OVERNIGHT GUESTS POLICY

Policy Statement

Students living in the residence halls are expected to follow rules for having a guest stay overnight.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding overnight guests in the residence halls.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All students of The University of Southern Mississippi community living on campus.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-res-034

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

Residents are permitted to have guests of the same gender stay overnight in their rooms on occasion if that guest is registered with the hall supervisor at least 24 hours prior to the guest’s overnight stay. Approval is contingent upon agreement by the roommate and may or may not be given.
Only guests of the same gender, 16 years of age or older, may remain overnight. Guests are to stay no longer than two nights, and only one guest is permitted per room per night. Only Southern Miss students are allowed to be overnight guests during the week. A resident should receive his/her roommate’s permission prior to permitting a guest to use the roommate’s bed. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to remain in the residence halls overnight unless under special circumstances and with the approval of the assistant director. Residents who host guests are responsible for the actions of their guests. Overnight guests are not permitted the week of finals.

Sleeping is not permitted in the lobbies or lounges.

Students with non-registered guests will be subject to disciplinary action and assessed a per night charge of $20.

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**Review**

The Director of Student Housing Administration is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

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**Forms/Instructions**

N/A

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**Appendices**

N/A

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**Related Information**

N/A

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**History**

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*Amendments:* Month, Day, Year – summary of changes
Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]
Edward Smith
Director

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Responsible Officer

March 22, 2003
Date