



RESIDENT STUDENT HANDBOOK 2019-2020

Community Creed

The University of North Carolina at Asheville is a community of scholars dedicated to personal and academic excellence and growth. In joining this learning community, I commit to a code of civilized behavior.

I will practice personal ethics and academic integrity

I will honor the dignity of all persons

I will respect the rights of others

I will promote and practice inclusion and actively engage in learning about other cultures

I will actively show concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions, which support their work and development

Allegiance to these ideals requires me to demonstrate behaviors that foster and support the freedom and respect of every individual in my community

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND COUNCILS

DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Dean of Students directly supervises and provides leadership for the offices of Residential Education, Citizenship Education, Housing Operations and Parent and Transition Programs. In addition, the Dean serves as a resource responding to student's personal, social and academic concerns as members of the UNC Asheville community. The Dean is part of the leadership team for the Division of Student Affairs.

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Associate Dean of Students oversees the Residence Life component of the on campus living experience. The Director supervises the Community Directors and the Resident Assistant staff and coordinates the educational, cultural and social activities in the residence halls. The Associate Dean also provides goal setting and long range planning in addition to serving as the coordinator of the Citizenship Education process, administering the Student Code of Community Standards.

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND STUDENT LIFE OPERATIONS

The Director of Housing and Student Life Operations manages daily and long-term operational needs of the residence halls and various student life facilities including Highsmith Union and Brown Hall. The Director works closely with UNC Asheville Facilities Management and outside sources to meet the needs of resident students. The Director coordinates, implements, and maintains processes and procedures to ensure the residence hall facilities are clean, safe, and comfortable.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

The Associate Director of Residential Education oversees the programmatic functions in the residence halls and serves. The Associate Director coordinates the Citizenship Education process as well as outreach and education for transitioning students.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORS (CD)

Community Directors are live-in professionals who are responsible for the educational and operational functions of the residence halls. Community Directors help supervise the Resident Assistants, oversee the security of the residence halls, and are skilled in helping with a wide variety of situations. Each residence hall area has a CD available when the need for assistance arises.

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RA)

The Resident Assistant is one of the most helpful and resourceful people you will interact with at UNC Asheville. The overall responsibility of the RA is to provide leadership, assistance, and support to you and the other members of the floor or building. Selected for their leadership, interpersonal skills, positive attitude, maturity, scholarship, and sense of commitment, the RA is your primary resource for information and assistance with any type of concern.

Each Resident Assistant is responsible for programming in the residence halls. It is our belief that a major part of the learning experience takes place outside the classroom. We feel the residence halls provide an excellent environment for students to improve their life skills and pursue other interests.

HALL COUNCILS

Each residence hall has a hall council, which consists of students who work to organize large-scale programs and activities. In addition, Hall Councils serves as a forum for residents to give feedback on the residential experience, make suggestions for improvement, and work for program or policy change.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND STUDENT LIFE OPERATIONS

The Assistant Director of Housing handles day-to-day operations for access control, room management systems and procedures. In addition, the Assistant Director coordinates room assignments, room changes, and stay over arrangements, early arrivals, and summer conferences.

FACILITIES COORDINATOR

The Facilities Coordinator is responsible for supervision of auxiliary services within the residence halls including student mail processing and distribution. This person works closely with the Director of Housing Operations to manage maintenance and housekeeping services.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST

In addition to numerous administrative tasks, these people are responsible for all clerical and secretarial functions for the department and play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of the Office of Residential Education and Housing Operations.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The Assistant Director of Operations is responsible for all floor care/maintenance needs in residence hall areas as well as any setups, furniture moves, etc.

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Team is comprised of a maintenance supervisor and maintenance mechanics. This team has hands-on responsibility for identifying and responding to all maintenance requests as well as preventative maintenance.

HOUSEKEEPING

This team is comprised of a Housekeeping Administrator and Residence Hall Housekeepers. Although students are responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms, the housekeepers clean hallways and lounges on a daily basis. Students are responsible for emptying the trashcans in their rooms, cleaning up after themselves and keeping personal items from cluttering public areas.

ROOM DESCRIPTIONS

All residence hall rooms have air conditioning, WI-FI internet connection and cable television service. Common areas have standard features such as study rooms, lounges, laundry facilities, computer labs, wireless connections and vending machines. **ALL RESIDENCE HALLS ARE SMOKE FREE. Designated smoking areas are clearly marked and located adjacent to the Residence Halls.**

FOUNDERS HALL

A seven-story building, newly renovated Founders Hall houses 300 students in double rooms with a shared bathroom. Founders Hall is located near the Dining Hall and adjacent to Highsmith University Union.

MILLS HALL

Mills Hall houses 296 students in suites comprised of two double rooms, a bath and den and is adjacent to Highsmith University Union.

PONDER HALL

Ponder Hall was constructed in 2012 and is a 300-bed residence hall with semi suite rooms. This residence hall also offers a dining concept, a common area on every hall and a multi-purpose room.

GOVERNORS HALL

Governors Hall houses 187 students in single and double rooms arranged in suites and is located near the Health and Fitness Center.

SOUTH RIDGE AND WEST RIDGE HALLS

South Ridge is a wellness community housing 112 students in double rooms. *This means that students choose to refrain from the use of any substances such as tobacco products and alcoholic beverages anywhere in these areas, including their own rooms.* West Ridge houses 148 students in double rooms. The Ridges are situated in a wooded area near the Botanical Gardens.

GOVERNORS VILLAGE

Governors Village, an upperclassmen only residence hall, was completely renovated in 2012 and offers semi suite rooms. Student input was utilized to create the new floor plans and building arrangements

THE WOODS

The Woods, constructed in 2018, are UNC Asheville's first apartment-style housing for upperclass students. To foster community, the six buildings feature four-, five- and six-bed configurations, with laundry rooms on site and full kitchens in each apartment. The sixth building, located closest to University Heights, will have a multipurpose room/visitors center, a fitness room and an apartment for the Community Director. The names of the individual buildings are namesakes of North Carolina native trees: Aspen Hall, Beech Hall, Cedar Hall, Chestnut Hall, Magnolia Hall, and Willow Hall.

We are committed to providing a residence hall environment that responds to the varied needs and interests of the students and the university. There are several living options provided for the current school year and others planned.

QUIET FLOORS

To provide students with the environment they need for academic achievement certain floors in

Founders, Mills, South Ridge, West Ridge and Governors Hall have designated Quiet Floors. Quiet hours are to be observed on designated floors with the exception of Sunday through Thursday from 4–7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon-midnight. These quiet hours are strictly enforced.

SINGLE-SEX/COED HOUSING

Founders, Mills, Ponder, South Ridge, West Ridge, Governors Hall and The Woods offer a choice of living on a single- sex or co-ed floor. A room or suite will only be occupied by the same gender. Currently, we are unable to offer housing for married students.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

It is the policy of UNC Asheville that no qualified person may be discriminated against because of disability. Consistent with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, UNC Asheville provides accommodations, which work toward ensuring equal access for students with disabilities. Campus architectural and program barriers have been steadily removed since 1973. Governors Village, Ponder Hall, Mills, Founders, West Ridge, South Ridge Governors Hall and The Woods have been equipped to accommodate students with mobility impairments. Accessible parking spaces throughout the campus are designated “blue zones.” The following buildings have elevators: Lipinsky, Owen, Carmichael, Karpen, New Hall, Rhoades, Robinson, Zaiger, Ramsey Library, and the Dining Hall. Mills, West Ridge, South Ridge, Founders, Ponder, Governors Hall, and The Woods are also equipped with elevators.

