



2022-23 Student Handbook

WELCOME

The entire Residential Life team wants to extend a warm welcome to campus living. We look forward to working with you to create an engaging, safe and supportive community living experience. Our hope is that you'll make life-long friends and lasting memories while learning what it means to be a member of a diverse residential community.

In order to create a successful community, it is important that you know and understand your rights and responsibilities as a student living on campus. We ask that you take some time to familiarize yourself with these materials which supplement your Residential Life Housing Agreement. It is also important that you know the resources and services available to you. As a residential student, you have several staff members, from your Community Advisor to your Residence Hall Director, as well as vari96.93ook

status with regard to public assistance or physical disability or any other group or class against which discrimination is prohibited by

guidance may evolve as the public health situation evolves and may include, but is not limited to, physical distancing, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing (including before or upon/after arrival to campus), contact tracing, disinfection protocols, limitations on guests into residence halls, and quarantine / isolation requirements (including before or upon/after arrival to campus). Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all residents, staff, and visitors and extends to all aspects of residential life, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, study rooms, courtyards and other common spaces.

Quarantine / Isolation / Separation

Residential Life and St. Cloud State University holds paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of our community, and we encourage students and staff to take the steps necessary to protect themselves and others. Not all resident rooms or halls are appropriate for quarantine or isolation, for example, and in those situations where a resident is recommended to quarantine or isolate, residents may be directed to an alternate space by Residential Life. Residential students are required to comply with requests from Residential Life to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19 or other public health issue. Failure to do so may subject a student to administrative removal from their assigned space. Relocation to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a resident's housing contract. Limited cleaning, meal, and personal support will be provided for students in Isolation or Quarantine.

Campus Dining

Dining services, including where and how it will be offered to residents, is subject to the discretion of the St. Cloud State University and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance adopted by the St. Cloud State University, University Dining Services may limit the occupancy of dining venues, limit the amount of time students may reside within dining venues, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.

Cleaning

St. Cloud State University and the Department of Residential Life will continue to implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID-19 or other public health emergency in the interest of minimizing the spread of disease. Residential Life will educate and inform residents on appropriate cleaning protocols within their assigned spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within residence halls.

Termination

Upon reasonable notice, Residential Life reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID-19. In the event Residential Life terminates housing contracts due to public health concerns, St. Cloud State University will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

2022-2023 Academic Year

St. Cloud State will continue our current mitigation measures for the 2022-2023 academic year. COVID-19 conditions continue to evolve. While we do not anticipate changes to our current safety protocols and plans, adjustments will be made if COVID conditions change drastically and threaten the safety of members of our campus and the community.

Community Living Requirement

Living on campus in your first year provides a significant advantage that contributes to your overall student success. Campus residency gives you opportunities to be part of a supportive community where you can more easily make connections with other students, faculty and staff members.

It also connects you to resources and services that help with the transition to college life. Research shows that living on campus positively impacts your engagement, academic achievement, social connectedness and other factors.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, all first-year students are required to live on campus and carry a residential meal plan for two semesters.

On-Campus Living Eligibility

All persons living in the residence halls during the regular academic year must be currently enrolled as St. Cloud State University or St. Cloud Technical Community College students. Although Residential Life verifies student enrollment status periodically, it is the individuals student's responsibility to initiate the housing agreement cancellation procedure if they withdraw from the University or College, are dropped from enrollment, or do not enroll for the current term. For information on the University's drop/add dates,

Contact Information

COVID-19 Questions/Help: Please visit [Bring Huskies Home Website](#)
Residential Administration
For information regarding your

Room Information

Accommodations

- Students who may require a service or therapy animal, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, while living on campus should contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) at (320) 308-4080 or by e-mail at sas@stcloudstate.edu to coordinate accommodation needs.
- Students who may need to burn sage, sweet grass, cedar, copal or incense for religious purposes need to provide prior notification to their Residence Hall Director via e-mail and/or in-person. This notification can be made at the beginning of each semester with a request to last the duration of that semester. An acknowledgement of the resident notification should occur within one business day from the Residence Hall Director. Any other burning of incense, cedar, copal, sweet grass or sage is prohibited.

