

**PEABODY CONSERVATORY
OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

COMMUNITY STANDARDS & POLICIES

2011-2012



These community standards and policies apply to conduct within the residence hall and on campus, if applicable. Students should also review other policies contained in the Student Handbook, among other publications. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of these policies and conduct themselves accordingly as members of the Peabody community. The Conservatory reserves the right to amend these policies with or without notice. Any policy changes during the current academic year will be posted on the web and published through other means.

Alcohol

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages.

No resident or guest, regardless of age, is permitted to consume or possess any alcohol or alcohol containers, whether empty or full, in the residence hall. Students must be in full compliance with the Conservatory's policy and with local, state, and federal laws. Residents are expected to police their own behavior, with respect to the law. Being intoxicated will not be accepted as an excuse for behavior that violates community standards nor will it lessen a resident's accountability to the university or the residential community.

In the event that you are found in violation of the alcohol policy, the Office of Residence Life requires Resident Assistants to:

- 1. Identify all individuals. Identification must be provided to any Residential Staff member when requested.*
- 2. Confiscate or require residents to dispose of alcohol.*
- 3. Stop the consumption of alcoholic beverages in residence hall public areas, including, but not limited to, hallways and lounges.*
- 4. Assure that the rights of all members of the community are protected and to intervene whenever necessary to protect those rights if residents are abusing themselves, disrupting others, or damaging Peabody property.*
- 5. Report to the Residence Life and Student Activities Coordinator the names of residents who are drinking in public or private areas.*

Cafeteria Property

Cafeteria equipment (including dishes, flatware, glassware, and trays) is the property of the Peabody Conservatory or its food caterer, and may not be removed from the cafeteria for any reason. These items are specifically prohibited from the residence hall, including rooms, bathrooms, lounge areas, and stairwells.

Drugs

The possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs as defined by federal, state, and local statutes is prohibited at any time on Peabody property. Students known to possess, use, or distribute illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, inclusive,

but not limited to water pipes, hookahs (decorative or otherwise,) or bongos, will be liable to Conservatory disciplinary action. Members of the Residential Life staff are obligated to report any knowledge they have about violations of this policy to the Residence Life and Student Activities Coordinator.

Furniture/University Property

Residents may not move, or be in possession of, University furnishings or property other than that which is assigned to their residential unit. Furniture and Peabody Conservatory property is not to be removed from assigned locations. This includes University and non-University signs, including in-and out-of-state road and construction signs and cones. In addition, furniture may not be disassembled.

Guests

All guests are required to be accompanied by a resident and must stop at Campus Security to sign in. Guests must provide a government-issued photo ID to the Security Officer. Individuals without an accepted form of ID will not be permitted onto campus.

Residents are expected to stay with their guests throughout the guest's entire visit. Guests must abide by all established rules and regulations in the residence hall and on campus. The host resident is responsible for the behavior of their guest. Visitors who are not students, faculty, or staff at the Peabody Conservatory must leave the residence hall by 11:00 PM unless they are being hosted overnight by a Peabody residence hall student. All Peabody affiliated non-residents must vacate the residence hall by 2:00 AM. Residents are permitted to house overnight guests in their rooms provided that they first obtain the consent of their roommates, Resident Assistant, and the Residence Life Office. Extended visits (over three days) are prohibited by the Conservatory.

Harassment and Personal Respect and Safety


Any action or situation involving verbal, mental, or physical assault and/or abuse including harassment, intimidation, or other conduct that recklessly or intentionally endangers or threatens the health, safety, and welfare of another student will be met with serious disciplinary action.

Keys and Peabody ID

The room key and Peabody ID card issued to residents are the property of the Peabody Conservatory and cannot be exchanged, duplicated, or given to another person. As such, students will incur the cost of a lock change and new ID if a card or key is lost or stolen.

Noise/Quiet Hours

All residents are expected to keep noise at a level that is not disruptive to those living around them. Roommates are



encouraged to discuss acceptable noise levels within residence hall rooms so that everyone can live, study, and sleep in comfort. Minimally, quiet hours must begin at 10:00 PM on weeknights and 11:00PM during the weekend, and must minimally end at 9:00 AM. Floors are free to extend quiet hours but may not reduce them. Residents who are disruptive and fail to maintain reasonable quiet will face disciplinary action. If you fail to keep volume levels reasonable, audio-visual equipment such as stereos and televisions will be confiscated and held by the Residence Life and Student Activities Office. The placing of sound equipment in windows to project sound out of doors is prohibited. Possible disciplinary consequences for repeated noise violations include relocation or removal from housing. .

Off-Limit Areas/Roof/Windows

Residents are not permitted in the following areas of Peabody housing: all roofs, the area above drop ceilings, window ledges, storage rooms, machine rooms, elevator shafts, and other rooms not designed for residential use. Residents may not throw anything out of the windows, down the stairs, or off the roof of any Peabody Conservatory building. Residents may not enter or exit a building through a window. Furthermore, the safety bars on the residence hall windows must remain attached.

Personal Property

The Peabody Conservatory is not responsible for damages to, or disappearance of, personal possessions of any occupant or guest(s). Students are advised to lock their rooms at all times, and to insure their possessions.

Pets

No pets of any kind are permitted in the residence hall. Service animals are permitted with prior authorization from the Residence Life and Student Activities Coordinator.

Postings

Any materials approved by the Residence Life and Student Activities Office may be posted in approved areas only. Inappropriate and unapproved signs will be removed.

Smoke Free Policy

Smoking is prohibited inside the Peabody Conservatory buildings, including, but not limited to, practice rooms, studios, residence hall rooms, lounges, bathrooms, stairwells, and elevators. In addition, leaning out of windows to smoke is also prohibited. Individuals who smoke must do so outside in the designated smoking area located behind the cafeteria overlooking Centre Street. Full cooperation with this policy is expected. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

Solicitation

Solicitation, canvassing, and sales of products by individual students, non-registered student groups, and/or non-students for personal or organizational funds, sales, membership, or subscriptions are prohibited in Peabody Conservatory buildings. Students may not conduct business dealings in their rooms, nor operate a business from their room.

Vandalism

Students are liable for damage to the premises caused by an act or omission of the student and student's guest. Upon taking possession of the space, the student agrees to complete a Room Condition Report which reflects the condition of the room. A final inspection by a Peabody staff member will occur after closedown to make the final vandalism/damage assessment. The student agrees to reimburse the Peabody Conservatory for damages and defacement of space he/she occupies during the term of this contract exclusive of normal wear. Damage to common areas will be calculated and distributed amongst the residents on the floor. Students are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their individual rooms and the common public areas. The Peabody Conservatory reserves the right to hold the students financially responsible for related extermination and cleaning costs. No grades, transcripts, or degrees shall be released until all the charges, including but not limited to damage charges, have been paid.

Weapons

The possession, wearing, carrying, transporting or use of firearms, explosives, paint guns/balls, pellet/stun weapons, or any other kind of weapon (including but not limited to knives, nun chucks, swords, fencing foils, etc.) is strictly forbidden on Conservatory premises.



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