UNC Asheville will provide reasonable housing accommodations for qualifying students registered with the [Office of Academic Accessibility](#) when requested. The deadline for requesting modified housing accommodations is the same as the deadline for the housing application. Each request will be individually evaluated, at a minimum, annually on a case-by-case basis. Documentation must be presented to the [Office of Academic Accessibility](#) and is used in the determination of reasonable accommodations. The staff of the [Office of Academic Accessibility](#) is responsible for the reviewing of documentation and all information will remain confidential. The provision of documentation of a disability does not guarantee housing accommodations.

A [housing application](#) must be completed and on file with the UNC Asheville Office of Residential Education and Housing Operations. Documentation will remain with the Office of Academic Accessibility, kept confidential and will not be part of the Housing Operations file. **NOTE: The intent to request housing accommodations that the student includes on the “Request for Accommodation” form DOES NOT take the place of the housing application required by the UNC Asheville Office of Residential Education and Housing and Student Life Operations.**

SERVICE ANIMALS

The Americans with Disability Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADA) states that businesses and organizations that serve the public must allow people with disabilities to bring their service animals into all areas of the facility where customers are normally allowed to go.

North Carolina Statute states that it is unlawful to disguise a dog as an assistance dog, or deprive a visually impaired person, a hearing impaired person, or a mobility-impaired person of any rights granted the person pursuant to G.S. 168 -4.2 through 168-4.4. North Carolina law permits Service Animals in training access to public places during the course of training. UNC Asheville, which receives federal and state funds, adheres to these policies regarding service animals.

The ADA defines a service animal as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Service animals perform some of the functions and tasks that the individual with a disability cannot perform. Examples include dogs used by some individuals who are blind, alert persons with hearing impairments to sounds, pulling wheelchairs, or carrying and picking up things for persons with mobility impairments.

A service animal or service animal in training may be excluded from campus or classrooms when the animal’s behavior poses a threat to the health or safety of others. A service animal may be excluded if it becomes disruptive and fundamentally alters the nature of the class, performance, lecture, movie or play – for example, if a dog barks repeatedly during one of the above-mentioned situations.

Companion or Therapy Animals are not considered Service Animals under the ADA and will be considered under the same process as other accommodations. Questions, requests, and/or documentation should be directed to the Office of Academic Accessibility.

Contact the [Office of Academic Accessibility](#) 828.232.5050 for information about accommodations for

students with disabilities.

FURNISHINGS

Residence hall rooms are furnished with beds, desks, chairs, chest of drawers, window blinds, MicroFridges®, and closet space. Residents furnish their own linens and other personal items. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain the living area. Students are accountable for all university property in their rooms. Room furniture should never be left in study areas or halls. Furniture from common areas should never be taken to individual rooms.

Upon assuming occupancy of a room, residents complete a [Room Condition Report](#) detailing the state of the room and furnishings. Be thorough in your inspection. Damaged or missing items **not noted** on the [Room Condition Report](#) at the beginning of the year will be billed to the student account during hall closing procedures.

We encourage you to personalize your room in a way that makes it your home. However, we cannot allow certain modifications due to fire codes and university regulations. A charge will be assessed and the room restored to the proper condition upon initial notification of a policy violation. Removal of door closures, disassembly of furniture, removal of closet doors, hanging anything from sprinkler heads, lights, or doorways or defacing furniture is prohibited.

DECORATIONS

While there is the opportunity for students to express individuality in decorating their rooms, the following guidelines must be followed in order to prevent fires, protect the facilities, and keep residents and their possessions safe.

- 1) The use and/or presence of candles, incense, hookah or any flame-associated product is strictly **prohibited**.
 - a) A primary cause of residence hall fire is burning candles or incense.
- 2) Highly flammable materials, such as hay, straw, Spanish moss, and cloth-ceiling coverings, are **prohibited**.
- 3) Items attached to, hung from, wrapped around or obstructing light fixtures, doorways or sprinkler heads are **Prohibited**.
- 4) Strings of electric lights and tube lights are **prohibited** (including battery powered and solar powered lights).
- 5) You will be billed for any decor that stains, alters or otherwise damages your room.
 - a) This includes, but is not limited to nail holes, tape marks, stickers on walls, ceilings, floors and doors.
- 6) Students should not paint rooms, hallways, bathrooms, or any part of residence hall areas.

LIABILITY AND RENTER'S INSURANCE

The University does not assume liability for the loss, damage, theft of personal property, or damages resulting from negligence of occupants of the building. Residents wishing to protect themselves from the possibility of such losses should cover their belongings with the appropriate insurance. It is to the student's advantage to contact their insurance company and obtain renter's insurance. In some cases, students may find they are covered under the terms of an existing homeowner's policy by their parents.

FACILITIES, AMENITIES & SERVICES

SECURE ACCESS CONTROL FOR RESIDENCE HALLS

1. Misplaced, Lost or Stolen OneCard
 - a. If an OneCard is lost it should be deactivated immediately in the OneCard office at 120 Highsmith University Union (828) 251-6767 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8 to 4:30)
 - b. If an OneCard is misplaced, lost, or stolen outside of normal business hours an OneCard temporary pass and access card can be obtained from your Resident Assistant or Community Director.
 - c. The temporary access card will provide access to the residence hall where student lives until a replacement card is issued.
 - d. It will be valid **ONLY** from the date issued after 5:00 p.m. until noon on the next working day when OneCard Office is open.
 - e. Temporary passes and temporary access cards do not cancel or deactivate the original OneCard and the student is responsible for any financial activity until the OneCard Office is properly notified.
2. **Replacement cards** are available only through OneCard Office at 120 Highsmith University Union between 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday.
3. For the protection of the individual and the University community, it is important that the OneCard Office be contacted on the next business day after a card has been misplaced, lost, or stolen to deactivate the old card and print a new card.
4. There is a **\$25 fee for replacement cards, including lost, stolen, or damaged cards**.

- a. The replacement fee must be paid to the OneCard Office by cash or check before a new card will be issued.
5. **Individuals are responsible for all financial activity generated by the use of the lost or stolen OneCard until it is deactivated at the OneCard Office.**
6. To keep personal information (and access to rooms, residence halls, or apartments) secure, the OneCard should not be attached to key rings using ID card holders or other means.

LAUNDRY/VENDING

Washers, dryers and vending machines are available only for resident students in all residence hall areas.

1. Refunds for vending machines are available at the Student Mail Center located in Highsmith University Union.
2. The costs for use of washers/dryers are included in student housing costs.

ELEVATORS

Elevators are available in most buildings. Damage to elevators may be billed to all residents as common-area damage if responsible parties are not identified. Misuse of elevator emergency equipment is prohibited. Residential Education and Housing Operations reserve the right to disable elevators in the residence halls for any period of time with the exception of check-in and checkout.

COMPUTER LABS

Computer labs are located in Founders, West Ridge and South Ridge, Mills Hall, Ponder Hall, and Governors Halls. Computer labs are available 24 hours a day for use by resident students only. Students must supply their own paper for lab printers. Food and drink are not allowed in the labs. Violation of this policy may force the closure of labs.

