University Residence Halls Contract
FOR HOUSING AND DINING SERVICE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS: ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System operating as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of University Housing (hereinafter referred to as the “Division”) and you, the student (hereinafter referred to as “you” and/or “Resident”), signing the contract, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

You understand and agree that this contract is for a room assignment determined by the Division. This contract does not guarantee assignment to a particular residence hall, room, or with a particular roommate. Failure to honor an applicant’s assignment preferences will not void the contract.

This document and those referred to within it constitute the University of Wisconsin-Madison housing contract for single student housing. Failure to read this agreement, the information provided on the University Housing websites or other distributed materials do not excuse you from complying with the terms and conditions, rules, policies and procedures contained therein.

Your electronic signature and deposit payment indicate your agreement to the terms and conditions of the contract and makes the agreement legally binding on both parties.

1. ELIGIBILITY TO RESIDE IN UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS
You must be an enrolled student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison or otherwise determined eligible by the Director of Housing. The Division reserves the right to cancel your contract if you are registered for five credits or less, unless continued residency is approved by the Director of Housing or the Director’s designee.

Wisconsin law [SS36.25(46)] requires you to affirm whether you have received vaccination against meningococcal disease and hepatitis B, and to provide the dates of vaccination, if any; this information must be provided electronically to University Health Services.

You must be able to perform your own independent tasks or provide an attendant to assist you. You are responsible for your own self-care including appropriate personal hygiene, mental health, management of medical conditions/illnesses, and/or disability-related personal needs. You are expected to utilize the various resources available to provide care for yourself. Students with the inability or perceived inability to care for themselves and/or who cause harm to themselves or others may be asked to adhere to an action plan and/or leave the University Residence Halls.

2. UNIVERSITY AGREES
The Division hereby grants to you a limited license to occupy University Housing facilities and receive dining services in the residence halls under the terms and conditions stated herein. Information on the www.housing.wisc.edu website, including move-in and move-out schedules, is incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract. The Division and Resident agree that no lease or landlord-tenant relationship is created by this agreement.

3. RESIDENT AGREES
You, as the Resident, agree to:

A. make complete payments of all housing and dining service fees, including the $250.00 advance payment;
B. abide by the Student/Community Expectations of the Division (located on the www.housing.wisc.edu website) and all rules and regulations of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract;
C. honor the terms and conditions stated in this contract; and
D. read and act upon all electronic communications sent by the Division.

4. CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT
You cannot assign this contract to another person nor sublet any part of the premises.

5. CONTRACT CHANGES
Changes may not be made in the terms and conditions of this contract without the agreement and written permission of the Director of Housing.

6. ORAL AND ELECTRONIC REPRESENTATION
The Division will not make any oral agreement or oral representation to you, the student, or any person acting on your behalf. The Division will not rely on any oral representation from you or any third party concerning any University Residence Halls Contract. The entire University Residence Halls Contract is expressed in writing and supersedes any understanding that may have been communicated orally or implied. Neither you, the student, nor the Division are relying on any oral or implied agreement, representation, or understanding of fact or law that is not expressed in writing.

Your UW-Madison issued Net ID and password are, per the UW-Madison Responsible Use of Information Technology Policy, intended for your (the student's) use only. You will use your Net ID and password to access the My UW Housing portal where you will complete your University Residence Halls Contract. The Division is obligated to report to the University any suspected misuse or sharing of your Net ID and password.

7. OFFICIAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO/WITH THE STUDENT
The Division will initially communicate with you (the student) using the electronic (email) address you provided as part of your admissions process to UW-Madison. Most Division emails will include the official UW-Madison logo and all emails will come from an email address containing housing.wisc.edu in the domain. To ensure receipt of emails from the Division, be sure to add assignme@housing.wisc.edu to your personal email address book on record with UW-Madison. The Division is not responsible for email communication that is sorted to a spam folder or blocked by your email provider.

UW-Madison will designate your wisc.edu University email address as the preferred email address typically in early June. Once this happens, your room assignment information and all future emails received from the Division will use the wisc.edu email address for official communication. You are responsible for checking the wisc.edu email account and should use the wisc.edu account for conducting all University related business. Forwarding emails from your wisc.edu account to other email accounts is not an excuse for missed action on University business.

Per the Federal Education Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), the Division will only act upon correspondence received from you (the student) from either the email address you entered as part of the admissions process or your wisc.edu email address once you have been assigned a room.

8. CONTRACT TERM
This contract is for the entire Academic Year 2016-17.

Fall occupancy periods will be from September 1, 2016 to 8:00 p.m. on December 23, 2016; exceptions to stay until 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2016 must be approved by residence life staff in your hall.

