and/or appears to be in violation of federal, state or local laws or College policy. College staff members will knock, announce themselves and request entry. If there is no response or the request for entry is denied, College staff members will obtain entry to the room to resolve the situation. Frequently University Police will be asked to participate in this response.
- To affect emergency repairs or deal with an emergency situation and maintain building security during break periods, College staff may enter a room without the occupants' knowledge. In these instances, a notice will be posted on the inside of the door identifying to the residents the person who entered and the purpose for that entry. College staff may confiscate items observed in resident rooms or in residents' possession if possession of those items is a violation of College policy. Items prohibited in the appliance and fire safety policies of this Handbook will not be returned to the possessor or owner. Examples of such items would be hot plates, microwave ovens, George Foreman grills, etc.

In no instance are College personnel authorized to search a room by looking through closed drawers, etc. without a court-issued search warrant.

Room Inventory and Condition Records

Whenever a resident moves into a room, the condition of that room is determined by the resident and Resident Student Staff. The information is recorded on the Room Inventory & Condition Record (RCR). It is the responsibility of the resident to thoroughly examine and note the condition of all listed items. The resident's signature on the inventory form indicates agreement with the stated condition of each item and any deterioration in the condition of the room, beyond normal wear and tear, is the financial responsibility of the resident.

Inspection for residential community damages which will be assessed to resident students are conducted, when possible, before residents vacate the residential community. At the time of check-out, student residents are informed of the damages which have been identified as assessable to them. To the extent possible, at the time damages are identified, student residents are given a standard repair summary listing the estimated costs for damages. Resident students who vacate residential communities without formal notification to campus officials will not receive pre-departure inspection or damage identification procedures prior to the assessment of damages; they also forfeit appeal rights.

Roommates

Living with a new roommate can be an excellent experience; but, as in any relationship, conflict is a possibility. Two important things each roommate can do to establish respect and a positive relationship are:

1. get to know each other; and
2. communicate!

It is important for all residents to understand that the residence hall room is each roommate's "home." Each roommate should be comfortable living in the room. If one or both residents feel that they are communicating but still have not resolved any issues, they are to contact their Resident Student Staff (RSS). RSS members are trained in mediation and

conflict resolution. Most often, residents will find that there is a simple solution and simply a trained, neutral party can help roommates resolve issues.

A room change may seem like an easy way out, but will not solve the issues each roommate may face in sharing living space, thus resulting in recurring problems with future roommates. Through education and encouragement, solutions to these conflicts can often be found and the need for a room change eliminated. However, if a sincere effort has been made and a resolution has not been obtained, a room change could be possible upon availability and staff approval.

Room Rates, Billing, & Adjustments

Oswego Guarantee

Our Commitment to Excellence and Educational Value

*Through its Oswego Guarantee, the College shows its commitment to students' ability to complete their academic program in four years if they meet certain requirements. The Guarantee further promises that students will not experience a housing or meal rate increase for four consecutive years. Therefore, students' room rates are determined by the year that they first matriculated at the College. Students assigned to The Village will pay their Oswego Guarantee Single Room Rate.

*This is a summary of the Oswego Guarantee; for more information read the full text.

Room Rates

Based on the Oswego Guarantee, a student's room rate is based on their year of first matriculation at SUNY Oswego. Each student's Oswego Guarantee Room Rate is further broken down by Room and/or Occupancy Type; the specific residential facility assignment (specific residence hall or The Village) does not influence room rates.

Billing Procedures & Housing Payment Adjustments

New students are billed the standard double rate with an adjustment made if they are assigned to Plus Occupancy and remain there after the seventh calendar day following and including the first instructional day of the first and third academic quarters or the first day of the second and fourth academic quarters. A resident who receives notification from the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing or designee of a change in occupancy or assignment effective with the beginning of the next academic quarter will be recorded in that changed occupancy and billed accordingly.

Housing payment/room rental adjustments are based on the date personal belongings are removed from the room/suite/townhouse, any assigned keys are returned, the room/suite/townhouse is inspected by a member of the Residence Life staff, debts related to room rental incurred by the resident have been paid in full to the College and the resident officially checks out of the room/suite/townhouse. Students withdrawing from the College or released from residence after August 1, but prior to taking occupancy, who have prepaid room and meal plan are entitled to an adjustment.



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Withdrawal from College

Residents withdrawing from the College are required to submit a [Request to Terminate Residence Life and Housing License form](#) to the Residence Life and Housing office at the earliest possible date. The form must be signed by the student and must include the student's identification number and the date on which the withdrawal becomes effective.

Residents who withdraw from the College during an academic semester must vacate the residential facility and remove all personal belongings from the premises no later than 11:59 pm of the date on which termination of this license becomes effective.

In the event a resident withdraws or is academically disqualified from the College after the fall semester and before the beginning of the spring semester, the resident must officially terminate residency, remove all personal belongings from their assigned room and officially check-out of the residential community by the deadline given; such deadline will likely be before the date of re-opening of the residential facilities for the spring semester, which is published on the [College Calendar](#).

Termination of License

Permission to terminate the license is requested by submitting a [Request to Terminate the Residence Life and Housing License](#) form with required documentation at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of termination. The Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing or their designee may approve or deny a properly filed Request to Terminate. In exercising their discretion, they shall give consideration to documented individual circumstances beyond the control of the individual, which did not exist at the time this license was signed/accepted by the individual. The specific documentation required is based on the individual circumstances cited as the reason for the request. Common types of requests include, but are not limited to, those based on financial situation, medical condition and personal circumstance. Detailed information about specific documentation requirements is available on our [website](#) and in our office.

Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year, Oswego will adopt an early termination charge in the amount of \$300. This charge will be assessed of any student who submits a Request to Terminate and is approved. The termination charge would be in addition to any prorated housing fees assessed to the student's account if they appeal their housing liability and move out after the start of a term session billing period. The total charge assessed to the student would not exceed the published rate for their assigned space. The early termination charge would offset lost revenue associated with releasing a student from their housing agreement at a non-traditional time period. Students would not be charged the early termination charge in the following situations:

- Student has graduated from the College.
- Student withdraws from the College including a documented official medical withdrawal.
- Student enters into active duty in the military.
- Student leaves on an approved external study from the College (study abroad, academic internship, etc).
- The charge could also be waived at the discretion of the Assistant Vice President or designee where the charge would adversely impact students that have documented a significant financial situation.

Official Termination of Occupancy

All students requesting termination of the Residence Life and Housing License must submit to Residence Life and Housing a completed *Request to Terminate the Residence Life and Housing License*.

All students that are approved for termination from their Residence Life and Housing License must:

- Remove all personal property from the room/suite/townhouse
- Have the room/suite/townhouse inspected by a Residence Life and Housing staff member, including completion of the Room/Suite/Townhouse Inventory and Condition Record
- Turn in any assigned keys at the front desk of the community
- Complete all other official check-out procedures.

• Failure to do so by the stated deadline may result in:

- Continued room rental charges for the period of elapsed time until such action is completed by the resident, and/or
- Financial charges for the cost of the labor and materials used to pack and temporarily store abandoned personal property, and/or
- Disposal of personal property not reclaimed after temporary storage.

Room Rental Adjustments Policy

1. For the first semester of the Residence Life and Housing License
 - a. A student who has checked into the residence hall and subsequently leaves either because of withdrawal from the College or by receiving approval from Residence Life and Housing to terminate the *Residence Life and Housing License* prior to the designated date of certification of occupancy will pay the pro-rated weekly charge. (Note: The charge is based upon an occupancy week of Sunday through Saturday).
 - b. A student who has checked into the residential community, registered for classes and subsequently leaves through withdrawal or termination after the certification date shall forfeit the rent for that quarter (half-semester).
2. A fall semester resident who has registered for spring semester classes and/or paid the College bill and receives approval to terminate prior to the published date for reopening of the residential community for the spring semester will receive a full refund provided they all remove their belongings from the assigned room/suite/townhouse and properly checks out by the date designated on the approved Request to Terminate. Approval after the date for reopening of residential communities will result in forfeiture of the balance of the room rent for that quarter.
3. Refunds for disqualified students will be pro-rated based upon the date their belongings are removed from the room either by the resident or by College staff.
4. A student who has checked into the residence hall, is not registered for classes, and subsequently has the agreement terminated, will be charged a pro-rated weekly rate.
5. Withdrawal at any time due to active military service or circumstances beyond the control of the individual may result in a pro-rated refund. Sufficiency of such reasons is determined by the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing or designee and approved by the College President.
6. A resident's occupancy is officially terminated only after: the room is inspected by the building staff; all personal belongings have been removed from the room; the resident has checked out and turned in any assigned room and/or mailbox keys.

Room Selection and Assignments

First year and transfer students are assigned by the College using the preferences indicated by each student and the availability of accommodations. Returning students participate in a room selection process early in the spring semester of each year and are generally allowed to request their own roommate and building depending upon the availability of accommodations. Students wishing to live on campus for the upcoming year must complete all steps of the room selection process on time as prescribed in order to guarantee the largest number of options from which to choose. **Since the *Residence Life and Housing License* is for the entire academic year, students who have met the housing requirement and whose priority is to live off-campus SHOULD NOT participate in the room selection process.** They may still have the option of living on campus if they do not find suitable off-campus housing; however, they will not have the on-campus choices they would have had if they had participated in the spring room selection process. Students are encouraged to ask their Residence Hall Director/Village Community Director or call the Residence Life and Housing Office for more information about room selection and assignments. Detailed room selection information is available at www.oswego.edu/reslife well in advance of the room selection process.

Once a student's room assignment is determined, changes are not permitted.

Sick Tray Policy

Dining Services at SUNY Oswego cares about its customers when they are sick or injured. If a resident is unable to attend a meal in a dining center due to illness or mobility issues (i.e. required use of crutches), a sick tray is available. A *Sick Tray Request Form* may be requested from the Residence Hall Director/Village Community Director, Assistant Hall Director, or Resident Student Staff by the resident, or the resident's roommate, or friend. The completed form must be approved by an appropriate professional staff member (Residence Hall Director, Assistant Hall Director, Community Development Specialist, dining Center Manager or Mary Walker Health Professional) and submitted to the dining center manager or checker-cashier in the resident dining center along with the ill/injured student's I.D. card. For further information, please contact your Residence Hall Director, Assistant Hall Director, Resident Student Staff member or Dining Manager.

Snow Removal in Resident Student Parking Lots

Students who may be unavailable to move their car during the announced time should make arrangements for a friend to move the car. Students going away for the weekend or several days should make similar arrangements to avoid possible towing costs.

Storage/Luggage Rooms

Storage space is available in some residential communities for residents' storage of small items such as trunks and suitcases. Although all storage areas are locked, absolute security cannot be guaranteed and it is not recommended that students use these areas to store items of significant value. Residents must remove their stored items when they sign out of the residential community. Fire regulations prohibit storage of cardboard boxes, internal combustion engines, paint and other flammables. See a staff member for access to storage. No summer storage is provided.

Student Records

Residence Life and Housing maintains a variety of records pertaining to residents. Included in this category are license administration documents (such as the *Residence Life and Housing License*, *Request for Exemption from the College Housing Policy*, *Request to Terminate the Residence Life and Housing License*), , personal data cards, and occupancy records. These records are for College use and are available only to appropriate College offices, except as in compliance with a proper court order. These documents may be reviewed only by the student referenced and only after the student confirms their identity via College identification card or photo DMV license. Copies may be made and given to the student referenced upon request. The preferred request is in person; however, if an in-person request is not possible, a written request from the student can be accepted. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Telephone Service

The College no longer provides active dial tone in individual residence hall rooms. Students who wish to have dial tone in their room can request service by contacting the Campus Technology Services (CTS) Help Desk at help@oswego.edu. Students can also arrange for local and long distance service at this address.