The University of North Carolina at Asheville provides residents with free wireless and wired Internet connections. All students are expected to adhere to the acceptable-use policies set by ITS <http://www.unca.edu/compcenter/policies>

TERMS OF ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE

1. All activities must be legal
 - a. No hacking
 - i. If you are not authorized to access a computer, do not attempt to use it
 - ii. In some cases, hacking is a federal offense and will not be tolerated at UNC Asheville
 - iii. Hacking is not limited to computers to which you gain full access; it also includes unsuccessful attempts to gain control
2. All copyright laws must be obeyed
 - a. No uploading or downloading of copyright-protected files that you do not own or have permission to use
 - b. File formats that sometimes contain questionable material include mov., .MP3 and .avi
3. UNC Asheville ResNet computer network cannot be used for commercial or business activities
 - a. Servers providing external services or bandwidth-intensive services are prohibited
4. Domain names are not permitted to be run from computers residing on or connected through the campus
5. No virus, trojans or remotely controlled programs are permitted unless you have received authorization by the administrator, owner or designated representative of every computer you wish to access
6. Adhere to all federal, state and local laws
 - a. <http://www.unca.edu/resnet/netlaw.html>
7. You must not cause the network to be congested or become unavailable to other students
8. The only authorized wireless access points are those provided and managed by UNC Asheville ITS
 - a. There are no ITS wireless access points supporting the ResNet environment
 - b. Unauthorized wireless access points and routers are subject to disconnection by ITS staff
9. Use caution when running Napster, Imesh or IRC-related programs
 - a. These programs can consume an enormous amount of bandwidth due to the large file sizes associated with audio and video files

FREE PERSONAL COMPUTER SUPPORT

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides complimentary support services for resident students. The staff helps students keep their computers virus and spyware/adware free. Students may drop off their machines for service at the Student Technical Services Center, 118 Ramsey Library. If your computer is running slow or you suspect a virus, or you have any computer or network issue please contact the IT Help Desk at 828 -251-6445 or helpdesk@unca.edu. You may also contact resmaint@unca.edu and your issue will be forwarded to the Help

Desk.

CABLE TELEVISION

Digital cable television is included in housing costs. Students can access cable via Philo on computers and mobile devices, or on a TV with a Roku, Apple TV, or with a computer connected via HDMI. They can also access cable by simply plugging their TV into the wall.

MAIL

The Student Mail Center, located in Highsmith University Union between the bookstore and the food court. All student mail and packages will be received and picked up at this location. Resident students are given a UNC Asheville box # when they first move onto campus and that address remains the same until they move off campus.

Individual mailing addresses will follow example below:

Student Name
UNCA Box # xxxx
2500 University Heights
Asheville, NC 28804

If you have questions or comments regarding mail service in our residence halls, contact the Student Mail Services office at **(828) 232-5034**.

KITCHENS

There are full-service kitchens in South Ridge, West Ridge, Mills Hall, Ponder Hall, Governors Village and Governors Hall available for resident student use. Students provide their own dishes, supplies, and utensils. Kitchens can have limitations applied to them due to misuse or sanitation issues.

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

RESMAINT@UNCA.EDU is an e-mail system that allows residents to leave any maintenance or operational requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Work orders are issued and completed when a repair is needed or request for service is made. Routine maintenance requests are usually completed within 24 hours. Students will be informed if repairs will take longer than normal. For emergencies or serious problems, contact Campus Police or the staff member on duty at **(828) 989-8752**.

DINING ON CAMPUS

Brown Dining Hall

Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Argo Tea

Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Friday 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Highsmith Food Court

Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Wellness Cafe

Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Ponder Hall - Down Under

Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 2:00 AM

Friday 7:30 AM to 12:00 AM
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 AM to 2AM

For more information, call (828) 251-6183 or visit www.dineoncampus.com/unca for menus.

OCCUPANCY

For the purposes of this policy, occupancy begins when the student accepts their room key and Terminates, when they turn in the key according to proper check-out or room change procedures. During occupancy, the student accepts responsibility for the assigned room. For this reason, it is important that the necessary procedures be adhered to in effecting any changes. It is understood by the resident and the University that they use the assigned room or apartment for no other purpose than as living quarters.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Residents must check-in prior to moving into their rooms. At this time, they receive their room keys and Room Condition Reports. A Room Condition Report will be filled out by the Resident Assistant and then reviewed by each resident during check-in. Residents will be held responsible at checkout for all damages not listed on the Room Condition Report.

Note: *If a resident has not checked in by 8:00 am on the first day of any semester's classes and has not notified the office, the room assignment may be cancelled.*

Students will be required to checkout of their rooms at the end of the year and/or any time they vacate the room (i.e., room change or withdrawal). Failure to checkout will result in an improper checkout fee in addition to any charges for damage or failure to return keys.

STORAGE

The University does not have facilities to store student property. Please make necessary arrangements to remove all your belongings when you move out of campus housing. Personal property must not be left in rooms over the summer. A listing of local storage facilities is available on-line.

ROOM CHANGES

Freeze Period: Room changes will not be permitted for approximately two weeks after the check-in period. The purpose of this freeze period is (1) to allow time to locate unexpected vacancies so that any students on the waiting list may be notified that housing is available, and (2) to provide a period in which the residence hall population may stabilize.

Change Period: Students will be notified when the freeze period is over and when room changes can be requested. At this time, two days will be set aside for students to move if they have obtained approval. Unauthorized room changes will result in a fee to each resident involved, and those residents may be required to return to their original room assignments.

CONSOLIDATION

After the beginning of each semester, the staff can contact those students who are in double occupancy rooms without roommates (due to cancellation or withdrawals), or students who are sole occupants in a suite. Students may choose one of the following options:

- If space allows, keep the room as a single by paying an additional fee.
- Stay in the current room and expect a roommate to be assigned at any point during the semester. Residential Education and Housing Operations staff reserves the right to charge an additional room fee if the resident(s) of a room refuse to accommodate a student who is approved to move in, or has not maintained the room for double occupancy. This charge will be assessed to the remaining resident(s).

Students who are occupying a suite as a lone occupant can be required to relocate for safety and security reasons.

VACATING RESIDENCE HALLS

All students are required to leave the residence halls during each break period (except fall break) and at the end of each semester within 24 hours after their last examination, or no later than 9:00 AM the day after all University exams are completed, whichever comes first. For specific times and dates, please see the closing schedule publicized each semester on the UNC Asheville Housing website. Exceptions to this policy will be made only under extreme circumstances and must be approved by the Assistant Director of Housing Operations or the Dean of Students. Requests for such stay overs are normally required at least two weeks in advance.

ENROLLMENT STATUS

In order to live in University housing, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit hours or more) during each semester. Exceptions to this policy are for extenuating circumstances and must be approved by

the Dean of Students. Any student intending to drop below 12 credit hours must meet with the Dean of Students, who will review the circumstances and outline the risks and consequences of taking this action. The Dean of Students reserves the right to deny the request for a student taking less than 12 hours to remain in the residence halls. Students who are required to vacate their residence hall space may be subject to the full cost of the room rate for the remainder of the semester and the \$750 cancellation fee.