Winter Break housing (the period between the fall and spring semesters) is an available option for an additional fee.
Spring occupancy periods will be from January 14, 2017 to 12:00 p.m. on May 14, 2017. For new spring residents, the Spring 2017 Contract Term begins January 14, 2017.

If entered into after September 1, 2016, this contract applies only to the balance of Academic Year 2016-17. If the dates of the academic year are revised by the University, the revised dates will apply and will not change the financial obligations of this contract. The Division further reserves the right to adjust opening dates each semester in order to adapt to the academic calendar of the University without any adjustment to rates.

9. VACATION PERIODS
You may not occupy your room later than 24 hours after your last instructional period/exam of the semester without prior approval from residence life staff for your hall. All residence halls will be closed beginning at noon (12:00 p.m.) on December 24, 2016 and all services normally provided will be discontinued. Academic year residents who opt for winter break housing and pay an additional fee may reside in our residence halls. All halls remain open during Thanksgiving and spring breaks.

10. RATES
Projected 2016-17 rates are provided on the www.housing.wisc.edu website. The 2016-17 rates will be finalized by summer 2016. Rates include a fee for use by resident student organizations to provide educational and social programming to residents. The Division reserves the right to adjust contract rates during the term of this contract and you agree to pay the rates and prices as adjusted. Adjustment in rates will not be greater than $50 during the academic year. Individual food item prices may be adjusted to meet unforeseen cost changes.

11. PAYMENT
Payment will be made in accordance with the 2016-17 billing schedule. The Division reserves the right to make a charge of $50 for each quarter that payment is not made by the due date.

12. DEPOSIT/ADVANCE PAYMENT
The deposit and advance payment submitted will be credited to your fourth quarter bill unless it becomes necessary to withhold the credit to cover other costs incurred by you under the terms of this contract or other University account balances.

13. INDEBTEDNESS
Failure to satisfy the financial obligations accrued under this contract in a timely manner may result in:
- A. cancellation of this contract;
- B. a hold being placed on your records preventing the issuance of grade transcripts and/or enrollment;
- C. denial of reassignment; and/or
- D. eviction.

14. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT BY THE DIVISION
The Division may cancel or temporarily suspend performance of any part of this contract in the event of an exigency that would make continued operation for student housing not feasible. The Division reserves the right to deny or cancel a University Residence Halls Contract if you:
- A. lose eligibility as defined in this contract under Item 1, ELIGIBILITY;
- B. fail to properly complete or misrepresent information on the contract;
- C. fail to comply with any portion of this contract or a prior contract you held with the Division;
- D. fail to satisfy in a timely manner all financial obligations accrued under this or a previous Division contract, including all required advance payments;
- E. have a record of past failure to meet financial obligations in a timely manner;
- F. violate rules or regulations listed or referred to in this contract and/or the University of Wisconsin Administrative Code, including chapters UWS 6: Complaints and Grievances; UWS 17: Student Nonacademic Disciplinary Procedures; and/or UWS 18: Conduct on University Lands. If your contract is cancelled any time during the academic year for disciplinary reasons, the Division reserves the right to deny or cancel a University Residence Halls Contract for any future academic terms; and/or
G. have a proven criminal record or demonstrate behavior that your presence in the University Residence Halls may provide an unreasonable risk to yourself or to others in the University community, including students, faculty, and staff.

You will receive written notification electronically and/or by letter which will provide a date by which you must vacate the University Residence Halls. In the case of a serious violation, or a reasonable belief that a threat exists, you may be required to vacate within 24 hours or sooner. Cancellation of your contract by the Division does not relieve you of any fees and/or charges owed under this contract.

Cancellation of your housing contract may result in the loss of your employment with the Division.

15. REQUEST TO CANCEL CONTRACT BY PROSPECTIVE/CURRENT RESIDENT
You may apply in writing, electronically or by letter, to the Division to cancel your University Residence Halls Contract. The Division retains the right to grant or deny any cancellation request. You are welcome to provide any additional documentation in support of a cancellation request. The Division may consult with another University office or department regarding your cancellation request.

A cancellation request is given priority if you:
A. are not attending or are no longer an enrolled student at the University of Wisconsin – Madison;
B. participate in an internship, research, or study abroad program that requires living away from Madison;
C. demonstrate serious extenuating circumstances when, in the Division’s judgment, living elsewhere is warranted.

