

The University of Mississippi

VISITATION AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Summary/Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define the expectations for guest visitation in residential facilities. It also discusses the hours guests are permitted to visit, the process that allows for residents to request overnight guests, and the circumstances in which guests are permitted to stay overnight.

Visitation Hours

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

All guests should follow the visitation hours set forth by student housing. Maximum visitation hours for any residence hall are Sunday through Thursday 9 a.m. to midnight and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The sign-in procedures do not apply to residents residing in apartment-style communities. Residents in apartment-style communities are responsible for the actions of any guests they bring to their apartment and must remain with their guests at all times. Visitation hours are applicable.

PROCEDURE

Sign-In/Sign-Out

- The resident host must meet their guest at the door
- At the front desk, the student housing staff member will record the guest's name, time of check-in and room number of the resident host
- The guest must provide a photo I.D. to the community desk assistant before being signed-in
- The guest will receive a visitor badge that must be in the possession of the guest for the duration of the visit
- The guest must remain with the resident host at all times; at no time is a guest permitted to remain in the room or hall without the resident host; the resident host is responsible for the actions and behavior of their guest and the guest is expected to abide by all policies as set forth by student housing
- When the guest leaves the hall, the resident host must sign the guest out; at that point, the guest will return the visitor badge received at check-in
- A resident host must register their guest each time they have a visitor, even if the same guest visits more than one time each day

Overnight Guests in the Residential Facilities

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

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

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

PROCEDURE

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

- Resident host must fill out an overnight guest request form at least 48 hours before an overnight guest will arrive
- The resident host must provide all the information requested of the overnight guest
- Overnight guest forms will go to the Graduate Community Director or Community Coordinator of each residential community to be approved or denied
- The resident host will then follow the proper protocol for checking in their approved guest every time they enter and leave the building