RESIDENTIAL SENIORS CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS

A student in their senior year will be permitted to be enrolled in 9 to 11 credit hours and remain in the residence halls by completing a special request form through the Office of Residential Education and Housing Operations. Seniors in their graduating semester who may have special circumstances placing those students under 9 credit hours may meet with the Dean of Students for approval to remain in on campus housing.

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS WITH NINE TO 11 CREDIT HOURS

Residential students who request to drop to 9 to 11 credit hours or are not performing satisfactorily in 9 to 11 credit hours are required to meet with the Dean of Students to explain the reason(s) for failure to maintain full - time active enrollment and to determine the need for on and/or off- campus support services. Based on review of the appropriate documentation and the outcome of the meeting, at the Dean of Students' discretion (may involve consultation with other professional staff and administrators) a residential student may be asked to leave the residence halls or be allowed to complete a 9 to 11 Hour Agreement for special circumstances.

***Note:** reasonable efforts are made to identify students who are not performing satisfactorily in their coursework, however not every student can be identified.*

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS WITH LESS THAN NINE CREDIT HOURS

Residential students who drop below 9 credit hours or are not performing satisfactorily in at least 9 hours of course work are not allowed to remain in the residence halls. The Dean of Students, upon review of the daily report and/or other appropriate documentation, will immediately notify Residential Education staff of any student who has dropped below 9 hours or has reason to believe the student is not performing satisfactorily and/or attending classes regularly in at least 9 hours of course work. The student will be required to meet with the Associate Provost for Academic Administration and/or the Dean of Students to determine the nature of the issue. Depending upon the history of the situation, time of the semester and/or reasonable ability for academic recovery, the student may be given a conditional opportunity to try to complete the semester. Should the student not meet the conditions or there be no reasonable chance for academic recovery, the student may be required to leave University housing and/or withdraw from the University. Should this be the case, staff will notify the student immediately to begin making preparations to move out of the residence halls. Upon notification by the staff, the student will have 48 hours (including weekend days) to make arrangements for off-campus housing and remove his or her belongings from the residence hall.

***Note:** reasonable efforts are made to identify students who are not performing satisfactorily in their coursework, however not every student can be identified.*

ROOM SELECTION

Room sign-up and assignments for the following year occur each spring for currently enrolled students. Requests for a special building, room and/or roommate will be honored whenever possible for those students who follow the proper room sign-up procedure, but cannot be guaranteed for all housing assignments. The room selection process is published and distributed beforehand to all residents.

Students will reserve a room for the next academic year by completing a room request form during the designated room sign-up periods. Cancellation of a room reservation at any time after the form is submitted will automatically generate a room reservation cancellation charge of \$750 to the student's account. **This \$750 is non-negotiable, so students should consider their plans carefully before reserving a room.**

Students who do not request a room assignment during the spring room sign-up will automatically have their housing contract cancelled at the end of spring semester.

VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM RESIDENCE HALLS

When a student withdraws from the residence halls, they must first cancel their housing contract in writing. A residence hall withdrawal request will only be approved if the student has also withdrawn from classes. If you withdraw from all classes, you must check- out of the residence hall within 24 hours. Non-enrolled students and students who are enrolled but are not attending classes will be removed from the residence halls. A room and meal plan refund will be assessed using a refund percentage based on the date of withdrawal. After a certain portion of the semester has passed, no refund will be allotted.

The University reserves the right to suspend a student's housing contract, temporarily or permanently, if

the University determines the student is a threat to self or others or is a detrimental disruption to the residence hall community. A student may be denied on-campus housing or have on-campus housing immediately suspended if the University determines that, to be assured of the student's safety or well-being, the student may require more care or supervision than the University can provide in a residence hall environment.

As a general rule, no refunds will be given to students whose housing contracts are cancelled due to disciplinary reasons; however, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

ROOM DAMAGES/MAINTENANCE

Residents are responsible for cleaning their own rooms and bathrooms. When a room is vacated, the residents are responsible for returning the room and its contents to the original condition. Failure to do this will result in a charge to the occupants of the room. When a student checks into an assigned room, they accept responsibility for its condition and review the inventory on the [Room Condition Report](#), which becomes a record for the condition of the room when they assumed occupancy. This record is compared to the condition of the room at check-out. To protect yourself, be sure your [Room Condition Report](#) is carefully and accurately completed. If the room or its furnishings, including the doors and windows, are damaged, the costs will be billed equally to all occupants of the room unless those individuals responsible are identified. For example, tape marks, stickers, glue, toothpaste, self-adhesive plastic hooks, nails and screws on varnished or painted surfaces are considered damages. The occupants of a room will be charged for any restorative services (e.g., tape removal, wall washing and/or painting, surface refinishing on room doors, desk, dresser tops, etc.). Charges may be assessed depending on the severity of the damage and posted to the student's account.

LOCK-OUT & LOST KEYS

Students are locked out of their rooms when they have exhausted all possibilities for locating their room key, including waiting for roommates to return home if the key was left in the room. If a student is locked out, after 8pm, he or she should try to locate their RA or another RA or go to the front desk of the hall for assistance. The front desk staff member will contact an appropriate Residential Education staff member, who will meet the student at the front desk and unlock the door to the room. Students must have their UNC Asheville OneCard or other appropriate picture identification, which can be checked to verify that they are the resident of the room in which they are trying to gain access.

Beginning at 8 AM on Monday through Friday, there is a Residential Education staff member available in the Governors Hall main office to assist with the lockout if the student cannot locate an RA to assist them. On weekends before 8pm, and between the hours of 5pm and 8pm on weekdays, a student can locate one of the building RAs to assist them. If they cannot locate an RA, they can contact the Community Director on call who can then assist them.

Once in the room, the student must locate his or her key and show it to the Residential Education staff member. If the key cannot be found, the RA will submit paperwork for a lock change to the room. The student will be billed for the lock change, which is \$75.

The first lockout of each academic year is free of charge. The second lockout costs \$5.00, the third is \$10.00, and the charge will increase by \$5.00 for each additional lockout. Lockout charges are billed to a student's account.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND REGARDING LOCK-OUT & LOST KEYS

You will receive a letter reminding you of the importance of safety when you are billed. If any student reaches a fifth lock-out, he or she will receive a letter asking them to schedule a non-disciplinary meeting with their Community Director to discuss their lock outs.

If you have temporarily misplaced your key or have left it at home, tell a staff member. We will work with you to establish a reasonable deadline date for the return of a borrowed key. The borrowed key cost is \$25. Once the key is returned, your account will be credited. You will be advised of the specific deadline for the loaned key's return. If that deadline passes without the loaned key being returned a lock change will be scheduled at your expense, and the borrowed key charge will remain on your account. Please note that during this time period we will not have a key available to assist you if you are locked out.

If you have lost your keys, there is a Lost & Found department in Campus Police; please call (828)251-6710 to ask if your keys have been turned in before requesting a lock change.

The cost of a lock change (\$75.00) is always the responsibility of the resident and it applies whether your keys are (key is) lost or stolen.

COMMON AREAS

Common areas (lounges, corridors, recreation areas, etc.) are for the use of everyone in the hall. No individual or group should engage in an activity that inhibits the use of these common areas by other residents

unless approved in advance by a Community Director or Housing Office staff. Lounge furniture provided in common areas may not be removed from the area for which it was provided. This furniture is there for the comfort of all residents. If lounge furniture or any displaced University property is found in individual students' rooms, the occupants can be charged the cost of returning the items. This misappropriation fee may be followed by disciplinary action. When damages occur in the common areas of the floor or building, where individual responsibility is difficult to determine, students and staff will work together to determine the most probable source of responsibility. Depending on the circumstances, the University may collectively assess groups, suites or entire floors on a prorated basis for common area damage.