Break Housing

The Department of Residential Life provides break housing during the academic year, at no addition expense, in all residential communities. Students who wish to stay over break periods must register online with the Department of Residential Life prior to the start of eachail s

Involuntary Housing Agreement Termination

Students whose Housing Agreements are terminated as a result of action taken through the Student Code of Conduct process are required to leave their residential community within 72 hours after notification of the decision, or within 24 hours of their last final, whichever is first. The charges that apply in these circumstances include:

1. A full room charge for the entire academic year.
2. A prorated weekly charge for meal plan provided the student notifies the Department of Residential Life of intent to cancel their meal plan.
3. Charges for room damages, if incurred, will be assessed during checkout.
4. Failure to follow checkout procedures may result in an improper checkout charge.

Keys

When you move into your residential community, you will be given a key to your room, your mailbox, and the building's main entrance door if living in Stateview (students in all other buildings use their SCSU ID to swipe in). For personal safety, and the safety of others, doors are set to automatically lock when a student leaves. Students are always expected to carry their keys with them. Students are responsible for reporting any lost or stolen keys immediately to their residential community staff. A student who has lost their room key will be charged a fee for a new key, duplicate key(s) and lock core replacement (when applicable) because a new key and lock core will be issued for the room to prevent possible property loss. If a student needs a new room key for reasons other than loss or theft, they must turn in their old room key to their residential community staff. If a student finds their original key (at a later date), they will not be granted a refund. Charges for replacing keys/locks are placed on the student's account once the work is completed. Please consult with your Residence Hall Director for specific costs. Duplication of any Residential Life key is a violation of University policy and state law. For any student swipe/card access assignments in a system controlled by Public Safety, authorized Residential Life staff will advise Public Safety in writing of any access requests/changes for specific students. Public Safety will then complete the access requests or changes in the system".

Lofts

Students may not construct a loft with self-purchased materials. Loftable furniture is provided in Shoemaker, Lawrence and Case-Hill Halls. The Department of Residential Life does have a limited number of metal lofts available for rent for students in other communities. Please contact us at 320-308-2166 or via email reslife@stcloudstate.edu to inquire.

Prohibited Items

Alcohol and other drugs.

Candles cannot be burned in the residence halls. New, unlit candles are permitted for decorative purposes only.

Flammable items such as charcoal, lighter fluid, propane, firewood, hookah c1(c)a09110(luid,)12a000550044JETQq0.00000912 0 61

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Sunday:

Brunch: 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Closed: 2:00PM-4:30PM

Dinner: 4:30PM – 8:00PM

*Hours are subject to change

Dining Services Food Removal Policy

You may take the following out of the dining hall:

- 1 piece of whole fruit
- 1 dessert
- 1 cup of coffee or tea in an Armada disposable cup

You may not remove silverware, plates, cups, bowls, etc., from Garvey

If you wish to take a meal to go from Garvey, you can request a reusable Garvey to-go container. More information on this program is available in Garvey.

Huskies Food Pantry

The Huskies Food Pantry supports learning, wellness, and student retention by providing nutritious options for St. Cloud State University students who are experiencing food insecurity. We know it is hard to concentrate when you're in a financial pinch and wondering how you are going to meet your basic needs. The Huskies food Pantry is here to reduce your worries by providing you with food assistance so that you can focus on meeting your academic goals. All current St. Cloud State students are welcome at the Huskies Food Pantry. While the Huskies Food Pantry is not able to serve as a grocery store or supply all of your daily/weekly nutrition, we are here to assist students in meeting their dietary needs in order to be best able to study, live, work and contribute to the campus and community to the fullest. The Huskies Food Pantry is located in Hill Hall 109 and students can visit once per week to select up to 12 food items and 4 self-care items per week. For current hours visit: <https://www.stcloudstate.edu/huskiesfoodpantry/>

Residential Life Policies to support Community Living

The residence halls and apartments are home to many students, and it is important to create a welcoming environment for all. Living in a diverse community offers many opportunities to meet new people and learn from a variety of experiences. To help ensure that all students may exercise their rights as individuals while at the same time ensuring that the rights of those around them are upheld, basic policies have been established to facilitate mutual respect and consideration.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The possession, use, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the residence halls (regardless of age). The SCSU Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) policy prohibits the illegal or disruptive use, possession, production, manufacture, distribution, promotion, advertising, sale, or even being in the presence of alcohol, other drugs and controlled substances, and drug paraphernalia on property owned or operated by St Cloud State University.

