

**JESUS.
NEIGHBOR.
COMMUNITY.
DISCIPLE.**



RESIDENCE LIFE

CSU RESIDENCE LIFE

Our mission is to create a community that honors God and enables students to thrive.

We do this through pursuing **four themes**:

1. JESUS

The vision and mission of CSU Residence Life is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. It is our goal to see students gain that same knowledge and understanding of the character and person of Jesus Christ.

***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.”
Matthew 22:37-38***

2. NEIGHBOR

CSU Residence Life feels that along with loving Jesus we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. The way this is accomplished is by serving one another and coming alongside one another to bear each other's burdens. Jesus set a great example of this by treating all He encountered in the same manner, and we strive to follow His example.

***“And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
Matthew 22:39***

3. COMMUNITY

CSU Residence Life has made the goal of creating a community atmosphere within the CSU Residence Halls. By loving our neighbors as ourselves we will create a community that enables others to thrive. Face-to-face communication is the best way to build a community where others can truly love their neighbors.

“Strive for peace with everyone and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:14

4. DISCIPLE

It is our mission to be obedient to the command to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. We are called to share the commands that God has given us and to boldly proclaim His name. We encourage all to share their faith and disciple one another through day-to-day life.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



BUC ALERT

This is the University's emergency information system. To register or update your information, go to **MyCSU** and log in with your **CSU ID Number** and your **PIN**. All students are encouraged to register.



FIRE

Evacuate to assigned shelter area listed below:

Women's North/South: Parking lot on north side of building

Russell East/West: Strom Thurmond Center parking lot

Quads: The large parking lot on the east side



TORNADO/STORMS

Go immediately to nearest shelter area. Get on your knees in a tucked position with your hands covering your head.

Stay away from windows.

A tornado comes swiftly and goes the same way. Stay in the shelter until the all clear is issued.



SHELTER AREAS

Women's North/South and Russell East/West:

The first floor bathrooms and hallways

Quads:

First floor bathrooms

POLICIES SNAPSHOT

These are just a few of the CSU guidelines. You are responsible for knowing the rest of the guidelines listed in the Student Handbook, which can be found at: charlestonsouthern.edu/studenthandbook



OPEN HOUSE HOURS

Open house times for guests of the opposite sex are:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
7 p.m. - midnight**

Guest registration locations:

Women's North/South:

Littlejohn Parlor

Russell East/West:

Russell East, 2nd floor lounge

Quads 1,2 and 3:

Quad 2 lounge

All guests must register in the designated lounge. The room lights must be on and door completely open.



AGREEMENT FORMS

All residents are responsible for completing and returning the Room Condition Agreement, Missing Persons documentation and Roommate Agreement to the Residence Life Coordinator the day of move in. Students will be liable for room damages at the end of each semester.



KEYS

If you lose your room key, you must report it to your Residence Life Coordinator. There is a **\$75 charge** to replace keys.

If you get locked out of your room, call the Residence Life Office, 843-863-7190 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m. dial 2020 from a courtesy phone or call 843-553-5896.



MAINTENANCE

For maintenance to **lights, plumbing, air conditioning**, please submit a maintenance request online.

1. Visit charlestonsouthern.edu
2. Go to *Current Students* tab
3. Scroll down to the *Residence Hall Maintenance Request* link
4. Log in with your student email address and fill out the request form

For maintenance to **beds, mattresses and dehumidifiers**, please email reslife@csuniv.edu



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

For maintenance to **phone, cable TV, Blackboard, BucMail or MyCSU**, please submit a maintenance request online.

1. Log into your MyCSU account
2. Click the Student tab
3. Click Go To Student Work Order on the right side
4. Fill out the request form

For maintenance to **wireless internet**, email monorato@csuniv.edu



ID CARDS

CSU ID cards must be obtained in the **Campus Security Office** located in Russell West Hall. Replacement IDs are **\$10**. Students must carry their ID cards at all times.



PARKING

Everyone parking a car on campus must purchase a parking decal from the **Campus Security Office** in Russell West. Campus maps are available to identify designated parking areas. **Resident Students are prohibited from driving to class.** Violators will be ticketed.



MEAL PLAN

Resident students are on the CSU meal plan and are allotted three meals per day in the Dining Hall. To make changes to your meal plan, see the Aramark / Dining Services staff.



OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Guests must be of the same gender as the occupant. A **Guest Registration Form** from the Residence Life Office must be completed at least **24 hours prior to arrival**. Guests may spend Friday and Saturday nights only and are not allowed during exam week.



FURNITURE

Students are not permitted to move furniture from their rooms. Furniture may be moved within the room to suit the resident.



PETS

No pets, except fish, are allowed on campus.



LAUNDRY

Visit laundryalert.com and log in to **CSLAUNDRY**. It will show the rooms with the equipment and availability.



TRASH

Students are required to take their own trash to the dumpsters.



BIKES

Bike racks are placed outside Russell West, East, Women's North and South. No bike is to be kept inside under residence hall stairways. Bikes are permitted under the stairways in the Quads.



TOBACCO

CSU is a tobacco free campus. The use of tobacco products is not permitted on campus.

ZERO TOLERANCE: NONAPPEALABLE DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES

While the university is fully committed to a disciplinary process that is both fair and expeditious, it is recognized that some disciplinary offenses are of such a severe nature that they may threaten the campus community and/or the safety of students, faculty and staff.

Therefore, the following offenses have been designated as **nonappealable**. This means the finding of the original disciplinary hearing will be imposed immediately without the right to appeal. These include:

1. Illegally possessing, using, selling or distributing any type of narcotic, marijuana, stimulants, hallucinogens, or other similar drugs and/or chemicals on or off campus.
2. Possession or use of any weapon, e.g. guns, knives, explosives, etc. A weapon may be defined as any object that is used with the intent to inflict harm.
3. A positive result on a university-mandated drug test.

This policy applies regardless of whether the original disciplinary hearing is held by the Dean of Students or the Committee for Discipline.

MINOR OFFENSES

Minimum Penalties

Students guilty of alcohol or visitation violations will receive the minimum sanctions as stated below, which automatically apply upon a guilty finding by a CSU hearing panel or university official. At the discretion of the Dean of Students or the disciplinary committee, additional sanctions may be applied. Students who have not satisfied their sanctions or fines by the due date are subject to immediate suspension from their residence hall.

Alcohol

First Offense

- Minimum \$250 fine
- 10 hours campus service as prescribed by the Dean of Students
- Drug and Alcohol counseling with an approved counselor
- Disciplinary probation (one full calendar year)
- For athletes, the person found responsible for the violation will not be allowed to represent CSU on the field of play for a term equal to one-fifth (20 percent) of the season's schedule. This suspension will be in effect for consecutive games, meets, matches or tournaments.
- For all students, the person found responsible for the violation will not be able to represent CSU as an office-holder, club member, musician, ministry participant or in any other extracurricular activity for a period equal to one-fifth (20 percent) of the semester's schedule of events. This suspension will be in effect for consecutive events.
- Notification of parents

Second Offense

- Minimum \$500 fine
- Drug and alcohol counseling with an approved counselor
- Disciplinary probation for an indefinite period of time
- Suspension from residence halls
- For athletes, the person found responsible for the violation will not be allowed to represent CSU on the field of play for a term equal to one full season. This suspension will be in effect for consecutive games, meets, matches or tournaments.

- For all students, the person found responsible for the violation will not be able to represent CSU as an office-holder, club member, musician, ministry participant or in any other extracurricular activity for a period equal to one full semester of scheduled events. This suspension will be in effect for consecutive events.
- Notification of parents

Third Offense

- Suspension from the university for a minimum of one year. After one year, the person found responsible for the violation may reapply to the university and revocation of the suspension will be reconsidered at that time.

Visitation

First Offense

- \$250 fine
- Disciplinary probation for one full calendar year

Second Offense

- Suspension from the residence halls

SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

Students are reminded to use extreme caution when visiting social networking websites such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. As a safety precaution, students are strongly discouraged from providing personally identifiable information to such Websites or blogs. In addition, please be advised that offensive or inappropriate material posted by CSU students to such sites, which brings discredit to Charleston Southern University, will not be tolerated. Offensive and/or inappropriate material includes, but is not limited to, photographs, audio or video streams and abusive, profane or threatening language. Material that violates the student Code of Conduct and constitutes a disciplinary offense as outlined in the Student Handbook will be dealt with accordingly. Student Code of Conduct violations will lead to disciplinary action being taken through the campus judicial process.