Golden Rule for improving your environment: *hold others accountable! Don't be afraid to confront your neighbors and others who hold little respect for your surroundings. If you are uncomfortable with confrontation, let your RA know so they can help.*

GUESTS

Residents may have guests during the regulated hours of visitation: Sunday through Thursday from noon to 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 2 a.m. Guests wishing to stay past visitation hours or overnight must follow the Guest Policy (see below).

Note: Governors Hall residents and guests follow the same visitation and guest policies as residents in Founders, Mills, South Ridge and West Ridge Halls. Governors Village and The Woods residence halls have 24-hour visitation. The University does not permit cohabitation. Residents of a residence hall floor/building in the Village or Woods may establish stricter visitation regulations by a majority vote at the beginning of each semester.

The Dean of Students and/or the Director of Residential Education and Citizenship Education reserve the right to designate more restrictive hours in individual rooms if needed to protect the primary rights of any resident.

Visitation hours for the Residence Halls are Sunday through Thursday from noon to 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 2 a.m. (All residence halls fall under this policy except Governors Village and The Woods, which have 24-hour visitation.) Residents may have guests (resident student, non-resident student and non-student) only during the regulated hours of visitation unless they are registered as overnight guests. All overnight guests must be registered.

A resident is permitted to register and host only one overnight guest at a time.

Guests who wish to stay overnight must be registered by the host with the Night Assistant or Resident Assistant on duty at the front desk of the residence hall. Guests of the opposite sex are permitted to stay as overnight guests, provided they are registered as stated above. A resident host is limited to no more than three consecutive nights of overnight guests and no more than six nights in a thirty (30) day period. All registered overnight guests must have their pass with them at all times and must be escorted by their host at all times in the residence halls.

Residents are encouraged to discuss hosting overnight guests with their roommates and suitemates and make it part of their roommate/suitemate agreement. At the beginning of the academic year/semester, Residential Education reserves the right to further limit or suspend the overnight guest privileges of a resident due to inappropriate conduct or community living issues. Violation of the Overnight Guest Policy and/or Visitation Policy can result in a violation of the Student Code of Community Standards and can include sanctions including but not limited to a loss of visitation/overnight guest privileges. Overnight guests parking on campus past 9:00 pm must get a parking permit from Campus Police.

MAXIMUM ROOM OCCUPANCY

Fire regulations allow:

1. No more than six (6) individuals should be in a Founders, West Ridge, South Ridge, Governors Village or Governors Hall room at one time
2. No more than 12 individuals in a Mills Hall, Ponder Hall or Woods suite

PARKING

1. A copy of the UNC Asheville Traffic and Parking Regulations is available from the Campus Police office in Weizenblatt Hall. Traffic and parking regulations are enforced 365 days a year
2. All vehicles parked on campus must display a valid UNC Asheville parking decal or permit
3. Students may park a vehicle on campus only if it is properly registered with Campus Police and displays a valid UNC Asheville parking permit
 - a. Window sticker permits should be displayed on the outside rear windshield of the vehicle.
4. Resident students must park in designated lots at all times
5. Handicapped parking spaces are for the disabled only
 - a. Parking in these areas, even for loading or unloading is prohibited

6. <http://www.unca.edu/publicsafety/parking/html>

FIREARMS/FIREWORKS

Possession or use, whether open or concealed, of any weapon while on public or private University-owned property is a felony, and a violation of state law, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or six months imprisonment, or both.

Possession of a Concealed Weapon Permit does not entitle individuals to carry concealed weapons of any kind on University -owned property. Weapons include, but are not limited to, guns, rifles, pistols, explosives, paintball guns, BB guns, bowie knives, crossbows, daggers, switchblade knives, metallic knuckles, throwing stars, or knives of more than six inches when opened. The maximum number of knives an individual may possess (that are less than six inches when opened) is three.

Weapons, ammunition, fireworks, gasoline, oil and other combustible or explosive materials are not permitted in or around the residence halls. Knives other than those used as kitchen tools are prohibited in the entire residential area. Any student using fireworks or smoke bombs, or found to be in possession of a weapon may be removed from the residence halls immediately and will be subject to the UNC Asheville Citizenship Education Process.

WINDOW POLICY

University Staff are concerned with potentially serious risks regarding windows. Therefore, the following policies have been established:

1. Students caught throwing anything from a window may have their housing contracts suspended and will be subject to further disciplinary action.
2. Under no circumstances are students permitted to place objects on outside window ledges.
3. No objects are permitted outside windows (such as plants, antennae, air-conditioners, laundry, etc.).
4. For health, safety and sanitation reasons, screens are never to be removed from windows.
5. Access to roofs, either through windows or by any other means, is strictly prohibited.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Residence halls and resident rooms are arranged for compliance with fire regulations as well as individual comfort. The electrical system is not designed to carry heavy loads of equipment, so be careful in your use of electricity.

Because of an increase in the number of fires associated with cooking in residence hall facilities across the state, and concern on the part of the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner's Office, the following standards have been set for the residence halls at UNC Asheville:

1. The following appliances are **approved** for these facilities:
 - a. hot air popper, slow cooker/crock pot, blender, juicer, can opener, Keurigs and coffee makers or coffee pots, electric tea kettle, refrigerator, hair dryer, electric razor, radio or stereo, DVD player, television and microwave oven.
2. **Prohibited appliances** include:
 - a. Regular toaster, toaster oven, George Foreman grills, open-coil burner or hot plate, deep fat fryer, hot-oil popper, electric skillet or electric wok, electric griddle or grill, electric hamburger cooker, indoor grill or open broiler, and any high-heat appliance or other appliance capable of heating grease to a burning point. Personal grills cannot be utilized outside of residence halls.
3. Students are not allowed to have personal air conditioners in the residence halls.
4. Refrigerators must be limited to 220 watts of power and must not exceed 10 cubic feet in size. Microwave ovens must be limited to 600 watts of power. Refrigerators and microwaves are provided in all student rooms in Founders, Governors Hall, Governors Village, South Ridge Hall, and West Ridge Hall and in every suite in Mills Hall and The Woods.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification regarding the appliance policy, you may contact your Resident Assistant or Community Director.

POWER OUTAGES

Power outages can and do occur at any time of the year. While outages at UNC Asheville are not common and power is restored quickly, we encourage students to be prepared.

The following are some suggestions for your personal safety and protection of your property:

- Keep a flashlight and batteries in a place where you can easily locate them. In the event of a power failure, there is backup security lighting in most public areas (hallways, stairwells, etc.), but individual rooms can be dark. The University does not provide flashlights or batteries, so students should keep both on hand.

- o **Candles and lanterns are fire hazards and are prohibited.**

- Always use surge protectors with your electrical equipment (computers, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, microwaves, refrigerators, etc.)
- Unplug all electrical equipment if you have advance notice of a power outage.
- Treat all alarms as emergencies and follow evacuation procedures.
 - Residence hall fire alarms are powered so that they still operate when the campus is without electricity.
- If a power outage occurs without advance notice, please report the situation immediately to Campus Police at 828.251.6710.
- In the event of an emergency, call Campus Police or 911
 - <http://bulldogalert.unca.edu/>

HALOGEN LAMPS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has documented over 120 fires and multiple deaths due to the use of halogen lamps. Because of this serious concern about safety in the residence halls, UNC Asheville bans the use of halogen bulbs or lamps in the residence halls.

