
SUMMER 2024: HOUSING & DINING CONTRACT - TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Eligibility:** Enrolled students attending Virginia Tech are eligible for on-campus housing for the summer term.
Any individual who must register as a Sex Offender is prohibited from living on-campus in a University residence hall.
- Period of Contract:** The contract shall be in force for both summer terms, consisting of first and second summer sessions. Specifically, the contract period may begin during first or second summer sessions, and will terminate when the student is no longer enrolled for the summer. Once the contract begins, it is not possible to terminate it and reside off campus later in either summer session.
- Period of Occupancy:** A student's right to occupancy shall begin not earlier than the first day the halls open for each semester, date and time to be announced prior to each semester. The deadline for claiming the assigned room is the Friday of the first week of class of each semester. Failure to do so may result in the reassignment of the room; however, the contract will remain in force. Prior written notice is required to hold a reservation after the deadline. Residence halls are closed at the end of each semester and during official vacations at a time and date specified by Housing Services.
- Room & Board Payments:** Fees are due and payable in advance, and upon official notice from the University prior to each semester.
- Dining Services:** Students who live in university housing are required to purchase one of the meal plans offered to on-campus residents by Virginia Tech Dining Services.
- Room Assignments:** When students contract with the University for on-campus housing, they contract for a bed space in the residence hall system, not a specific room assignment. A **limited** number of single occupancy rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Most students will reside in double-occupancy rooms. We will attempt to honor mutual roommate requests. In making or changing room an assignment, Virginia Tech complies with all federal, state, and University regulations regarding non-discrimination.
- Room Occupancy:** Students are required to pay for the occupancy level they are assigned. If one of the occupants moves from the room, Housing Services reserves the right to assign a new roommate, or to reassign the remaining student to another room to consolidate space. The student agrees to accept an assigned roommate.
Students are expected to occupy their assigned room. Students who choose to vacate their assignment without being officially released from the contract have abrogated their right to that space, and will lose access to the vacated assignment. Students remain liable for room-and-board charges during the life of the contract. Students returning during the contract period will be reassigned to an available space.
- University Liability:** Although precautions are taken to maintain adequate security, the University assumes no responsibility for injury to persons, and/or loss of or damage to personal property that occurs in its buildings or on its grounds prior to, during, or subsequent to the terms of this contract. Students (and their parents/guardians) are **strongly encouraged** to purchase and maintain appropriate insurance to cover such losses.
- Student Liability:** The student is responsible for the condition of the assigned room and all furnishings, and shall reimburse the University for all damage to or loss of these furnishings beyond ordinary wear and tear. Damage to common areas may be charged to all residents in that area.

10. **Room Entry:** The University reserves the right to enter into student rooms for the purposes of inspection, improvement, repair, to control the rooms in the event of an epidemic or emergency, or for any other purpose in accordance with *the Student Code of Conduct and Housing Policies*.
11. **Room Check-out:** Students departing at the end of their contract responsibility shall be expected to perform certain check-out procedures. Failure to check out as prescribed will result in the assessment of improper check-out penalty and loss of the right to contest damage assessments.
12. **Room Change & Contract Termination:** Room assignments may be changed, cancelled, or terminated by the University in the interest of order, health, maximum use of facilities, or disaster after due notice to the student. Willful disregard for the rights, responsibilities, and duties of others, interfering with a staff member engaged in the performance of job duties (includes, but not limited to, verbal abuse, intimidation, or use of physical force), as well as the creation of circumstances that could jeopardize life, limb, or property are unacceptable and may be cause for judicial action, interim suspension of occupancy pending administrative review of a situation, and/or subsequent termination of the Housing/Dining Contract. ***Notwithstanding any other terms or conditions, Virginia Tech may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time without cause upon giving the Student written notice of such termination. Upon such termination, the Student shall immediately remove their belongings from the room and building. No refunds of housing costs or fees shall be made for any termination.***
13. **Evacuation and Relocation:** In the event that a Force Majeure, or other exigent circumstances as defined by the University, requires evacuation or relocation of the resident, the resident must immediately comply with such evacuation or relocation orders from University officials. Failure or refusal by the resident to abide by any such directive or procedure may result in disciplinary action or removal by the University and/or the Virginia Tech Police.
14. **Conduct Action:** Students who are placed on deferred suspension, suspension, deferred dismissal, or denial of housing conduct sanctions during the summer term are not eligible for a residence hall contract during the next academic year. These students will be eligible for the housing lottery process for the next academic year following the completion of the conduct sanction. If the student receives a contract, and later receives one of the aforementioned conduct sanctions, the contract during the contract period will be revoked. Serious violations also can result in immediate loss of a housing contract.
15. **Rules and Regulations:** Rules and regulations outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct, Housing Policies, and Dining Policies* as well as any revisions thereto as may be periodically instituted by the University, are incorporated herein and made a part of this contract. In the event of a conflict between the rules and regulations as they appear in the above named publications and the terms of this contract, the provisions of this contract shall take precedence.

Virginia Tech does not discriminate against employees, students, or applicants on the basis of race, sex, handicap, age, veteran status, national origin, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation. Anyone having questions concerning discrimination should contact the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office.

If you are a person with a disability, and desire assistance or accommodation, please [contact](#) Services for Students with Disabilities, 310 Lavery Hall, 430 Old Turner St, Blacksburg, VA 24061; 540-231-3788; ssd@t.edu. The earlier SSD is aware of your needs, the more effective we can be in working with you.