Vending Machines

Each year, Auxiliary Services enters into a contract with a private vendor to provide vending machines for the campus, including the residential communities. Each residential community is equipped with a variety of vending machines, typically including a soda machine(s) and snack vending machine(s). These machines are usually located on the main floor or in the basement of each building. Any problems, including refund requests, should be reported to the residential community front desk.

RULES GOVERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Alcohol

The residential alcohol policy is governed by the "*Alcohol and Other Drugs*" policy as stated in the *Student Handbook*. The College permits individual consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages by individuals who have attained 21 years-of-age and prohibits consumption and possession by persons under 21; this includes, but is not limited to, possession of empty alcohol containers. If, at any time, alcohol is found in a residence hall, room, suite or apartment, all individuals in the presence of alcohol (i.e., guests, visitors, residents, etc.) may be found in violation of this policy. Drinking contests/games and all other forms of excessive drinking are prohibited in residential facilities. Consumption from or possession of open containers of alcohol is prohibited in public areas of residential facilities. Group consumption of alcohol in residential facilities may occur only at registered events as explained in campus guidelines. Refer to the "*Alcohol and Other Drugs*" policy of the Student Handbook for the complete policy description.

Appliances

The department's policy on appliances reflects an effort to find a balance between the typical resident's use of their assigned room and the need for health and safety standards. Residence hall rooms are more than bedrooms; however, they are not appropriate for meal preparation. The appliances appropriate for use in resident rooms are those such as lamps, computers, hair dryers, compact refrigerators, televisions, stereos, etc. Appliances used for meal preparation (such as microwave ovens) which operate at cooking temperatures are prohibited because they compromise the health and safety of the residents of the building. Residence hall residents may not possess any food-preparation appliances except blenders, popcorn poppers, coffee makers and hot pots and those appliances are permitted only if they do not have exposed heating elements and are UL/ETL-approved. Because all Village townhouses have full kitchens, Village residents are allowed to possess other food preparation appliances, provided they are UL/ETL-approved.

All electrical appliances must be UL/ETL-approved and must be in good working order. Air conditioners, space heaters and baseboard units of any type, except as may be provided by the College, are prohibited.

Any prohibited appliance found in resident rooms, suites or apartments will be confiscated by Residence Life and Housing staff and will not be returned to the owner.

Care of Facilities

It is the residents' responsibility to care for the condition of their assigned living units as well as other public areas including, but not limited to, bathrooms, elevators, corridors, laundry rooms, lounges, and their furnishings and equipment. Theft or littering of, or damage to, College property is prohibited. Students engaging in such behavior may be subject to College disciplinary action and/or arrest and will be held financially and legally responsible. Residents will be held financially and legally responsible for the condition of their assigned living units and assigned contents. The removal of College-owned furniture from a resident's living unit or from a public area without staff authorization may result in a replacement charge and/or other disciplinary action. Structural modifications to the residential facilities, including the installation of wires or cords outside resident living units, are prohibited without prior written authorization from the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing. As part of their responsibility, residents of a facility are responsible for the actions of their guests whether or not those guests are students of SUNY Oswego.

Disruptive Behavior

Disruptive behavior including: 1) harassment or creating a hostile environment through discrimination, intimidation, ridicule, or insult toward any person; 2) acts of bias targeted toward a person or group; 3) physical abuse, assault and/or battery; 4) threats toward or intimidation of any person, or intentionally or recklessly causing harm or reasonable apprehension of harm; 5) creation of a condition or situation that endangers mental or physical health; 6) conduct which inhibits the peace or safety of members of the College community*; 7) conduct related to the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol or other drugs are unacceptable and subject to disciplinary action. *Students are prohibited from playing sports or rough-housing in the halls as this may disrupt the living/learning environment. Hall sports include,

but are not limited to, tossing, bouncing, or kicking a ball or frisbee, roller blading, biking, using a scooter, using nerf guns, water guns or water balloons.

Drugs

The residential drug policy is governed by the "*Alcohol and Other Drugs*" policy as stated in the *Student Handbook*. The use, possession, distribution or manufacture of controlled substances is prohibited on College premises. The possession and/or use of marijuana in one's living unit is a violation of New York State Law, and any consumption of marijuana in a public area is a criminal offense. If, at any time, drugs are found in a residence hall, room, suite or apartment, all individuals in the presence of drugs (i.e., guests, visitors, residents, etc.) may be found in violation of this policy. Prohibited drugs or drug-related paraphernalia can be confiscated and may be used as evidence in campus conduct and/or criminal proceedings.

Fire Safety

Residential Fire Safety is a serious issue due to the population density and the potential for injury and loss that could occur as a result of a fire. In order to reduce fire hazards and comply with state fire codes, the College has established the following policies and procedures. Residents are expected to know and follow these procedures. Violators may face disciplinary action and/or arrest.

A. Fire Drills and Evacuation

Each residential community will conduct periodic fire drills to familiarize students and staff with the proper evacuation procedures and escape routes. Evacuation procedures and routes are posted on the inside of each door in residential rooms and throughout the buildings. All students should familiarize themselves with the evacuation procedures, know the location of all the exits in their living area and how to reach them in case they need to evacuate in total darkness. When the alarm sounds, all persons in the building are required to exit the building immediately and remain outside until informed by Residence Life staff members that it is permissible to return. There is a designated alternative shelter location for each residential community; in instances of inclement weather and/or prolonged evacuation, residents will be directed to the appropriate shelter facility. Failure to evacuate a building during a fire alarm is a violation of residential community rules and can result in disciplinary action.