SOLICITATION/BUSINESS

University buildings and/or campus space may not be used to raise money or support for any individual or organization other than officially recognized campus organizations or non-profit charitable organizations with approval from appropriate University administrators.

Students may not operate businesses from their residence hall rooms. A business is defined as any activity involving exchange of goods or services for money or compensation. If you have questions related to this policy, please contact the Director of Residential Education (828) 251-6700.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

The use of skateboards, skates, bikes, paint or water guns and similar recreational equipment is prohibited in the residence halls. The use of balls (tennis, golf, soccer, basketball, football, Frisbees, etc.) is also prohibited in the residence halls. Bouncing of balls is a violation of the Noise Policy. Bikes may not be stored in residence hall stairwells, hallways or other public areas. Bike racks are located in each residence hall area. There are covered bike rack locations at Highsmith University Union, Governors Hall, and Ridges parking deck.

PET POLICY

It is against University regulations and North Carolina state law for anyone to bring animals into residence hall rooms or into the residence hall area. Students are permitted to have fish or tropical fish aquariums 10 gallons or smaller in size. Anyone in violation will be subject to disciplinary action, will automatically be assessed a fee, and will be required to remove the animal(s) immediately to avoid additional fines.

Students who request accommodation for a service animal must contact the Academic Accessibility Coordinator in OneStop to determine what accommodation may be available. **POSTERS**

Posters for advertisements may be placed only in specified areas, with prior approval from the Director of Residential Education. No posters may be taped to walls or windows unless consent is given, and special non-marking/damaging tape must be used.

Students who have posted notices are responsible for taking them down within 24 hours after the advertised event has occurred.

The front doors of each building are reserved for official Residential Education and Housing Operations notices only.

OPENINGS & CLOSINGS

BREAK PERIODS

The housing contract specifically states that housing and dining services are not available during Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks, and those times classes are not in sessions, except fall break. During Summer School sessions, Dining Hall hours are greatly reduced and students are not required to purchase a meal plan but can do so at an additional cost. Students must arrange for transportation ahead of time and leave campus by the time the residence halls are closed for breaks, and may not return until the halls reopen.

Closing and reopening times are well publicized, and residents will be notified in advance of each closing. The dates the residence halls are closed for breaks are listed in the UNC Asheville Housing Web site. Please make plans to leave the residence halls by these dates/times. You do not need to take your belongings out of the room during breaks, but you will not have access to your room when residence halls are closed. Housing staff will enter the rooms during breaks to perform housing functions.

Students who request an exception to stay in the residence halls during a period when the halls are closed must submit a written request to the Assistant Director of Housing Operations in advance. If the request is granted, the student will be assessed a daily charge.

Employment does not provide justification to stay in the residence halls during break periods. END OF SEMESTER AND ACADEMIC YEAR

All students must leave within 24 hours of their last exam, but no later than the 9:00 AM the day after class ends, whichever comes first. Students participating in commencement (graduating seniors, marshals, and members of music groups that are performing) must be packed and ready to move out of the residence halls immediately following the commencement ceremony.

LEAVING THE RESIDENCE HALLS

You must leave the residence halls within 24 hours after your last scheduled exam. Your RA will contact you to find out the time of your last exam. If you need to stay longer, you must make special arrangements in advance (approximately two weeks ahead of time) with the Assistant Director of Housing Operations.

FORWARDING MAIL

Your first-class mail will be forwarded to the permanent address you have listed with the Registrar's Office (unless you are a UNC Asheville summer resident student). If you want your mail forwarded to a different address, it is your responsibility to notify the Student Mail Center before you leave for the summer or if you leave campus housing permanently.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Your room should be empty of all your belongings and trash before you check out.
2. You are responsible for:
 - a. Taking down all posters, stickers, and other wall hangings.
 - b. Removing all personal rugs and carpet.
 - c. Cleaning all surfaces.
 - d. Returning furniture to the original position.
 - e. Clearing all personal items from the bathrooms.
 - f. Cleaning room and bathroom floors.
 - g. Removing all posters and memo boards from the doors.
 - h. Cleaning and defrosting all Microfridges. ®
3. For your protection, Room Condition Reports should be filled out completely.
 - a. RCR should be signed and dated by you and your RA.
 - b. Each category on the RCR should have some comment.
4. For those students who do not check out: "IMPROPER CHECK-OUT" is written in place of your signature.
 - a. There is a charge for improper check-out and an additional charge for failure to return any key.
5. Any damages should be settled between residents of the room. If no one takes responsibility, all residents will split the charge(s).
6. Please report any maintenance or repairs that need to be done to resmaint@unca.edu so rooms can be prepared for the next occupants.

RESIDENT STUDENT RIGHTS

RESIDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

When living in a community environment, each UNC Asheville resident possesses certain individual rights and responsibilities which that are held in high regard. The following “Bill of Rights” is intended to define the minimum a resident student can expect.

PRIMARY RIGHTS

Primary rights of the resident include:

- The right to read and study free from undue interference in your room. One of the basic purposes of the University is the dissemination and application of knowledge. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of this right.
- The right to sleep, the right to one’s personal belongings, the right to free access to your room and suite facilities during the period that the residence halls are open, and the right to a clean environment in which to live.
- Optimum physical conditions are essential, as they support, reinforce and provide positive conditions in which to learn and live.
- The student has the right to impartial and fair adjudication of grievances and the right to be free from retribution, intimidation, and imposition of sanctions apart from due process. If the academic and residence hall communities are to function in the most educationally profitable manner, the right to initiate actions and referrals for impartial and fair adjudication of grievances is held to be paramount.
- The right to be yourself as long as your behavior does not infringe upon the rights of others, or threaten harm to yourself or others.

SECONDARY RIGHTS

Secondary rights of the resident are those which should be protected, unless they infringe on the reasonable exercise of the primary rights defined above. These secondary rights include:

- All persons should have freedom from interference with their personal activities, and should be able to maintain privacy for nonacademic reasons.
- All students should have the opportunity to maintain personal contacts and friendships with others to fulfill their needs for socialization. Guests are to respect the above-stated rights of the host’s roommates and of other residents. Overnight guests must be registered with the Office of Residential Education. A resident’s housing contract is renewable each year, at the discretion of the Office of Residential Education and Housing Operations. The Staff reserves the right to refuse housing to any resident who becomes delinquent in housing payments or who has demonstrated an unwillingness or continual inability to abide by community rules, regulations and policies within the residence hall system.

Note: In order to honor roommate requests for first-year students, the requests must be mutual and in writing (on the housing application, or a note to the office) from both students. We will attempt to honor requests received by May 15.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

the code is outlined in the Student Handbook and is on the University website at <http://housing.unca.edu/citizenship-education>. You are advised to be familiar with this code and act accordingly. Students who are found to be in violation of University and residential education policies and regulations will be held accountable for their behavior in accordance with this code.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION POLICY

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) it is permissible for institutions of higher education to notify parents of underage students (under 21) when those students are found responsible for alcohol and other drug-related incidents. For students who are 21 or over, parents will not be routinely notified of alcohol or drug violations. However, parents/guardians will be contacted if a student is determined to be, or to have been at the time of the incident, a danger to themselves, others or property.

