

The University of Mississippi

STUDENT HOUSING - VISITATION AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Summary/Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define the expectations for guest visitation in University owned or managed residence halls, residential colleges, and apartments. It also discusses the hours guests are permitted to visit, the process that allows for students to request overnight guests, and the circumstances in which guests are permitted to stay overnight.

Visitation Hours

Any guest to Student Housing must be registered by the student host and escorted at all times while in the building. A guest is defined as any individual who is not assigned to live in the community they are visiting or does not have university-assigned access to the community or section of the community. Guests must provide a University of Mississippi or other photo I.D. to the Community Desk Assistant (CDA) when checking in. False identification will be reported to the University Police Department for appropriate action. A student may not have more than two registered guests at any time.

All guests should follow the visitation hours set forth by Student Housing. Maximum visitation hours for any residence hall, residential college, or apartment are Sunday through Thursday 9 a.m. to midnight, and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. These hours may be adjusted by Student Housing at their sole discretion.

The sign-in procedures do not apply to students residing in apartment-style communities (Northgate, Quarters, and Campus Walk). Students in apartment-style communities are responsible for the actions of any guests they bring to their apartment and must remain with their guests at all times. Visitation hours do apply to apartment-style communities.

PROCEDURE

Sign-In/Sign-Out

- The student host must meet their guest in the lobby or at the front desk of their community. Guests cannot go to the student host's room door.
- At the front desk, the Student Housing staff member will record the guest's name, time of check-in and room number of the student host.
- The guest must provide a photo I.D. to the Community Desk Assistant before being signed-in.
- The guest will receive a visitor pass that must be in the possession of the guest for the duration of the visit.
- The guest must remain with the student host at all times; at no time is a guest permitted to remain in the room or hall/apartment without the student host; the student host is responsible for the actions and behavior of their guest and the guest is expected to abide by all policies as set forth by Student Housing.
- Guests must use the restroom facilities that are designated as public restroom. Public restrooms are available in the lobby areas of all residential communities for registered guests.
- When the guest leaves the hall/apartment, the student host must sign the guest out; at that point, the guest must return the visitor pass received at check-in.
- A student host must register their guest each time they have a visitor, even if the same guest visits more than one time each day.

Overnight Guests in University Owned and Managed Buildings

Students are permitted to have two overnight registered guests. An overnight guest is defined as an individual staying past visitation hours in the room of the student host and who is of the same gender of the assigned community or section of the community where the student host resides. Students may host overnight guests who are:

- University of Mississippi students and 16 years of age or older (7 days/week) OR
- Visiting high school students (proof required) and 16 years of age or older (Friday and Saturday only) OR
- Over the age of 18 and not enrolled at the university (Friday and Saturday only)

Guests may not stay longer than three nights in any given two-week period. A person may not be an overnight guest of more than one resident per two-week period. Students should receive their roommate's permission prior to hosting an overnight guest. The guest's use of a roommate's belongings (including but not limited to beds, towels, and food) must be approved by the roommate. Overnight guests are registered through the front desk of each residence hall, residential college, or apartment.

PROCEDURE

Students who wish to host overnight guests must follow this process:

- Student host must fill out an overnight guest request form at least 48 hours before an overnight guest's requested arrival.
- The student host must provide all the information requested of the overnight guest.
- Overnight guest request forms will go to the Graduate Community Director or Community Coordinator of each residence hall, residential college, or apartment to be approved or denied.
- The student host will then follow the proper protocol for checking in their approved guest every time they enter and leave the building.