B. Fire Detection/Fighting Equipment

Each residential facility is equipped with heat and smoke sensors, fire extinguishers and fire alarm pull boxes. Residents should familiarize themselves with the location of this equipment upon moving into a residential community. Tampering with any fire protection equipment is prohibited. Intentional activation of alarm systems for any reason other than reporting a fire is strictly prohibited.

C. Fire Evacuation Procedures

In order to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors of the residential community, the following guidelines must be followed. When an alarm is sounded, all residents and visitors should:

1. Immediately put on hard-soled shoes and clothing appropriate to weather conditions, as evacuation may be for an extended period of time. Take a towel to cover the face. This will aid breathing if there is smoke.
2. Close all windows.
3. Check room door before opening to see if it is hot. Smell for smoke. If the door is hot or you smell smoke, it should not be opened. Seal the cracks at the bottom and sides of the door with a towel or clothing. If trapped, call University Police (x5555), give the hall and room number and then go to the window to attract the attention of the fire department.
4. If there is no sign of prohibitive heat or smoke, leave the hall by the nearest exit, using the stairwells. Do not use elevators.

5. Vacate the building by the shortest, safest route, and gather at the designated area (at least 100 feet from the building). Follow instructions given by Residence Life staff, University Police, Fire Marshal and Fire Department Personnel. Remain outside until directed to reenter or proceed to designated alternative shelter.

D. Furnishings, Decorations, and Other Prohibited Items

Furniture, decorations and other items which increase the flammability of residents' rooms or public areas may be prohibited at the discretion of Residence Life staff. Excessive amounts of combustible decorations are particularly dangerous because they can promote rapid spread of flames in the event of a fire. Suspending combustible materials, such as tapestries, curtains, flags, fishnets, etc., is strictly prohibited. It is the resident's responsibility to ensure all window curtains and personal furniture meet NFPA 701 standard. In common areas (i.e. bathrooms, hallways, and lounges) similar fire code regulations exist.

Possession and/or ignition of combustible materials is prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to, candles, wax burners, incense, sterno, microwave ovens, rice cookers, air fryers, mattress toppers, hoverboards and certain types of lamps (including oil-burning, halogen, torchiere- and tree-style, as well as multi-head or "octopus-style"; lava lamps, and lamps with outlets). PROHIBITED ITEMS that are found WILL BE CONFISCATED by Residence Life and will NOT BE RETURNED to the owner.

The illustrations below show examples of some prohibited lamps. The list of prohibited lamps (above) and examples below are for reference only and are not intended to show every possible lamp that is prohibited in the residence halls.



E. Electrical Load

The following guidelines have been developed to prevent the overloading of electrical circuits which can create a life-threatening hazard.

1. The use of electrical extension cords is strictly PROHIBITED. However, circuit-breaker-protected multi-outlet power strips that are UL/ETL-approved can be used. "Daisy chaining" (connecting one or more of these power strips to each other) is not permitted. All cords must be UL/ETL-approved and recommended for intended use, in perfect condition, and either 12 or 14 gauge.
2. Circuit-breaker-protected multi-outlet power strips that are Underwriter's Laboratory (UL/ETL-approved) can be used. These must be plugged directly into a wall receptacle and may not be joined together to extend their reach. They must be in perfect condition, recommended for the intended use and either 12 or 14 gauge.
 - a. If the appliance using the power strip requires grounding (three-pronged plug), only grounded power strips shall be used.

- b. Cords may not pass through wall openings, doorways, partitions, or under rugs.
- c. Cords may not be spliced, tied in knots, wrapped around metal fixtures, or draped over pipes.
- 3. Heavy load appliances, such as refrigerators and blow dryers, must be plugged directly into permanent outlets by the cord attached to the appliance.
- 4. Multiple outlet adapters (exclusive of power strips permitted in 2. above) are not permitted.

F. Fire Safety Inspections

Residence Life staff inspect all residential living units (including bedrooms) with advance notice at least once each semester. Residents are advised of any fire safety and health problems and the required remedy.

G. Fire Safety Information and Education

The College offers a variety of opportunities and resources for students to learn about the various aspects of fire prevention. Students are encouraged to educate themselves about their personal fire safety needs. In addition to the information contained in this *Handbook*, additional information can be found at www.oswego.edu/reslife/fire-safety. Fire safety discussions will be a part of meetings conducted by Residence Life staff. Residence Life staff can also be considered as resources for such information. Any fire concerns should immediately be brought to their attention so proper preventative action can be taken.

H. In Case of Fire

Should a fire occur, the standard procedure for fires should be followed:

1. Notify the Fire Department by using the pull boxes. This notifies all residents of the need to evacuate the building.
2. If the fire is **very** small (wastebasket, smoldering matter) and you have been trained, you may try to fight it. **Keep near the doors so you can escape. Stay low, away from heat and smoke.** Aim extinguisher stream at base of fire. For floor level fires, sweep from edge of the room inward. If it is a wall fire, sweep from the bottom of the wall upward. Stay outside closets, etc. and shoot inward. **Ventilate only after fire is completely out.**
3. **Use good judgment.** The above responsibilities should be undertaken with due attention to your own personal safety.
4. **Fire Extinguisher Use.** The following information clarifies extinguisher type and use should it be necessary to put out a fire:
 - a. Pressurized water extinguisher: Wood, paper, textiles, and other ordinary combustible materials.
 - b. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) extinguisher: Flammable liquids such as oils, solvents, grease, paint, etc. Live or energized electrical or electronic equipment.
 - c. ABC (All-Purpose) Dry Chemical extinguishers: Wood, paper, plastic, combustible and flammable liquids, grease, paint and energized electrical.