Parents/Guardians of these students may also be contacted if any incident requires the student to receive emergency assistance or to be transported to the hospital. Any changes to this policy or individual exceptions to this policy may be made by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee.

SMOKING POLICY

In accordance with the North Carolina General Administration and the University Smoking Policy, no smoking is allowed in any University building. Smoking is also prohibited within 100 feet of University buildings, outdoor athletic facilities, and outdoor recreation facilities. The only exception to this 100-foot rule is outside University Residence Halls, where outdoor designated smoking areas may be closer to buildings for the purpose of resident safety. The designated residential smoking area outside of the residence halls is in the Governors Village Courtyard (behind Vance Hall). Signage denotes where this smoking areas is located.

- Electronic cigarettes can only be utilized within these designated smoking areas.
- Hookahs are not permitted in the University Residence Halls.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

1. Students of legal drinking age (21 years of age or older) will be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages in their rooms or if they are an invited guest in another resident's room if that resident is 21 years of age or older.
2. Possession or use of caffeinated alcohol beverages or prepackaged alcoholic beverages designed for rapid consumption of high alcohol volume content will not be permitted in the residence halls.
3. Transportation of open alcoholic beverage containers, as well as alcoholic beverages in open containers, will not be permitted in the residence halls.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in residence hall common areas (TV rooms, study rooms, lounge areas, etc.) will not be permitted.
5. Kegs are not permitted in any residence hall area.
6. Students who are not of legal drinking age are prohibited from being in the presence of, possessing, transporting and/or consuming alcoholic beverages at any time.
7. It is the responsibility of the resident 21 years of age or over not to put underage residents at the risk of violating the alcohol policy.
8. It must be clear that the beverage is the possession of the resident that is 21 years of age or over. Alcohol in a mixed age room/suite should be kept in the private refrigerator or storage space of the overage room/suite mate, not in a shared storage space or refrigerator.
9. Residents 21 years of age or over should not consume alcohol in the presence of a resident under the age of 21, consume alcohol with their door open, or leave empty or open containers in their room.
10. If you are of legal drinking age and choose to drink, you may not drink in any public area or in public view.
 - a. If you are drinking in your room, you should have the door closed so that your use of alcohol is not visible to the public or from a public area.
11. No student, even those of legal drinking age can brew their own beer or other alcohol substance.
12. No empty containers are allowed (i.e. bottles used as decorations).
13. No alcohol is permitted in South Ridge, regardless of age.

The University will establish no policy or regulation that sanctions either the use of alcoholic beverages or any action that contravenes state or federal law regarding the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages. North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control laws make it unlawful for anyone under 21 years of age to purchase, possess or consume (or for anyone to aid such a minor in purchasing, possessing or consuming) alcoholic beverages. All members of the University community are responsible for obeying state laws indicated above and state laws pertaining to the transportation of alcohol and the consumption of alcohol in public places (General Statutes 18–51). Students are further expected to follow the University's Alcoholic Beverage Policy as stated in the Student Handbook and Residents' Handbook. The University discourages drunkenness and other abuses of alcoholic beverages by any person. Being under the influence of alcohol and disorderly is considered a serious breach of conduct, and students who violate these standards are subject to appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Handbook. The University prohibits consumption of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age.

DRUG POLICY

Students, faculty members, administrators, and other employees of The University of North Carolina at Asheville are responsible as citizens for knowing about and complying with the provisions of North Carolina law that make it a crime to possess, sell, deliver, or manufacture those drugs designated collectively as "controlled substances" in Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes. For UNC Asheville students, this includes the illegal or abusive use or possession of any other chemical substance, compound or combination. The term "illegal use or possession" means use or possession that is unlawful under either federal or state laws. The term "abusive use" means use of a chemical substance primarily for the recreational purpose of altering one's mood, emotion, or state of consciousness as opposed to use that has been prescribed for treatment of the user by

a licensed health care attendant or that is specified by the manufacturer's labeling. Any member of the University community who violates that law is subject to both prosecution and punishment by the civil authorities and to disciplinary proceedings by The University of North Carolina at Asheville. Disciplinary proceedings against a student, faculty member, administrator, or other employee will be initiated when the alleged conduct is deemed to affect the interests of UNC Asheville. Penalties will be imposed for violation of the policies of UNC Asheville only in accordance with procedural safeguards applicable to disciplinary actions against students, faculty members, administrators, and other employees. The penalties that may be imposed range from written warnings with probationary status to expulsions from enrollment and discharges from employment.

Every student, faculty member, administrator and other employee of The University of North Carolina at Asheville is responsible for being familiar with and complying with the terms of the policy on illegal drugs adopted by the Board of Trustees. A copy of the full text of the policy appears in the UNC Asheville Policy and Procedures Manual. Summaries of the policy are found in the Faculty Handbook, the Student Handbook and the Employee Guide.

RESIDENCE HALL INSPECTION AND SEARCH POLICY

Entry by University employees into occupied rooms of University residence halls is divided into four categories: inspection, search, emergency and non-emergency.

Inspection is defined as the entry into an occupied room by University employees in order to ascertain the health and safety conditions in the room, to check on the physical condition of the room, to make repairs, or to clean. Students are expected to maintain their rooms in a state of cleanliness, with floors cleaned and trash emptied regularly. Scheduled inspections by University employees, with the exception of cleaning or repair operations, shall be preceded, if possible, by 24- hour notice to the residents. During the inspection, there will be no search of personal belongings, closets or drawers. University employees include, but are not limited to: Residential Education staff, Housing Operations staff, Student Affairs staff, Campus Police officers and Facilities Management staff. All rooms are inspected by staff before each scheduled opening and after each scheduled closing.

Search is defined as the entry into an occupied room by Campus Police officers for the purpose of investigating suspected violations of campus regulations and/or local, state, or federal law. Campus Police policy states that officers may enter student rooms with consent, a warrant or probable cause. For more information about room search laws, policies and procedures, students may contact Campus Police at (828) 251-6710.

Emergency is defined as any situation that exists where probable cause suggests an emergency situation. This includes but is not limited to:

- Crisis intervention: Potential suicide attempts based on threats, gestures or remarks about suicide.
- Excessive noise or partying that is disruptive to others on the hall and where a lack of cooperative behavior among the residents exists.
- Smell, sound, or information received that would indicate a potential emergency situation.

Non-Emergency is defined as any situation that causes concern but does not pose immediate danger. This includes but is not limited to:

- Performance of health and safety inspections by staff
- Performance of well-being checks by staff if a student is reported sick or missing
- Verification whether or not a student's belongings are in a room to determine if a room has been occupied without approval or has been vacated without notice

PROCEDURE FOR SEARCH IN RESIDENCE HALL ROOMS

A request for a legal search may be made by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee, the Dean of Students, the Director of Residential Education, Director of Housing Operations, Community Director, or by two Resident Assistants, when reasonable cause exists to suspect that a violation of regulations or state, federal, or local law is occurring or has occurred. Initiating authorities will contact their supervisor(s) and a Campus Police officer, and will request a search. A final decision to proceed will be made in consultation with Campus Police.

