



Terms and Conditions for the Graduate Student 2009–10 Residence Hall Room and Board Contract

Please read and understand all of the terms of this contract prior to completion. This contract highlights some, but not all, of the policies regarding living in the residence halls. All students will be expected to abide by all of the policies outlined in the St. Ambrose University Student Handbook and the St. Ambrose University Catalog.

**Room Assignments:** New students are assigned by date contract and deposit are received. Room assignments are not guaranteed.

**Preferred Housing Consolidation:** Students in double rooms without roommates will be asked to consolidate with other students also without roommates. If space is available, these students may be offered the option of keeping their room as a single at the single room rate. If the occupancy of a townhouse, an apartment in Hagen Hall, Tiedemann Hall, New Hall or a house drops below capacity, students may be asked to consolidate into different houses, townhouses, or apartments.

**Significant Dates:** Students are expected to leave campus within 24 hours of completion of their last exam during finals week. The residence halls are closed during winter break (i.e. The winter break period is not covered by this contract).

Sunday, August 23, 2009 . . . . . residence halls open for new students at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 23, 2009 . . . . . residence halls open for returning students at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 18, 2009 . . . . . residence halls close at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 11, 2010. . . . . residence halls open at 12:00 noon

Friday, May 14, 2010. . . . . residence halls close at 7:00 p.m.

**Room Contents:** Each student room is furnished with a single bed, mattress, desk, chair, dresser, closet, bulletin board, and vanity. Basic cable and local telephone service is provided at no additional cost. Inexpensive long distance calling codes are available. Graduate houses are furnished and carpeted. Students share a common restroom. Graduate houses have internet access.

**Damage or Vandalism:** Resident students who damage property must pay for the cost of repairs and will be subject to further disciplinary action. Residents of a particular floor or building are responsible for the cost of repairs for any unclaimed common area damage.

**Quiet/Consideration Hours:** Certain hours of the day have been designated “quiet hours”: Sunday through Thursday 10:00 p.m.–10:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday midnight to noon. During finals week, 24-hour quiet hours are in effect beginning at 10:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to exams. During these hours sound equipment may be played only when the room door is closed and the volume may not be heard in public areas or another room.

**Visitation Hours:** 8:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m. daily. Each Townhouse unit, Hagen unit, Tiedemann unit, New Hall unit and house may establish a policy, which may include 24-hour visitation for public living areas only.

**Fire Hazards:** The use of candles, other open flame devices, halogen lamps, space heaters, or open element electrical cooking units is prohibited.

**Tobacco-Free Policy:** Tobacco use, including chewing tobacco, is prohibited on the St. Ambrose University campus.

**Alcohol:** The State of Iowa prohibits anyone under the legal age (21) to possess or consume alcohol. Students of the legal age living in townhouses, Hagen Hall, Tiedemann Hall, New Hall and houses are permitted to consume alcohol in their room if no minors are present.

**Animals/Pets:** No animals shall be permitted in any University residence (with the exception of fish in an aquarium).

**Room Entry:** The University reserves the right to enter and/or inspect student rooms for the following reasons: a) required-maintenance and repairs; b) health and student safety matters; c) emergency procedures; d) suspicion of violation of University policies; and e) routine safety checks.

**Liability:** The University assumes no liability for any loss or damage to the personal property of the resident and does not carry insurance on personal property. Each resident should determine if his or her personal property is covered by parents’/guardians’ homeowners’ policies and should purchase whatever property insurance is desired.

**University Policy:** All students should read, understand, and comply with all University policies as stated in the St. Ambrose University Student Handbook and Catalog. If questions should arise, the students should contact their Resident Advisor or call their Hall Director/Assistant Director in Student Services 563/333-6258.