I. Setting fires is prohibited.

Guests

Resident Students may host guests in their residential community according to the policy outlined below. The policy is in place to aid in protecting personal safety, personal property and the right to privacy.

Definitions

- Resident Student – A currently enrolled SUNY Oswego student who is officially assigned to a specific residential community.

- Host – Resident Student receiving a guest in their residential community.
- Guest – Any person entering the premises of a residential community to which they are not assigned.
- SUNY Oswego Student Guest – a currently enrolled SUNY Oswego student visiting a Resident Student in the Resident Student's assigned residential community.
- Non-SUNY Oswego Guest – a person who is not affiliated with SUNY Oswego in any way who is visiting a Resident Student in their assigned residential community.
- Overnight Guest – Any guest who is hosted by a Resident Student after 12 midnight.

Guest Access

Resident Students may host Guests from 7 am to 12 am, Monday through Sunday. Guests hosted by Resident Students between the hours of 12 am and 7 am are considered Overnight Guests.

Overnight Guests are:

- permitted for up to 72 consecutive hours and a maximum of two such visits per month.
- required to sleep in the Host's assigned bedroom, suite or townhouse; sleeping in common areas of residential communities, such as lounges, is prohibited.

The maximum number of Overnight Guests allowed at one time is:

- 2 Overnight Guests in a double room.
- 4 Overnight Guests in a suite.
- 6 Overnight Guests in a townhouse.

Hours/Times of Visitation

Guests are not permitted during reading days, early arrival, final exam periods, or break periods.

Approval and Registration

- All Guests must be registered according to the established Guest registration process.
- Resident Student Hosts must obtain the written permission of all room/suite/housemates prior to the arrival of any Guest.
- Overnight Guests will receive a Guest Pass that must be carried at all times.
- All Guests must observe the registration procedure as outlined in the *General Residential Information* section of this *Handbook*.

Host Responsibilities

- The Host is responsible for assuring that all Guests know and adhere to College and residential community rules and regulations.
- Hosts and Guests are subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply with College policies.
- The Host may be held responsible for the actions of his/her Guest which may include receiving disciplinary charges when their Guest violates College policy and/or residential community rules and regulations. Further, the Residence Life staff may ask the Guest to leave the building whenever that Guest's presence is determined by the staff member to be disruptive to the residential community.
- It is the College's position that Resident Students have the right to use their assigned room for the purposes of studying and sleeping. If a conflict arises between room/suite/housemates regarding the use of the residence hall room, this established priority should be recognized by all mates. Resident Students should attempt to resolve room/suite/housemate conflicts stemming from Guests on a personal basis; however, mediation support will be provided by the Residence Life staff as needed.

Guest Responsibilities

Guests are to use residential community restroom facilities as designated for the gender with which they identify.

Enforcement

- Guests will not be permitted if staff determine that their presence prohibits reasonable access to and use of the room/suite/townhouse by roommates/suitemates/townhousemates, or the guest's presence is determined to be disruptive to other members of the community.
- Each residential community government has the option to further restrict guests.

Guns, Explosives, Flammables

Firearms, illegal weapons, firecrackers, explosives, harmful chemicals, and flammable liquids (i.e., oil-based paints, turpentine, lighter fluid and gasoline) are not to be stored or used in or around residential facilities. Internal combustion engines are prohibited within the buildings. Refer to the "*Weapons and Dangerous Materials*" section of the *Student Handbook* for the complete policy description.

Housekeeping

Residents are expected to maintain a level of cleanliness in their living unit compatible with reasonable health and safety and College standards. The College reserves the right to establish and enforce those expectations for individuals in order to insure reasonable compatibility with roommate(s) as well as health and safety. All residents are required to participate in the residential community recycling program.

Keys

Each resident is assigned keys, lock combinations and/or access codes when checking into residential facilities and is responsible for the return of assigned keys upon termination of residence. Loss of keys will result in charges for replacement. Unauthorized duplication of keys is prohibited. Residents are prohibited from using, or having unauthorized possession of keys or identification/access codes which have not been assigned to them by the College.

Lock Change Requests

Room Key.....	\$15	Code Change.....	\$15
Mailbox Key	\$10	Room & Suite Key (Onondaga)	\$25
PIN Change (Village).....	\$15		

Noise

Sunday through Thursday nights, quiet hours begin at 10:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Friday and Saturday nights, quiet hours begin at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and continue until 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Courtesy hours are observed 24 hours per day. Individual halls and living units may extend quiet hours or establish specific additional quiet hours at their discretion and/or through the *Community Living Agreement*. Quiet hours are observed 24 hours per day during the week before and the week of final examinations. Residents are expected to defer to approved activity at all times.

Pets

Residence Life and Housing prohibits residents and their guests from bringing pets into residential communities. Fish in aquariums up to 20 gallons are permitted.

Security

Security is a community issue which depends upon the complete cooperation of all residents and their guest(s). Residents are responsible for the general security of their residential community. Acts which compromise building security are prohibited (i.e., propping open exterior doors normally locked for security purposes or opening the entrance door for others to enter the building). Entering rooms assigned to other students or non-public areas such as mechanical rooms or desk areas without appropriate authorization is prohibited.

Access to residential facilities is limited to residents, residents' registered guests and authorized College staff. When students become residents of a community, they are issued an I.D. sticker for placement on the front of their student I.D. This sticker provides for easy verification as a resident of that community, thus facilitating easy entry into their assigned community. When moving from a residential community, students must present their student I.D. card so the residential community sticker can be replaced (keys to that community must also be surrendered at sign-out).

All exterior doors are locked 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Persons who leave a locked exterior door open are endangering the security of residents and their property. Anyone observed or proven to have done so is subject to disciplinary action.

