

Visitation Policy - Between NU Students

Open hours are those during which visitation between opposite genders is permitted:

- Sunday–Thursday: Noon–midnight
- Friday & Saturday: Noon–2 a.m.
- Privacy hours are all times outside of those designated for open visitation.

Visitation hours do not apply to apartments. Same-gender visitation in the residence halls is permitted 24 hours a day.

Entrance and Guest Procedures

Resident Students: Students may enter their own residence hall 24 hours a day when halls are open. The residential areas are card-swipe secured and residents only have access to swipe into their own buildings.

All Others: Individuals not living in a particular residence hall must be with a resident of that hall to enter.

- Guests under 16 years of age are not permitted to spend the night in the residence halls.
- Guests may not spend more than two consecutive nights in the residence halls.
- Guests must abide by gender visitation policies - male identifying guests may not be hosted overnight by female identifying residents, and vice versa.
- Guests must abide by all university policies and procedures. Failure to do so will result in the guest being required to leave campus.
- Hosts are responsible for the actions of their guests and may be subject to judicial action for their guests' misconduct.
- Residents should discuss overnight guests with their roommates prior to inviting guests to campus, and roommates should be in agreement to allow guests to stay with them.

Noise in Residence Halls

The university expects students to respect the rights of others relative to a learning environment. Quiet Hours will be observed in all residence halls, including apartments, as follows:

- Sunday–Thursday: Noon–midnight
- Friday & Saturday: Noon–2 a.m.
- Courtesy Hours - 24/7

Additionally, there are 24/7 Courtesy Hours where students are expected to not cause excessive disruption to the community at any time by avoiding excessive noise and turn down any excessive noise if asked. Students are required to uphold living habits normally associated with responsible community life and are held accountable for maintaining a residence atmosphere conducive to study and rest for others. Students should keep the volume of televisions, stereos, speakers, and other electronics low so as not to disturb others. Practice or performance on musical instruments must not disturb others. The use of electronically amplified or percussion musical instruments is prohibited in rooms or common areas.

During exam week, 24-hour quiet hours will be in effect in all campus residences. This begins at 12:01 am on Reading Day each semester.

Excessive noise may result in Student Conduct charges, which may result in room/hall reassignments and other appropriate disciplinary action including removal from residence.

Damage to University Residence Hall Property

Student agrees that they are liable for full payment for any loss or damage to the room or apartment, furnishings, or public use areas provided by Niagara University. This includes, but is not limited to, acts of intentional or willful destruction, negligence, careless disregard, or accidental destruction.

Student may be held accountable for damages associated with the property of other students or University property. Student also may be charged on a prorated basis for public area damages where responsible parties cannot be identified. The University reserves the right to fine all students on the floor where damage occurs in a common area that cannot be traced to a specific person, group, or incident.

Student may not remove any University property from rooms or apartments, lounges, hallways, etc.

Student is responsible for all his/her activities and his/her visitors' activities taking place on the premises.

Student shall take good care of the premises and the furnishings, appliances, equipment, and fixtures therein, and shall keep them in good sanitary condition, and shall return the same at the end or other termination of this contract in as good a condition as when received, ordinary wear and damage or destruction not caused by negligent or willful acts or omissions of student excepted.

Personal Property

Student agrees to assume and bear the risk of loss with regard to all personal property kept or maintained in the residence halls. Niagara University assumes no responsibility for damage to student

personal property including damage to student personal property as a result of natural disaster, act of nature, or negligent/accidental act of another student.

It is our policy for all students to keep their rooms, suites and/or apartments locked when they are not present, and when they are asleep, and their valuables secured at all times.

Pets and Fish

No pet of any kind is permitted in any campus residence, with the exception of Service Animals, approved Emotional Support Animals, and freshwater fish in tanks that are 10 gallons or smaller. Students must remove fish from the residence halls and empty and unplug fish tanks during break periods. Students may not leave any approved animal in residence overnight or during a break period. Students wishing to request permission to have an Emotional Support Animal on campus must contact Accessibility Services and gain approval for this accommodation prior to the ESA being on campus.

Outside Furniture

No outside furniture is permitted in the residence halls, including waterbeds, personal mattresses, couches, etc.

Alterations to Residence Hall Rooms

Residents may not put up any decorations or make any alterations to their room that will damage or change university property or constitutes a safety or health threat to residents or the campus community. Please consult pages for a list of what to bring and not to bring. Students may not use personally owned furniture of the types already provided by the university. Raising furniture off the floor, stacking furniture or use of same for anything other than its intended purpose is prohibited. Residents should not attempt any repair or maintenance work on their own.

Recreational Activities

Recreational activities normally conducted outdoors or in gymnasiums, auditoriums or other open areas are prohibited in the residences. This includes activities such as ball games, Frisbee, soccer, skateboarding, hockey, etc.

Entrance Into Resident Rooms

The University owns the property and officials may enter resident rooms for maintenance, when there is a safety concern, or for health and safety inspections. Health and Safety inspections occur with advance notice before each break period.

Use of Residence Hall Space for Living Purposes Only

Residence hall rooms are to be used as living units only, and no commercial or business operations may be carried on therein. Additionally, no resident may host another third-party vendor to conduct business on campus.

Accountability within your Room

All occupants of the room are responsible for Code of Conduct or Residence Hall Policy violations occurring within the room. All occupants should ensure their entire shared space is free of violations.

Residence Hall Solicitation & Posting

No door-to-door soliciting or canvassing is allowed in residence halls or apartments at any time. University recognized student groups may request permission to hang posters or flyers on the first floor of each residence hall by contacting the Office of Residence Life. Posters should be delivered to the Office of Residence Life at least 5 business days before you need the posters to be hung. At this time, Residence Life does not assist with "Dorm Storming" (small flyers under each residence room door) for other organizations but can grant special permission for this when requested 1 week in advance.

Keys

The possession of room keys constitutes occupancy. Students are issued room keys for which they are responsible. Any key not returned during checkout, or within 48 hours following checkout, will be considered lost and the student will be charged for replacement of keys and/or lock changes.

In order to maintain the integrity of the university's key system, the following procedures are in effect for all residences:

- Whenever a key is lost to a room, a new cylinder will be installed, and the appropriate number of keys made. Students will be charged according to the designed room capacity and the number of keys recut.

- The resident will be required to pay for the lock change once billed by the Student Accounts office.
- Key replacement requests cannot be rescinded once filed with the Residence Life Office.
- An automatic lock change will be done at the student's expense if the student is found illegally in residence.
- The duplication of any university key is strictly forbidden. Students found misusing or duplicating keys are subject to strict disciplinary action.
- Whenever a key is misplaced, a CA will open the student's door only when identification by the room's legal resident is demonstrated. Students may be assessed a charge for each lockout.

Room Inspections

Room inspections are conducted throughout the semester to address health and safety issues, and facilities issues. Students may be notified in advance of scheduled room inspections, including those conducted in conjunction with the Fire Inspector. Residence Life reserves the right to enter student rooms without prior knowledge or permission when there is a health or safety concern, or policy violations are believed to be occurring. For more information about this, please consult the Administrative Search policy.

Personal Property Insurance

Niagara University will not assume responsibility for any liability related to student's personal property. As such, students are advised to carry personal property insurance. During fall and spring recess periods, residents may leave personal property in residence rooms or designated storage areas at their own risk. The university accepts no liability for students' possessions. This coverage may also protect against damage a student may do to university property accidentally or through negligence.