

In preparation for your renewal and signup period we wish to notify of changes made to the 2020-21 Housing Agreement. Throughout the new Housing Agreement for fall 2020, minor clarification adjustments in language have been made. In addition a number of new sections have been added/adjusted in the agreement to address Eligibility to live on campus, Cancellation Provisions, Care of Facilities, Solicitation, Termination, Storage of Personal Property, Improper Checkout, Transfer of Unit Keys or Access to Unit, a Digital Information Disclaimer, and Insurance.

Please pay special attention the all of the sections below that have been added or adjusted to the 2020 housing agreement. Your new housing agreement that you agree to through renewal and signup will have the below language included. Please note the most important change relating to eligibility to live on campus as highlighted below in section II.

Under Section II, new hour requirements added

II. Eligibility. To be eligible to live in University Housing, students must maintain student status each semester they wish to reside in University Housing and enroll in and complete the following:

- **Graduate students: 6 class hours** of The University of Texas at Dallas coursework each fall and spring semester.
- **Undergraduate students: 9 class hours** of The University of Texas at Dallas course work each fall and spring semester.
- University Approved Internships: 1 class hour of The University of Texas at Dallas course work each fall and spring semester.
- All students: enrollment in summer classes is not required, but registration for the following fall's coursework is required.

Under section VI new language and requirements added.

VI. Cancellation Provisions. You are responsible for the full amount of the University Housing Terms and Conditions agreement period, unless you formally cancel in writing within the following timelines and requirements. You must cancel your agreement by notifying University Housing in writing via your official UT Dallas email account. Your cancellation date will be recognized as your last date of occupancy. Note: In all cases the \$100 administrative fee is non-refundable.

CHARGES FOR THE ACADEMIC-YEAR

- 0% of fall housing charges for termination prior to June 1st.
- 10% of fall housing charges for termination between June 1st and July 15th.
- 25% of fall housing charges for termination between July 16th and the 10th class day of the fall term.
- 50% of fall housing charges for termination between 11th class day and the 20th class day of the fall term.
- 75% of fall housing charges for termination between the 21st class day and 25th class day of the fall term.
- 100% of fall & spring housing charges for termination after the 25th class day of the fall term.

If an enrolled student terminates the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement after July 15th, but before classes start for the fall academic term, the student will be billed for 25% of their semester housing charges.

CHARGES FOR THE ACADEMIC-YEAR SPRING TERM (For New Spring Agreements Only)

- 0% of spring housing charges for termination prior to November 1st.
- 10% of spring housing charges for termination between November 1st and November 15th.
- 25% of spring housing charges for termination between November 16th and the 10th class day of the spring term.
- 50% of spring housing charges for termination between 11th class day and the 20th class day of the spring term.
- 75% of spring housing charges for termination between the 21st class day and 25th class day of the spring term.
- 100% of spring housing charges for termination after the 25th class day of the spring term.

CHARGES FOR THE SUMMER TERMS

(This only pertains to students who have applied for summer housing.)

- 10% of summer housing charges for termination prior to April 15th.
- 25% of summer housing charges for termination between April 15th and the 5th class day of the summer term.
- 50% of summer housing charges for termination between 6th class day and the 10th class day of the summer term.
- 75% of summer housing charges for termination between the 11th class day and 15th class day of the summer term.
- 100% of summer housing charges for termination after the 15th class day of the summer term.

Students who enter into a housing agreement during the fall semester are responsible for the full agreement period which lasts through the academic-year spring term.

Students may be eligible for a cancellation fee of **15%** of the remaining housing charges on the agreement if they have a medical or financial hardship. To be considered for this reduction, students must provide written documentation to University Housing personnel. Decisions regarding the exact cancellation fee will be made individually. This documentation will be reviewed by a University Housing Committee for final approval of a cancellation fee.

Students who cancel a fall renewal agreement for the following academic agreement term, but are remaining a resident for the summer, will have their summer agreement revert to a summer-only agreement. The dates to vacate their space will be outlined by the summer-only agreement dates posted on the housing website.

Students who cancel a summer agreement will also have their following academic agreement and assignment terminated.

Students who cancel in writing (via their official UT Dallas email account) prior to the term that they participate in an approved study abroad program, a special campus-sponsored study program or an approved internship, will not be required to pay for the housing charges for the semester they are cancelling. Graduating students must provide a 60-day notice of cancellation to avoid being charged for the remainder of the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement.

Students who are not enrolled, are removed for conduct reasons or academically suspended will be responsible for the full amount of the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement.

Prior to or During Occupancy (Military Personnel Only):

You may terminate the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement with no cancellation fees or future housing charges if you enlist or are drafted or commissioned in the U.S. Armed Forces.

You may also terminate the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement with no fees or future housing charges if:

- You are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or reserves on active duty or a member of the National Guard called to active duty for more than 30 days in response to a national emergency declared by the President; *and*
- You receive orders for permanent change-of-station, receive orders to deploy with a military unit or as an individual in support of a military operation for 90 days or more, *or* are relieved or released from active duty.

Under section IX new language and requirements added.