It is the obligation of every resident to immediately report to the Residence Life staff or University Police the presence of any nonresident not hosted by a resident and not complying with these regulations.

Smoking

SUNY Oswego is a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus. Smoking of any kind and other uses of tobacco products on campus, at extensions campuses, at all indoor and outdoor events, College-sponsored programs and activities off campus, in personally-owned vehicles parked on campus, and all vehicles and equipment owned, leased or operated by the College and its affiliate organizations is strictly prohibited. Use of tobacco products other than smoking products and other smoking apparatus such as pipes, hookahs, and e-cigarettes, etc. is also prohibited.



Solicitation and Sales in Residential Facilities

All kinds of sales and solicitation by students or private commercial enterprise in residential facilities are prohibited without the prior approval of the Residence Life and Housing Office and the appropriate residential community student government. Included in this ban is the use of a residential community telephone number as the contact for responding to an advertisement. Exceptions to this ban are limited to activities conducted by the residential community governments and charitable sales or collections approved by the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing.

Neither residents nor non-residents are allowed to advertise, solicit, or sell in campus residential facilities except by direct mail to residents and posting on designated bulletin boards. Unauthorized solicitors will be confronted by the Residence Life staff and asked to leave the premises immediately.

Windows

The removal, loss of, or damage to a window, screen or window stop from student rooms or public areas in a residential facility is prohibited and may result in an installation and/or replacement charge and disciplinary action. The placing of any objects outside the window, including arials and similar equipment, is prohibited. Residents are prohibited from being on building ledges or roofs. Throwing objects from windows is prohibited. Opening of security screens except in emergency situations is prohibited.



Minimum Living Condition Standards for University Residence Halls

In accordance with Chapter 416 of the Laws of 1988 and the State University Board of Trustees' resolution 89-130 adopted June 21, 1989, Oswego State has developed procedures to assure compliance with the standards and guidelines prescribed by the trustees. Listed in order below are the five standards, followed by the implementation guidelines developed by the SUNY Committee on Minimum Living Condition Standards. The Oswego procedures established to meet those standards and guidelines are in bold print.

Standard I

The residential communities shall be constructed and maintained to conform to all applicable safety codes and health standards.

1. All furnishings and equipment supplied by the University meet applicable fire and safety code standards promulgated by the State of New York.

SUNY Oswego follows the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Questions and concerns are forwarded to the campus Fire Marshal. All buildings are inspected at least once each year by local maintenance personnel and New York State fire inspectors. Minor deficiencies are repaired by maintenance personnel; major problems are prioritized on the capital budget request for life safety. All College-supplied furnishings meet the applicable fire and safety standard extant at time of purchase

2. Each resident's sleeping room will have an operational smoke detector.

Each student bedroom is equipped with a smoke detector that is tested annually.

3. Student residents are required to adhere to all applicable safety codes and health standards in the use of private equipment and appliances (where permitted)..

To live in campus housing, SUNY Oswego students are required to sign a Residence Life and Housing License, which includes information about College safety regulations regarding the use of individual appliances and equipment. Residence Life staff members are instructed to enforce those conditions. (See SUNY Oswego *Residence Life and Housing License*.)

4. Access to residence hall living on each campus that operates residence halls will be provided for the differently abled in accordance with applicable codes and standards (e.g., section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

Many campus residential communities are accessible to differently-abled individuals. Most residential communities have grade-level entrances, are equipped with elevator service and feature modified toilet stalls with grab bars.

5. Inspection and assessment of the physical facility and its components (e.g., water, electricity, and heating systems), will be conducted annually by appropriate campus personnel. The report of this inspection should be distributed to appropriate campus personnel. A priority list (as viewed by appropriate campus personnel) of repairs/refurbishment should be part of this report, with recommended timetables for completion. Backlogs from earlier reports should be noted.

SUNY Oswego completes a thorough inspection of each residential community at least once each year. The inspection team consists of the director and assistant director of the community, hall government representative, supervising janitor, facilities staff and Community Development Specialist. Facilities

needs are prioritized for repair, rehabilitation and/or refurbishing, as appropriate. Rehabilitation and/or refurbishment lists are reviewed by Residence Life and Housing and prioritized project lists become part of the budget request. Project Lists are available for review by students upon request to their RHD/AHD/VCD and/or the Residence Life and Housing Office. Other inspections are currently performed annually by the Dormitory Authority and SUNY Systems Administration.

Standard II

The campus maintenance plan shall provide for a regular schedule of cleaning and repair for all common areas in residence halls.

1. A regular schedule for cleaning of common areas including lounges, hallways, bathrooms and areas used by all residents should be established. Copies of the schedule should be posted.

Under normal circumstances, common area bathrooms, lounges, hallways, stairwells, laundry rooms and other public areas are cleaned on a daily basis between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. A daily custodial cleaning documentation sheet is posted in each residential and public bathroom. Employees performing this bathroom cleaning are required to sign, date and initial this sheet upon completion of the cleaning. Cleaning routines for all other areas of the residential community are available at each front desk upon request.

2. Every reasonable effort by the campus administration and student residents should be made to keep residential communities sanitary and vermin free, and all appliances provided by the University in working order or removed from service.

SUNY Oswego maintains a relationship with a licensed pest control company to provide treatment when necessary.

College-supplied appliances such as microwaves, stoves, tvs, and DVD players are serviced as soon as possible and labeled "out-of-order" or "removed until repairs are accomplished" as appropriate.

3. Campuses should have an established procedure, developed in conjunction with the Central Administration Offices of Finance and Business, Capital Facilities, and Student Affairs for declaring student rooms unlivable and for removing them from service until conditions are corrected.

The Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing or designee, in consultation with the maintenance supervisor, custodial supervisor, Residence Hall Director/Village Community Director and residents of the room determine whether or not a student room is unlivable due to substandard conditions including health and safety concerns that cannot be corrected in a reasonable period of time. If the room is determined to be unlivable, students are reassigned until the conditions are corrected.