Requests for a release from the University Residence Halls Contract to live off-campus (including but not limited to privately owned residence halls, apartments, Greek houses) are only considered when demand for housing contracts exceeds availability as determined by the Division. Students requesting an off-campus release will receive an email directing them to required paperwork to complete, as well as the schedule of notification regarding off-campus decisions. Students living in Expanded Housing or assigned later in the summer are considered occupancy management and do not factor into off-campus release decisions. In the unlikely event that an off-campus release request is granted, there is an automatic forfeiture of the deposit regardless of when the request is made.

You may request a buyout of your University Residence Halls contract at any time by paying a non-negotiable 85 percent of housing and dining service fees remaining under the contract. Fees remaining under the contract is defined as the time from the day you move out of the University Residence Halls until the end of the academic year. If a buyout is sought prior to the start of the academic year, the cost is 85 percent of all housing and dining service fees for the entire contract term (September to May).

16. CANCELLATION FEES AND REFUNDS
A. Deposits and Advance Payments
Approved contract cancellations will be subject to the forfeiture schedule listed below as liquidated damages whether or not a waiting list exists.

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Spring 2017 Contract Term cancellations incur a $300 forfeiture charge.

Forfeiture charges will not be assessed if your cancellation request is granted for one of the following reasons:
1. Your admission to the University of Wisconsin – Madison is revoked.
2. You are dropped from the University of Wisconsin – Madison for academic reasons.
3. You graduate after the fall term.
4. You or a member of your immediate family has a serious illness or injury that prevents you from attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

5. You transfer to another University of Wisconsin campus and contract to live in the university-owned residence halls on that campus for the term of this contract.

6. You experience a substantial and unanticipated financial hardship since signing your contract.

7. You have been called to active duty for the United States military.

B. Housing and Dining Fees for Cancellations on or after September 1, 2016

Approved contract cancellations made by the Division will result in full housing and dining fee charges up to the day you complete appropriate checkout procedures as outlined under Section 24 of this contract.

You will be refunded any unused housing fee payments on a prorated basis. Federal financial aid dollars or campus department third party payments will be refunded to the appropriate departments/offices. The amount of your refund will be applied to damages (as outlined in Section 25 of this contract) or other University account balances.

Refunds of housing and dining service fee payments will not be made for departures during the last 15 nights of the first or second semester.

17. ASSIGNMENT POLICY

The Division will not discriminate in assigning rooms or roommates to University Housing on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, familial status, political affiliation, veteran’s status, or age.

The Division will do its best to honor student preferences for an assignment, however, there is no guarantee of an assignment to a particular room type, residence hall, learning community, or neighborhood. Students can be assigned to single, double, or triple rooms, or to Expanded Housing. All residents with a binding contract will receive assignment information in mid-June 2016. If you request an extension of your contract due date, you may be assigned at a later time over the summer or may begin in Expanded Housing. Students assigned to Expanded Housing must accept a permanent assignment when it is offered.

Failure to honor assignment preferences, assignments made later in the summer or an assignment to Expanded Housing are not grounds for a release from the contract. Room changes may be requested beginning the first day of classes as noted in Section 19.

The Division reserves the right to change room or hall assignments, to assign roommates, or to consolidate vacancies by requiring you to move from single occupancy of a double room to double occupancy of a double room in the same hall. The Division reserves the right to assign additional residents above the design capacity of designated rooms.

As deemed necessary, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Vice Chancellor-for Finance & Administration or designee may relocate any resident without cause or prior notice for health or safety reasons or to protect University property, restore operations, or meet the needs of the University community.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the University Residence Halls including student rooms and public areas such as dens, hallways, and bathrooms. Smoking is also prohibited outside within 25 feet of any University Residence Hall and/or dining facility.

18. ROOMMATES

You are welcome to request a specific roommate or indicate an interest in being assigned a random roommate. Your preferences must be electronically submitted by early May. All roommate requests must be mutual and there is no guarantee of an assignment with a specific individual.

The Division offers students the option to participate in Room Sync, a program that uses social media to help students find potential roommates. Requesting a contract due date extension or being offered a contract after
May 1, 2016 will exclude you from participating in the Room Sync program. Room Sync is a third party program; the Division does not guarantee roommate success to students who use Room Sync.

Assignment changes or contract decisions are made on an individual basis, and are not influenced by actual or preferred roommate pairings. Decisions made regarding a student’s contract or assignment do not alter the status of the roommate’s contract or assignment. Failure to honor your roommate preferences will not void the contract.

The Division will share your name, postal and email addresses, and telephone number, which are all considered public directory information, with any assigned roommate(s) unless a FERPA restriction is placed on this data. Students wishing to restrict some or all directory information should log on to the Student Center for the campus My UW portal.