Disruptive use of alcohol and other drugs is prohibited. Disruptive use of alcohol and other drugs, regardless of where consumed or ingested, includes behavior that disrupts the University community, endangers the health or safety of self or others, results

person is allowed in a shower stall at a time. Students found violating any of these restrictions may be subject to Code of Community Standards action. Please familiarize yourself with the location of appropriate facilities.

Bicycle Storage

Bikes may be stored on bike racks located outside of each residential community. Students may store their bike in their room with roommate's permission. Fire regulations prohibit bikes from being stored in public areas, activity rooms, hallways, stairwells or balconies.

Campaigning

Campaigning is allowed in the residential communities by individuals who have filed for election to public office (city, state, or federal office) as well as University students who are candidates for a student organization office. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 211B.20, as well as subdivision 1 and 2, prior appointment and/or notification of intended campaigning must be provided to the Department of Residential Life no later than 24 hours in advance of the intended campaigning time. Failure to make a proper request may result in a request being denied or rescheduled to a more appropriate date and time. Identification must be presented to hall staff upon request. Out of respect to the students who live in our facilities, and to support an environment conducive to educational goals,

Quiet Hours/Disturbances

Quiet Hours means no disturbing noise should be heard outside a room or apartment door, through walls, ceilings, or floors, such that it may disturb other residents. Monitoring the noise volume in the residential community is everyone's responsibility and is necessary to provide an environment which is conducive to studying and sleeping. Students are expected to monitor their own volume and to comply with reasonable request from any community member, or staff member. Students who consistently cause disruptions during quiet hours may be referred to the Student Code of Conduct.

Sports in the Hallway

Playing sports in the hallways and public areas of the residential communities is prohibited. Designated areas for exercise activities are provided for students elsewhere on campus. In order to create a safe living environment, playing or participating in sporting events or activities in rooms, hallways, balconies, courtyards, lounges and lobbies is prohibited. The use of athletic equipment in rooms is prohibited due to the disruption and damage it may cause. Athletic equipment includes, but is not limited to, Nerf guns, water guns, skateboards, longboards, bikes, and rollerblades. Please do not play around cars or windows as you will be held responsible for any damages.

Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use Policy

The use, sale, free distribution, or advertising of tobacco (smoking or smokeless) products or any electronic delivery devices used for inhaling or exhaling vapor (e-cigarettes) is prohibited within all University owned, leased or controlled buildings, walkways, arenas, playing fields, in university owned vehicles/motorized equipment and on University owned, leased or controlled property. Tobacco use will be permitted inside private motor vehicles on University property as long as tobacco users demonstrate respect for individuals and the environment. This policy applies to all employees, students, faculty, vendors, contractors, visitors, and guests.

Tobacco use within the residence halls may result in a warning letter or meeting with the Office of Community Standards or a Residence hall Director. Tobacco use within the residence halls that result in a fire alarm will require a meeting with the Office of Community Standards consistent with the procedures of the Code of Student Conduct.

Trash Removal

As a member of your residential community you are responsible for the proper disposal of your personal trash, as well as for the cleanliness of hallways, kitchens, and bathrooms. If trash or other items are left in any of these areas a student could be assessed a charge of \$25 and face additional Code of Community Standards action. Trash left in hallways, kitchens or bathrooms is unsanitary, a health risk, disrespectful to other community members and can be a fire hazard. Students are responsible for removing personal trash to outside receptacles near each residential community. In addition, trash needs to be removed from your room prior to all University break periods.

Resolution of University and Residential Life Policy Violations

Residential Life staff works closely with the Office of Community Standards to address behaviors that violate both University and Residential Life policies. Residential Life staff members are responsible for responding to incidents that may violate the Student Code

Room Entry

Department of Residential Life and University staff have the right to enter student rooms/apartments for the purpose of inspection and repair, preservation of health, safety and quietude, recovery of University-owned property, enforcement of rules and regulations, and ensuring building safety during break periods. Such entry will not be conducted arbitrarily or maliciously. In non-life-threatening situations, Residential Life staff members are required to knock, announce their presence, and wait a reasonable amount of time before entry. Staff members will document policy violations found in the room and may confiscate items that violate laws or University policy. Residential Life staff will leave written notification when student room entry is necessary and assigned occupants are not present. Refer to section 8 of the Housing Agreement for more information.

Room Capacity

The maximum room capacity in a student room may not exceed two times the occupancy rate of a student's room plus two. This means that if the room itself can house two students, then no more than six people may be in the room at one time. For example, a four-person apartment in Stateview Apartments could have up to ten people in