Standard III

The campus shall provide each student resident with adequate living space, furniture, and appropriate and sufficient heat, light, and hot water.

1. The campus will provide each student resident with adequate living and lounge furniture. As a minimum, except in the case of tripling, each student resident will be provided with: a bed, adequate area illumination, chair, dresser/chest, desk/carrel unit, closet or wardrobe. All such equipment should be clean, sturdy, free from major scarring and of acceptable appearance.

Resident bedrooms are furnished with closets/armoires, beds, mattresses, desks, desk chairs, dressers, floor lamps, mirrors, and wastebaskets. Each item is inventoried and assigned to the room. On an annual basis all rooms are inspected to determine the condition of each piece of furniture/equipment. Pieces identified as unacceptable are removed from service.

2. Campuses should provide for a planned replacement or rehabilitation of residence hall furnishings.

An equipment replacement list is updated yearly, reviewed by Residence Life and Housing and becomes part of the budget request.

Standard IV

The campus shall establish procedures for routine and emergency repairs to residence hall facilities.

1. Protocols will be established to address promptly inquiries, requests and complaints regarding routine repairs and maintenance for the provision of heat, lights and hot water. The student resident should also be apprised periodically of the status of their request. These protocols, along with appropriate telephone numbers should be provided in writing to each student resident. All repairs, especially those involving heat, light and hot water, should be accomplished within a reasonable amount of time.

Routine maintenance and custodial concerns should be reported through the Facilities Maintenance and Operations electronic work order link www.oswego.edu/facilities-services/service-requests.

iServiceDesk will provide:

- Immediate e-mail confirmation of your request.
- E-mail confirmation once the request is reviewed and converted to a work order.
- An automatic e-mail notification when your work order status changes.

Residents may need to make an appointment, as Maintenance staff will be unable to enter the room without the resident present or without prior consent from the resident and any roommate(s). Although we strive to deal with each report effectively, errors do occur. Residents should persist in reporting problems until they are resolved and maintenance emergencies should be reported to the front desk. If the desk is closed, contact the RSS on duty or University Police (5555).

Routine work orders generated for student rooms generally will be completed within 72 hours of the request. Loss of heat or electric service is considered an urgent situation and is addressed as soon as staff and materials are available, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If a repair of this type cannot be completed in a reasonable and safe period of time, the resident(s) are temporarily reassigned until the problem is corrected.

In order to determine the sufficiency of repairs, a Facilities, Maintenance and Operations representative follows up on all resident-initiated repairs, including timeliness and quality by contacting the resident(s). Complaints may be addressed to the Residence Life and Housing Office.

Note: Residential community temperatures should not drop below 68 degrees. If the room seems cold, residents are to check to be certain that windows are tightly closed and that there is one to two feet clearance between the baseboard heating unit and furniture and bedding. If neither of these two items seem to be causing the problem, the RHD/VCD is contacted so that he/she can take a temperature reading. If the temperature is below 68 degrees, maintenance personnel are contacted. If the problem cannot be quickly resolved, Residence Life and Housing provides a special heater for the room until 68 degrees can be maintained.

2. To the extent possible, major rehabilitation or other capital projects should take place at times when students are not in occupancy of the residence halls. Major construction projects which are disruptive to ongoing programming should not continue during scheduled examination periods. If this is impossible, arrangements should be made to house residents elsewhere.

All major rehabilitation projects, whenever possible, are scheduled and completed during times of recess or in a manner that results in the least disruption to the residents of the building.

Standard V

The campus shall establish procedures for redress for student residents in the event of the loss of services such as heat, light, and hot water in residence halls for extended periods that are within the control of the campus.

1. These procedures will include a plan for reassignment on campus if conditions continue for an unreasonable time, which involve the loss of heat, light, or hot water or the creation of any other condition which is detrimental to the life, health or safety of the student residents.

In the event of the complete loss of heat, light, or electricity, the situation is considered urgent. Maintenance personnel are dispatched as soon as possible. If the problem cannot be resolved within a reasonable amount of time, the student(s) are temporarily reassigned until the problem is corrected. Such reassignments may be to another resident bedroom, a lounge, or other space not designated as a resident bedroom depending upon levels of occupancy at the time of the incident.

In the event of a minor loss of heat, light or electricity or other deteriorated physical condition (i.e. leaks), maintenance personnel are dispatched to repair the problem in a reasonable amount of time. If the College cannot complete the repair in a reasonable amount of time, the resident(s) is/are offered reassignment. If the resident(s) choose(s) to remain in the room, they must sign a waiver absolving the College from any liability.

2. If reassignment on campus is not possible, the procedures should also include a plan for the provision of alternate housing at no additional charge to student residents and/or refund of a portion of room rental charges where applicable.

Every effort is made to reassign students to rooms or other temporary housing accommodations in the event of loss of utilities. If it is impossible to reassign the resident(s) due to loss of heat, light, or electricity, the resident(s) may request a refund of room rent in writing to the Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing. Refunds are based on the College's per diem rate for on-campus facilities for each day that the College was unable to reassign the resident(s). The Assistant Vice President for Residence Life and Housing in consultation with the maintenance supervisor, custodial supervisor and the Associate Director of Residence Life and Housing for the area will determine a refund (if any).



Prohibited Items in the Residence Halls

Any prohibited item found in the residence halls will be confiscated by Residence Life and Housing staff and will not be returned to the owner. Furniture, decorations, appliances, and other items which increase the flammability of residents' rooms or public areas may be prohibited at the discretion of Residence Life staff.