IX. Care of Facilities, Equipment, Inspection, Bedbugs, Pests and Pets.

- a. Resident acknowledges that it is necessary for Resident to provide appropriate climate control, keep the housing facility clean, and take other measures to retard and prevent mold and mildew from accumulating in the housing facility. Resident hereby agrees to the following:
 - i. Resident agrees to clean and dust the housing facility on a regular basis and to remove visible moisture accumulation on windows, walls, ceilings, countertops and other surfaces as soon as reasonably possible.
 - ii. Resident agrees to promptly and thoroughly absorb water or other spilled liquids from surfaces, and dry affected areas, as soon as reasonably possible after occurrence.
 - iii. Resident agrees not to block or cover any of the heating, ventilation or air-conditioning ducts in the housing facility, and to maintain a reasonable climate within the housing facility that minimizes moisture accumulation on surfaces.
 - iv. Resident agrees to use pre-installed bathroom fan(s) when bathing or showering, and to allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the bathroom area.
 - v. Resident agrees to use pre-installed kitchen exhaust fans(s) while cooking or while the dishwasher is running, and to allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the kitchen area.
 - vi. Resident agrees to immediately report to University Housing, both verbally and in writing:

1. any evidence of a water leak, standing water, or excessive moisture inside the housing facility, including incidence of leaking plumbing pipes/fixtures and overflow of sinks, toilets, or shower/bath enclosures;
 2. any evidence of a water leak, standing water, or excessive moisture in any community common area;
 3. any evidence of mold- or mildew-like growth inside or on housing facility surfaces that cannot be removed by simply applying a common household cleaner and wiping the area, or any area where evidence of mold- or mildew-like growth reappears despite regular cleaning;
 4. any failure or malfunction in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems or laundry systems in the housing facility; and
 5. any inoperable doors or windows.
- vii. Resident further agrees that Resident shall be responsible for damage to the Premises and Resident's property as well as injury to Resident and Occupants resulting from Resident's failure to comply with the terms of this Paragraph.
- j. Reporting: Resident shall promptly notify University Housing of any damage within the unit which includes but is not limited to; personal malfunctioning equipment, non-working keys, doors or locks, broken windows, leaking plumbing fixtures, electrical outages, internet outages, fire safety equipment issues, and non-working university-provided appliances.

Under Section XXII, new language added

Solicitation. In accordance to *Regents' Rule*, 80103 and the [Speech and Expression Assembly Policy, UTDSP5001](#), no solicitation shall be conducted on any property, street, or sidewalk, or in any building, structure, or facility controlled by The University of Texas System (UT System) or UT Dallas. Non-university groups, individuals, or associations are not permitted to solicit, distribute, or circulate any petitions, handbills, or other literature in university buildings or on the grounds, unless permitted by law.

Under Section XXX, new language added

Termination. Termination of this housing agreement is effective when you move out not when you give notice of intent to move out.

Under Section XXXI, new language added

Storage of Personal Property. Between housing terms or on other occasions, the university may permit residents to store personal property in the housing unit they were occupying prior to a room change, or in a newly assigned room prior to formal check-in. During this period, residents will not be permitted access to their personal property. Residents must keep all personal property locked in the bedroom assigned to them. Residents are prohibited from storing cash, credit cards, illegal items, jewelry, or other similarly valuable items. Residents are prohibited from storing

personal property in the common areas of their assigned housing unit. Residents understand and agree that the University is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to any personal property stored by the resident. Residents understand and agree that any personal property left by a resident in a formerly-assigned unit may be considered abandoned under the Abandonment Clause of this Housing Agreement and the Abandoned Property Policy in the University Housing Resident Handbook.

Under Section XXXII, new language added

Improper Checkout. Failure to properly check out of your unit per the guidelines provided in the Resident Handbook or through any other direct communication provided to your UT Dallas email account or in person, could result in charges. These charges can be found in the Resident Handbook.

Under Section XXXIII, new language added

Transfer of Unit or Keys or Access to Unit. You may not transfer or give any student or non-affiliated individual access to your unit or assigned space. You may not provide your keys or access card to anyone. You may not make a copy of your key. Failure to comply with the following policy could result in being in default of the agreement which would result in termination of the housing agreement and University Housing to seek remedies as listed under Section XXIX.

Under Section XXXIV, new language added

Digital Information Disclaimer. University Housing collects digital data of students for specific reasons. This data includes but is not limited to information stored on the UT Dallas student ID card or temporary access card they utilize in certain buildings, hallways, suites and meeting locations for verification and access purposes. Digital data, including a photo is documented for verification of identity in cases where a student loses their ID and need access to their living space, or UT Dallas needs to identify where a student has utilized the card. Not all devices and equipment can be identified for the purpose of data collection at this time, which could include but is not limited to digital thermostats, light tracking devices or other technologies. This data collection would be strictly used for management of housing spaces to improve apartment amenities and reduce costs associated with the facility operation.

Under Section XXXV, new language added

- I. **Insurance.** Resident acknowledges that University is not responsible for damage to personal property both inside and outside the assigned unit or bed-space, and is advised to purchase renters or other applicable insurance to cover any potential losses.