

**CLARK UNIVERSITY**  
**OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING**  
**2015 – 2016 UNDERGRADUATE HOUSING CONTRACT**

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As an academic community, Clark University provides a residential atmosphere where study and learning can take place along with recreation, relaxation and social development. This atmosphere is dependent upon the willingness of all individuals to behave in such a way that personal freedom and responsibility co-exist. The student agrees to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to Clark housing as outlined in the Undergraduate Student Handbook and in this document. Students do not need to submit a signed copy of this form; the act of submitting an online undergraduate housing application of any type with Clark University sign on credentials indicates acceptance of the terms of the Housing Contract.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- This contract is a financially binding commitment to a space in University housing for the entire 2015-2016 academic year.
- Housing Charges for the full 2015-2016 Academic Year are below:

Room Style	2015-2016 Rate	2015-2016 Full Meal Plan	2015-2016 Total Housing and Meal Plan
Traditional Lifestyle Triple Spaces	\$4,500	\$3,500*	\$8,000
Traditional Lifestyle Double Spaces	\$4,700	\$3,500*	\$8,200
Traditional Lifestyle Single Spaces	\$6,800	\$3,500*	\$10,300
Suite Lifestyle Double Spaces	\$4,950	\$3,500*	\$8,450
Suite Lifestyle Single Spaces	\$7,100	\$3,500*	\$10,600
Apartment Lifestyle Double Spaces	\$5,530	*	\$5,530
Apartment Lifestyle Single Spaces	\$7,700	*	\$7,700

\*Junior and Senior class standing students in apartments are not required to be on a meal plan. Meal Plan price reflects one of the "full meal plans". Sophomore standing students in apartments are required to be on any one of the undergraduate meal plans. Students may consult their student account manager to change their meal plan up to two weeks into a semester.

- Students living in "Traditional Lifestyle" or "Suite Lifestyle" housing are required to be on a full meal plan. Students who live in "Apartment Lifestyle" housing (where they have access to kitchen facilities shared only by a small population of students) may choose from any undergraduate meal plan. Junior and Senior students living in "Apartment Lifestyle" housing may elect to opt out of all meal plans.
- Students who change from "Traditional Lifestyle" or "Suite Lifestyle" housing to "Apartment Style" after the first four weeks of the semester will be required to keep their full meal plan for the remainder of the semester.
- Students are required to live on campus for four semesters or until junior academic status is achieved. Students who reach junior status or complete their 4 semester requirement mid-year remain bound to the contract as it is a full year agreement.
- Students may cancel or suspend their Housing Contracts for the following reasons for the fees indicated below.
  - **Without charge: (1)** completion of degree requirements at mid-year, **(2)** official withdrawal from or taking an official "Leave of Absence" from the University mid-semester or mid-year. Student remains bound to contract should they return before the end of the academic year.

(3) notification to the RLH Office BEFORE being issued a Lottery Number or being assigned to a room that they do not wish to participate in the Housing Selection process. (4) incoming students who apply for housing and decide not to attend Clark (Note that housing and tuition deposits are forfeited, but no additional fees are imposed)

- **For a \$100 Fee:** (1) elect not to select a room at Housing Lottery after receiving a lottery number, but before selecting a room. (2) official withdrawal from or taking an official "Leave of Absence" from the University prior to the start of the Fall Semester (Student remains bound to contract should they return before the end of the academic year).
- **For a \$300 Fee:** (1) attend a Clark University approved "study abroad" program for the Fall Semester after selecting a space at Lottery. Student remains bound to contract should they return before the end of the academic year.
- **For a \$1,000 Fee:** (1) assigned to a room at Lottery, but subsequently appeal to move off campus, (2) granted an appeal to move off campus to commute from home after applying for housing, (3) released from their Housing Contract for medical or financial reasons, (4) being granted a housing appeal for any other reason.
- Students who transition to part time status or take a leave in COPACE remain bound to this contract unless granted a housing appeal.
- Students who withdraw or take a leave of absence from the University, including those who Study Abroad, and then subsequently reverse their decision or return from leave within the contractual period remain bound to the conditions of the Housing Contract, and are subject to additional fees (see above).
- In order for your room assignment to be guaranteed, students must demonstrate clear intent and ability to return by August 1, 2015. Determination of intent and ability is determined by the University, which considers factors such as payment of student account, registration for classes, completion of required forms, and active communication with University Officials including Student Accounts Counselors, Dean of Students Office, etc.
- Prior to moving onto campus, a student's financial obligations to the University must be satisfied. If financial obligations are delinquent, the University maintains the right to remove the student from their housing assignment.
- If a student is required to move out of housing for disciplinary sanctions, room charges **will not be refunded.**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The occupancy period will begin at 9:00AM on August 23, 2015 for returning students, at 9:00AM on August 20, 2015 for first year and transfer students. The residence halls/houses will close at Noon on December 16, 2015 for Winter Break. The halls open for the Spring 2016 semester at 9:00AM on Sunday, January 18, 2016. The halls close at Noon on May 11, 2016. Graduating seniors are allowed to remain in residence until 12 noon on May 18, 2016. University housing remains open during October, Thanksgiving and March break periods. Clark housing is **CLOSED** during the winter and summer break periods.

2. Winter and summer break housing may be available for an additional cost. Students may extend the standard residency period by up to 72 hours for a fixed daily rate set depending on date requested.

<b>Date Request Submitted</b>	<b>Daily cost for Extension</b>
Prior to 2 weeks before your scheduled opening/closing date	\$25 per day
Prior to 1 week before your scheduled opening/closing date	\$35 per day
Prior to 3 days before your scheduled opening/closing date	\$50 per day
Prior to 2 days before your scheduled opening/closing date	\$75 per day
Students who arrive on campus unannounced requesting their key	\$100 per day
Students found in the halls without permission	\$150 per day

Students who request an extension and then cancel that request must do so more than 1 week prior to opening/closing to avoid being charged the requested fee. No refund will be issued for students who cancel their request less than 1 week in advance. Students arriving early or staying late should understand that food and other services will not be available during their extended stay. In the event of severe weather RLH may adjust opening and/or closing dates as is determined necessary.

**3.** The University and the RLH Office are not in any way liable for the loss of, theft of, or damage to any property belonging to residents. Students are advised to purchase a personal insurance policy if belongings are not covered under family insurance (i.e. renter's insurance).

**4.** The University and the RLH Office disclaim any liability for failure to perform any of their contractual obligations resulting from, but not limited to: any governmental order or regulation; an act of God; an act of war; a riot; or any other cause beyond their control.

**5.** The University reserves the right to make reasonable modifications to this contract to insure safety or protection of property, provided reasonable advance notice is given

**This contract shall be governed, construed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This contract, and any rider attached hereto, constitutes the complete and final contract between the student and the University for a space in University housing. Accepting a key or submitting an Undergraduate Housing Application indicates that I have read and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and regulations of the Clark University Residential Life and Housing Contract.**