NOISE POLICY

In order to insure the right to study, read or sleep without interruption from disturbing noise, the following policies have been established:

1. Quiet Hours
 - a. Sunday through Thursday from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.
 - b. Friday and Saturday nights from 1 a.m. to noon

- i. During these hours, doors to the rooms should be closed and all noise from conversations, stereos, televisions, etc., should be contained within the rooms.
 - c. Maintaining quiet hours in the hall is the responsibility of each resident, as well as the residence hall staff. Violations of quiet hours can result in disciplinary action.
 - d. Quiet hours may be extended (but not reduced or shortened) by a majority vote of floor residents.
 - 2. Courtesy Hours are in effect anytime not specifically designated as quiet hours.
 - a. Courtesy hours are a matter of common sense.
 - i. This means that if you are making noise loud enough to disturb your neighbors or be heard outside your room or suite, you are in violation of courtesy hours. Thus, loud stereos, televisions, disruptive conversations and other disturbances will not be tolerated.
 - b. These hours are applicable to noises both inside and outside the residence hall.
- Organized events and activities are also included in this policy. Violations will result in disciplinary action.**
- 3. Quiet floors observe 24-hour quiet hours, with the exception of Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from noon-midnight. (See Special Living Units.)
 - 4. Musical instruments in residence hall rooms
 - a. Play permitted during the hours of 4 to 7 p.m.
 - i. During these hours, the volume of the instruments should not disturb your neighbors.
 - b. A music practice room is available in West Ridge for use from 4 to 8 p.m. Contact the Community Director or Resident Assistant to reserve this space.

SNOWBALL POLICY

A number of incidents involving throwing snowballs, ice balls and other objects at individuals and property have resulted in complaints, damage and/or injury. Therefore, the throwing of such objects is prohibited in areas where non-participating individuals must pass by or near snowballs being thrown. It is important that every person be able to go about their business without having snowballs thrown at them. To ensure the safety and rights of the University community and the protection of personal and University property, every effort will be made to positively identify those involved in such incidents, and they will be referred for disciplinary action.

PSYCHOLOGICAL STATEMENT

Residential Education and The Dean of Students will work with students that require support and care for psychological wellness issues that do not endanger themselves or others. The residence halls are not equipped or staffed to effectively support students who may need intense or emergency psychological services. Therefore, students may be required to move out of the residence halls immediately if they harm or threaten to do harm to themselves or other students.

PERSONAL SAFETY

Resident students are encouraged to be mindful of their personal safety and that of their possessions. Students should lock their rooms at all times and report any concerns for safety and security to both Residential Education staff and Campus Police. Students moving around the campus at night should use caution, travel with friends when possible, stay in well-lighted areas and be aware of their surroundings. There are blue emergency call boxes prominently located throughout the campus for contacting Campus Police in emergencies or for an escort. Campus Police will provide escorts during the day for medical emergencies only. They will provide escorts after dark by request

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

CAMPUS POLICE

Based in Weizenblatt Hall, Campus Police officers are on duty 24 hours a day. Any problems concerning public safety, thefts or traffic and parking information should be directed to the Campus Police office. Officers are also available to provide escort services for medical emergencies.

There is a tendency for students to become complacent and less attentive to their own personal safety. Please use common sense. Remember to always lock your door when leaving your room unattended, even if you think you'll only be gone for a few minutes.

Keep your vehicle locked at all times and place valuables out of sight. If you notice anyone who does not belong in the residence halls, report it to Residential Education staff or Campus Police (828) 251-6710.

AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCIES

Resident Assistants and Night Assistants are available to assist you in Founders, West Ridge, South Ridge, Ponder Hall, Governors Hall and Mills from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m., seven days a week. They are employed to provide security services to the residents of these residence halls by monitoring entrance doors to each building, responding to emergency situations, checking every floor, making note of activity in each building, and checking all exits.

Residential Education staff may be reached at (828) 989-8752.

FIRE/EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Misuse of fire prevention and control equipment in University buildings has the potential to cause harm, injury and inconvenience to individuals, as well as damage to property. For these reasons, the University supports the following position:

It shall be unlawful for any student to misuse, tamper with, or otherwise disturb without proper cause, any fire prevention and control equipment including, but not limited to, thermal detectors in the ceilings of University buildings, fire alarms or fire extinguishers and sprinkler heads. Any student found guilty of such may be immediately evicted from the residence halls, be held responsible for financial restitution, and be subject to any sanction imposed by the student judicial code. (Students evicted from the residence halls receive refunds in accordance with stated University policy.) The guilty party may also be subject to prosecution in the local court system.

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Fire drills will be conducted at least once per semester. These drills are for your safety; please take them and all alarms seriously and follow the procedures in your building including evacuation locations, as outlined by your Resident Assistant. Failure to evacuate a building when required will result in disciplinary action.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Should any medical emergency arise, contact a Community Director, Resident Assistant or the Night Assistant on duty. These persons will follow the proper procedures to get help. Students may also contact the Student Health Center at 828.251.6520 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Campus Police can be contacted by calling 828.251.6710.

SECURING BUILDINGS

For the security of our residents, each residence halls are locked at all times. Resident students can access their halls through the main entrances by using their OneCards. Guests must be escorted by a residential student in order to obtain access to the residence halls. After 8 p.m. and before 4 a.m., guests must sign in upon entry at the front desk of each area, except in Governors Village or The Woods. Contact your Resident Assistant for more information concerning closings.

Founders Hall has a second floor, main lobby entrance, as well as three sets of doors on the first floor. The glass doors by the first-floor elevator are open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Founders Hall residents via card access. Residents and guests in Mills Hall, West Ridge Hall and South Ridge Hall are to enter and exit through the main lobby doors only. All first floor doors in Mills Hall, West Ridge Hall and South Ridge Hall are for emergency and service use only. Exceptions to this policy will be made as needed by the Dean of Students.

Between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m., resident students must show a UNC Asheville ID card to enter Founders Hall, South Ridge Hall, West Ridge Hall, Governors Hall, Ponder Hall or Mills Hall. Students will receive a warning letter after forgetting their UNC Asheville ID six times and will be subject to disciplinary action after twelve infractions.

Visitors may enter with an approved overnight guest pass or by checking in at the desk and leaving a form of photo identification, such as a driver's license, school ID military ID. Visitors must exit the residence halls according to the stipulated hours of visitation unless they have obtained approved overnight guest passes.

Persons found propping open any secured doors are subject to disciplinary action and/or eviction from

the residence halls.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance/Emergency	911
After-Hours Residential Education Staff	(828)989-8752
Bookstore	(828)251-6416
Campus Police	(828)251-6710
Health & Fitness Center	(828)252-5650
Health Services	(828)232-6520
OneCard	(828)251-6767
Residential Education & Housing Operations	(828)251-6700
Founders Hall Community Director	(828)250-2371
Governors Hall & Village Community Director	(828)250-3861
Ponder Hall Community Director	(828)232-2881
Mills Hall Community Director	(828)250-2372
South Ridge & West Ridge Community Director	(828)250-2374
The Woods Community Director	(828)232-5034

AFTER HOURS SERVICES

If you need emergency assistance after normal business hours or on weekends, you may contact the RA on call for your area, (these numbers will be posted visibly in all lobbies), or the CD on duty at **828.989.8752**. All routine business is conducted through the Office of Residential Education and Housing Operations during normal business hours **828.251.6700**.