

College Residency Agreement

Office of Residence Life, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2298

All Full- time undergraduate students are required to live in College- owned residential facilities for the entirety of their undergraduate enrollment at Elizabethtown College, except when they are classified as commuters or are granted permission, in writing, by the Office of Residence Life to live elsewhere. Housing is guaranteed for no more than eight (8) consecutive semesters after matriculation. Current residential students who have taken an approved medical withdraw or leave of absence will be guaranteed housing upon re-entry within the two semesters following the medical withdraw or leave of absence. If a student is formally classified as residing off campus, he/she is no longer guaranteed College housing. Part- time and graduate students may be offered housing in special circumstances.

The student is expected to be aware of all responsibilities set forth in the Residency Agreement, as well as in all regulations, policies and standards as outlined in the Student Handbook and within each residential facility.

All housing managed by the College shall be in the nature of a license, and not a lease, and therefore, resident students are not entitled to the protection of the Pennsylvania Landlord and Tenant Act of 1950, as amended.

The following provisions are part of the Residency Agreement. Exceptions to any part of this Residency Agreement may be made if approved in writing by the Office of Residence Life or Dean of Students.

I. The College:

- a. Will provide each student with a room furnished with the basic essentials and guarantees the student no more than double occupancy, except in temporary situations or in rooms designed to house three or more students.
- b. Will annually announce residency fees.
- c. Will provide housekeeping services to all public areas within the residential facilities.
- d. Will staff its residential facilities to provide students with administrative programming and support services.
- e. Will assign rooms without regard for race, color, religion, veteran status, pregnancy, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, genetic information, or possession of a general education development certificate as compared to a high school diploma.
- f. Reserves the right to make changes in room assignments. Changes may occur at any time. The agreement is for room space without regard to designated residential facilities, specific rooms, or specific roommates.
- g. Reserves the right to enforce any restrictions or regulations necessary for the maintenance of its property or the general safety and welfare of its residents (please refer to the Student Handbook for more information).
- h. Cannot and does not accept responsibility or liability for personal accident, injury, or illness to residents, guests or visitors, or for damage, theft, or loss of personal property. Each student is advised to carry personal property insurance.
- i. Respects the basic privacy of the student, but reserves the right to enter rooms should there be a reason to believe that college policies have been compromised and/ or violated. Also, student rooms may be entered for purposes of maintenance, repair, and routine/ emergency health and safety/quality assurance inspections (please refer to the

Student Handbook for more information) and in case of emergency will close all residential facilities during official periods. When College residential facilities are closed, no students are permitted to reside or enter these areas unless authorized to do so by the Office of Residence Life. Special arrangements can be made for international students or others who live a great distance from the college. Students should expect to be temporarily consolidated and/ or reassigned during certain official periods when residential facilities are closed.

- j. Will terminate a room assignment if the student fails to register for classes or occupy the assigned College housing assignment, or pay College charges/fees.

II. The Student:

- a. Withdrawing from the college must also give NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM HOUSING in writing to the Office of Residence Life. If withdrawal occurs within the three weeks prior to the date of registration in either semester, the resident student is liable for \$150 room penalty. The room penalty will be credited to the student's account if the student returns in a later semester as a resident student. If the withdrawal occurs after the beginning of the semester, the student is obligated for a full semester's room charge.
- b. Acknowledges that this Residency Agreement is for the duration of the student's undergraduate enrollment at Elizabethtown College and realizes that College housing is guaranteed for no more than eight (8) consecutive semesters after matriculation. Current residential students who have taken an approved medical withdraw or leave of absence will be guaranteed housing upon re-entry within the two semesters following the medical withdraw or leave of absence.
- c. Acknowledges that living in College- owned residential facilities is governed by this Residency Agreement by the regulations and policies published in the Student Handbook, as well as, by standards established in each residential facility. The student is expected to review and adhere to the terms of this Residency Agreement, to all regulations, policies, and standards as published in the Student Handbook and as established in each residential facility and to review and to adhere to any and all subsequent revisions and/or change. Violations of these regulations may result in disciplinary action (please refer to the Student Handbook for more information) and/ or administrative revocation of the residency privilege and termination of the Residency Agreement at any time.
- d. Acknowledges that students living in a College- owned residence hall requires participation in the College meal plan. Students residing in the College owned house, townhouse, or apartments (Independent Living Units) are exempt from this provision but may purchase any meal plan.
- e. Is expected to exercise care in the use of College Facilities. A breakage fee is charged to all students of which the unexpended amount is refundable automatically within one month after graduation or withdrawal.
- f. Is required to review the room inventory form upon residency and is responsible for payment of all charges assessed by the college for damage to her/ his room and room furnishings. Damage to property within College-owned residential facilities, but outside of student rooms, will be charged to the student (s) responsible. In cases where no individual student can be identified as responsible for damages, the living unit may be held responsible for the charges.

- g. Is required to leave College-owned residential facilities within twenty-four (24) hours after his/ her last examination, unless his/ her examination is on the day of the College's official closing. In this case, the final closing hour for that day is the exit for all students each semester.
- h. Is assigned to a specific room within College- owned residential facilities and must occupy only that room. Any changes in room assignment or status must be authorized in writing by the Office of Residence Life.
- i. Is required to leave College- Owned residential facilities within twenty- four (24) hours after his/ her effective withdrawal date from the College as a full time student.
- j. Understands that the college does not provide storage for personal belongings.
- k. May not transfer or sublet her/ his room to another person.
- l. Attempting less than 12 academic credit hours at any point in the semester must provide notice of this to the Office of Residence Life and received approval to remain in College owned/leased housing for the remainder of the semester.
- m. Is not permitted to select a room for the upcoming academic year if the individual is not in good financial standing with the College.
- n. Is not provided a refund of any housing fees if dismissed from the College.
- o. Is required to pay 50% of the annual traditional, standard room rate to the College if this Residency Agreement is broken without the permission of the Office of Residence Life.

THE COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT AND TAKE POSSESSION OF THE ROOM AT ANY TIME FOR VIOLATIONS OF ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

I, acknowledged residential student, have read this Elizabethtown College Residency Agreement, understand its provisions, and agree to abide by the terms as stated.

Please type your name below as your signature.

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Submission Date: