Winthrop University Division of Student Affairs Department of Residence Life

Residence Hall Guest Policy

- 1. The definition of a guest is a non-resident of a particular building who has a resident host.
- 2. Residents must have permission from roommates within their assigned living units (units that share a bed space and/or bathroom) before registering a guest to visit past 8:00p.m.
- 3. Residents may restrict guest access in their specific living unit at any time by the completion of a Community Agreement to which all roommates agree without coercion.
- 4. All guests visiting after 8:00p.m. must be registered with their host at the hall office. A photo I.D. is required for registration. If not issued a Guest Pass, it is expected that the guest will leave the building before 10:00p.m.
- 5. All guests expecting to stay overnight (after 10:00p.m.) must be issued a Guest Pass from the hall office to be carried with them as proof of overnight registration, and should expect to show this pass to University personnel if requested. The Guest Pass should have an expiration date and time completed to be valid. It is expected that the guest will leave the building before the expiration date and time.
- 6. Unregistered guests and/or their hosts may be subject to disciplinary action, removal from the residential area, and guests are subject to arrest for trespassing.
- 7. One (1) guest per resident is permitted overnight (after 10:00p.m.), for a maximum of four (4) people in a traditional or suite bedroom and a maximum of eight (8) people in a 4-Bed Courtyard suite or 4-Bed Roddey apartment.
- 8. Guests are expected to adhere to the same policies as their resident hosts. Hosts are responsible for their guest's behavior.
- 9. Guests will be required to leave the building at any time if so directed by University personnel.
- 10. Each host must escort their guest at all times in all locations including public areas, common areas, stairwells, elevators, individual rooms, and apartments.
- 11. Guests are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence hall more than three (3) consecutive nights, and no more than six (6) nights per month. Nothing in this policy is meant to encourage or permit individuals who do not have a residence hall contract to live on campus.
- 12. Keys will not be issued to guests. Guests should not be in possession of their host's room key or Winthrop I.D. at any time.
- 13. Guests are permitted to use designated bathroom and shower facilities only. Some residence halls may not have appropriate shower facilities for all guests.
- 14. Hall Councils and Residence Life staff may designate certain areas for resident use only.