All electrical appliances **MUST** be UL/ETL approved.
The list of prohibited items includes, but is not limited to:

Air Conditioners	Illegal Weapons
Air Fryers	Incense
Bed Risers/Cinder Blocks	Internal Combustion Engines
Candles	Lava Lamps
Crockpots	Mattress Pads
Curtains	Microwaves
Electrical Extension Cords	Multi-head/"octopus-style" lamps
Explosives	Multiple Outlet Adapters
Flags/Tapestries	Oil-Burning Lamps
Flammable Liquids	Rice Cookers
Firearms	Sandwich Makers
Firecrackers	Slow Cookers
Fishnets	Space Heaters
Grilling Machines	Sterno
Halogen Lamps	Toaster Ovens
Harmful Chemicals	Torchiere/"tree-style" lamps
Hot Plates	Wax Burners
Hoverboards	All electrical appliances that are <u>not</u> UL/ETL approved

The list of prohibited items (above) is for reference only and is not intended to list every possible item that is prohibited in the residence halls. Refer to the Student Conduct Policies and Procedures section of the Student Handbook for the complete policy description.



Prohibited Items in the Villate Townhouses

Any prohibited item found in apartments will be confiscated by Residence Life and Housing staff and will not be returned to the owner. Furniture, decorations, appliances, and other items which increase the flammability of residents' rooms or public areas may be prohibited at the discretion of Residence Life staff.

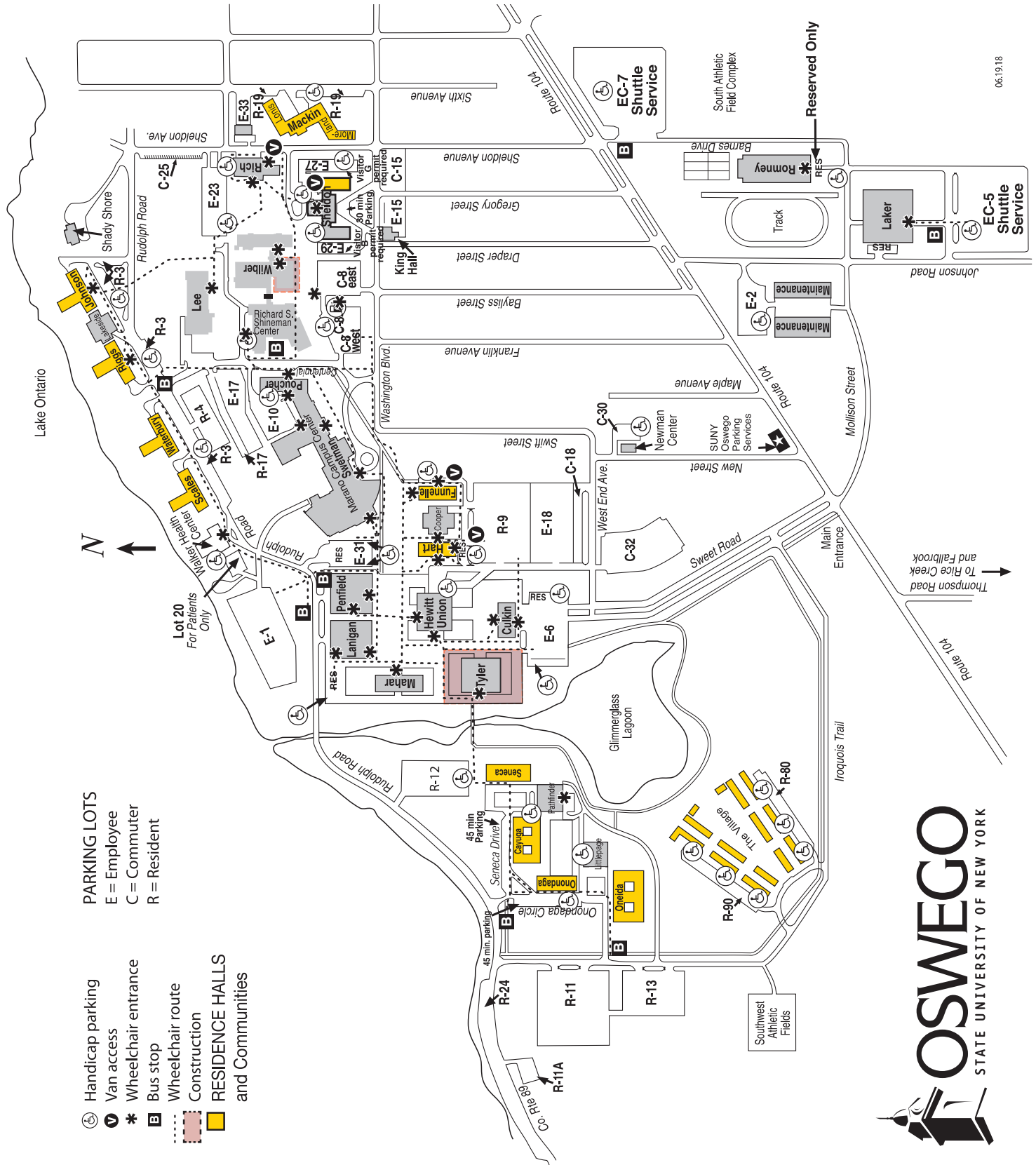
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The Village townhouses have full kitchens; therefore, Village residents are allowed to possess other food preparation appliances, provided they are UL-approved. All electrical appliances must be UL/ETL approved and must be in good working order. These items must remain in the kitchen. Any prohibited items found in resident rooms, suites, or townhouses, will be confiscated by Residence Life and Housing staff and will not be returned to the owner. The list of prohibited items (above) is for reference only and is not intended to list every possible item that is prohibited in The Village. Refer to the Student Conduct Policies and Procedures section of the Student Handbook for the complete policy description.



Residential Communities, Parking Information, and Campus Map (adapted from oswego.edu/parking/campus-parking-maps)



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