Behaviors with the purpose to bully, intimidate, harass, and/or physically harm a potential roommate either in-person, verbally, or through electronic medium (including but not limited to social media websites, texts, email, and/or instant messaging) may result in assignment to a different room and/or residence hall and/or cancellation of the housing contract. Cancellation of your contract by the Division does not relieve you of any fees and/or charges owed under this contract.

19. ROOM CHANGES
You may change rooms only with prior written authorization from the Division Assignment Office. The Division begins collecting room change requests on the first day of classes, for all terms, per the University of Wisconsin – Madison academic calendar. Unauthorized room changes or failure to move out of a room at a designated time may result in being required to move back to your authorized assignment and/or disciplinary action. If granted a room change, you are expected to follow checkout procedures as outlined in Section 24 of this contract. The Division may electronically notify your current roommate, if applicable, that Division personnel will be entering the room to perform a room inspection.

20. LIABILITY & INSURANCE
Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, its officers, employees and agents have no legal obligation, nor any ability to provide reimbursement for your personal property resulting from loss, theft, water damage, vandalism, or any other perils, unless damage results from the negligence of a specific University employee.

Accordingly, you agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the Division and its officers, employees and agents, for damages sustained by you or others, as a result of your acts or omissions, relating to any changes or modifications made by you to your room or furnishings, such as the configuration of loft beds, bunk beds, bookshelves, partitions, or other structures. This means that you are financially responsible for injury to another party, or damage to their property, as a result of any equipment or items you have constructed, created, purchased or used improperly, and that you will pay any resulting claims on behalf of the University.

Because the Division does not provide property insurance, residents are encouraged to secure their own renters and liability insurance.

21. ROOM ENTRY
The Division reserves the right to enter your room in the interest of health, safety, security, and building maintenance. When possible, advance notice of room entry will be given. Division employees are required to report any violations of University regulations and/or terms of this contract observed when in your room. Authorized personnel may enter your room to:
   A. perform requested, preventive, prescheduled, or emergency maintenance;
   B. assess for any damages after a resident has vacated; or,
   C. silence a disruptive noise in the absence of occupants of the room.

Property can be seized and removed from your room when:
   A. it constitutes an imminent danger;
B. it is University-owned property; or
C. it is an unauthorized animal/pet.

22. FACILITY REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS
The Division reserves the right to make repairs or improvements to the facilities and residents’ rooms during occupancy periods.

23. VACATING
You must vacate the University Residence Halls within 24 hours if you:
   A. receive notification that your contract has been cancelled;
   B. are no longer a student at the University of Wisconsin – Madison; or
   C. have had your last instructional period/exam of the semester.

If you are graduating from the University, you may remain in your room until Commencement Day. Under no circumstances may you remain in your room later than building closing time on the last day of the contract term.

24. CHECKOUTS FOR ROOM CHANGES, CANCELLATIONS OR END OF CONTRACT TERM
You should begin the checkout process only after receiving prior written notification from the Division Assignment Office or at the end of your contract term.

You agree to follow the proper checkout procedures provided to you prior to changing rooms or leaving the residence halls. Failure to return your room key at the time of checkout will result in a charge to your account to change the lock on your room door. A room inspection by Division personnel will serve as the basis for any room change charges. Extra cleaning by Division personnel, de-lofting a bed, damages to your room, and/or abandoned property requiring storage until disposal will result in a service charge to your housing account.

25. DAMAGES AND LABOR CHARGES
You agree to pay for any damages:
   A. to the building, including fire damage;
   B. for missing or damaged furniture, keys and other property; and/or
   C. labor costs caused by you to University Residence Halls because of your actions or intentions.

Where two or more residents occupy the same room and responsibility for damage or loss in the room cannot be ascertained by the Division, the cost of damage or loss will be divided and assessed equally among the residents of the room. The Division reserves the right to assess common area damage between residents of a house, floor, and/or hall.

26. ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY
You are responsible for removing all personal property from the University Residence Halls when you move out. The Division has the right, without assuming any liability, to dispose of all personal property left or abandoned on the premises 60 days after the expiration or cancellation of the current contract. During such 60-day period, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, the Division and its officers, employees, and agents will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of your property.

27. DINING SERVICE
Dining service will be provided as described on the www.housing.wisc.edu/dining website. Service hours and locations may be adjusted by the Division seven days after residents have been notified of the change. Dining service will not be provided during Thanksgiving and winter breaks including during the optional winter break housing period. The last day of dining service each semester will be the last day of exams.