AVOIDING ROOMMATE CONFLICT

The roommate experience can be one of the most gratifying and the most trying times in your college life. If you know how to deal with conflict positively and productively, it is possible for each roommate to benefit from difficult situations that can arise.

Communication is the key to avoiding and resolving roommate conflicts. Below are strategies for establishing a better understanding of your own needs and expectations as well as those of your roommate.

In addition to the information and resources listed, your RA, RLC and the Assistant Dean of Campus Life can be excellent sources of support as you deal with difficult roommate situations.

GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START

Establish a pattern of open communication and cooperation with your roommate. Near the beginning of the semester, it is helpful to talk about how you might respond to the following questions:

Study time in the room: When will it be? What days? What hours? Will the stereo or TV be on or off? Volume?

Use of personal property: What can be shared? What can't be shared? Must permission be given?

Cleanliness: How often will the room be cleaned? Who will do it? What are your definitions of clean and messy?

Open House: How long will guests of the opposite gender be allowed to stay?

Privacy: How much privacy is needed? How often? How long?

Space: How much space is needed? Where will things be stored?

Security: All students are reminded to lock your room and secure any valuables at all times.

Sleep: What types of noise, lights, music are unacceptable while someone is sleeping? When will you sleep? For how long?

Noise: What types of noise, music, movies, etc. are acceptable when you are both in the room?

Alarm Clock: When will it be set? Will you use the snooze button? What happens if someone keeps sleeping through the alarm?

Emotions: How do you act when you are sad, bored, tired, sick, stressed, angry, happy or excited? How do you expect your roommate to respond?

DEALING WITH CONFLICT

It is normal for disagreements to occur, especially in situations where people live together and interact on a daily basis. If you find that there is an area of a relationship that is not working, think and pray about the following options:

Overlooking the Offense: Many disputes can be quietly resolved by overlooking an offense and forgiving the person who has wronged you (Proverbs 19:11). However, if an offense continues to make you angry, or if you find yourself talking to a third party about it, consider the confession/loving confrontation below.

Confession & Loving Confrontation: Sometimes an offense is too serious to ignore, or there are behaviors going on that are detrimental to the physical, emotional and/or spiritual health of you, your roommate or someone else. Offenses too serious to overlook should be resolved through confession or loving confrontation (Matthew 18:15).

If you're unsure about whether or not the offense is too serious to overlook or if you need more help on how to confront your roommate, ask someone on the Residence Life Staff.

Negotiation: Other disagreements can be solved if each roommate is willing to compromise in order to come up with a solution that meets the interest of all involved (Philippians 2:4).

Mediation: If a dispute cannot be resolved with just the two of you, you should ask a Residence Life staff member to meet with you and your roommate(s) to help explore possible solutions (Matthew 18:16).

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ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR RESOLUTION

In general, the longer you wait to confront the problem, the worse it can become. Be gentle, but direct, about your willingness to bring up the issue.

- Avoid blaming one another.
- Schedule an appropriate amount of time to discuss the conflict without rushing the issue. Make sure the time is as convenient as possible to everyone involved, and that it is a time when both of you are calm and ready to talk.
- Consider what the other person's perspective might be. Ask your roommate to picture what the situation would be like from your standpoint. Be respectful, considerate and understanding as you express your opinion and commit yourself to listening carefully to your roommate's feelings and concerns.
- Listening carefully means periodically restating what you hear your roommate saying so he/she can tell if the intended message is being understood. Listen without making assumptions,
- and make eye contact as much as possible.

- Talk about actions that can be changed, not personalities.
- Tell your roommate how her actions make you feel, using “I” statements.
- If the situation does not require immediate attention, give your roommate time (at least overnight) to think over a suggested compromise or specific action.

Although it may take some work, sharing a room can be a positive part of your college life. As you learn to work through conflict productively with your roommate, you are developing effective communication skills and an ability to biblically handle difficult relational situations, which will be valuable to you in future rooming situations and after college.

RELATED SCRIPTURES

Perspective on Trials

James 1:2-4

Model of Confrontation

Matthew 18:15-20

Wisdom and Peace from God

James 3:17-18

Putting on the New Self in Christ

Colossians 3:5-14



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