# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME 2020-2021 UNDERGRADUATE HOUSING CONTRACT

#### HOUSING CONTRACT

This is a contract for an integrated service, including room and board (when applicable), for unmarried undergraduate students residing on campus. The University is unable to offer this service in segments; therefore, no exceptions may be made. This contract must be agreed upon at the time of application for University housing.

## PERIOD OF CONTRACT

This contract is legally binding and extends to cover the entire 2020-2021 academic year, which includes the Fall and Spring semesters, except as indicated in this provision. When a student moves into a hall during the year, the contract will be for the remainder of the academic year. A contract terminates when a student leaves campus to study in official Notre Dame international (or off-site) study programs. If a student is not enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student (as defined by the Academic Code), the contract becomes void and the student may not continue to reside in University housing. The Office of Residential Life may make exceptions to eligibility requirements in its sole discretion. A student completing degree requirements at the end of the Fall semester may not continue to reside in a residence hall for the remainder of the academic year or for any period of the Spring semester. If a student is removed from his or her residence hall by the University for disciplinary reasons, the contract becomes void and the student may not continue to reside in the residence hall. When a student separates from the University, he or she must vacate and remove all belongings from the residence hall within two days of separation, and room and board are pro-rated to the date the student vacated the hall.

## **ROOM AND BOARD**

Room and board charges must be paid in advance and in accordance with the schedule of fees established by the Office of Student Accounts for the full term of this contract.

#### PENALTY FOR NOT FULFILLING CONTRACT

Any resident who voluntarily vacates without having first obtained written permission from the Office of Residential Life is liable for room and board for the remainder of the academic year. Cancellation of this contract will also result in a penalty fee of \$500 in addition to imposition of any other charges expressly stated in this contract.

## CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The housing contract becomes binding once the student receives their assignment from the Office of Residential Life. That assignment may become official through the room pick process or assignment by the Office of Residential Life. The status of your assignment can always be determined by contacting the Office of Residential Life.

# **HOUSING REGULATIONS**

Unless the Office of Residential Life has approved a housing extension, this contract will only cover a resident's room and board when the residence halls are open during the fall and spring academic terms, the duration of which will be determined and communicated by the University.

At the end of each semester, rooms must be vacated within 24 hours after the resident's last final examination or no later than the official closing of the residence halls. Authorized interhall or intrahall spring transfers must

vacate and remove all personal property from their original rooms prior to the official closing of the residence halls for Christmas break. A senior, graduating in May, must vacate by noon the day after Commencement.

Subletting of any resident's room is not permitted.

This contract constitutes acceptance by the resident of all the rules and regulations pertaining to the University of Notre Dame residence halls as set forth in this contract, in *du Lac: A Guide to Student Life*, in the University's Housing Policies for Undergraduate Residence Halls, and as promulgated by the residence hall and Student Affairs staff. It also automatically constitutes acceptance of membership in the respective governing bodies of the hall to which the resident is assigned, including all rights, privileges and responsibilities of such membership, and responsibilities for living in such a way that health, welfare and the academic pursuits of other students are not jeopardized.

A resident assumes responsibility for the care and use of the assigned room and its furnishings, and can be subject to fines for damages to the assigned room and its furnishings. The resident agrees to observe all University and residence hall rules and regulations.

Personal property which is left by a resident at the end of his/her contract period shall be considered abandoned. The University may dispose of all such personal property, without liability, at the expense of resident, as allowed by law.

The University will not be liable for any damage or loss of any of the resident's personal property from any cause whatsoever. The University does not carry insurance on the personal property of students and residents are strongly advised to have their personal property covered by individual or family insurance.

After this contract becomes effective, moves within the hall or transfers from hall to hall will be made only with prior approval of the Office of Residential Life. Students who matriculate as first-year students during or after the 2018-19 academic year (i.e., and who are scheduled to graduate in 2022, or later), are required to live on campus for six semesters. Any semesters spent in a degree seeking program at another University prior to a student's transfer to Notre Dame, spent at Notre Dame when on-campus housing is not available, or spent studying at any of the University's remote locations (whether facilitated by Notre Dame International or other University departments), will automatically count toward the fulfillment of the six-semester requirement. Exceptions requested for any other circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Summer sessions, whether spent studying on the University's main campus, or a remote location, will not count towards the six-semester requirement. Any students determined to be in violation of this residency requirement, including those who do not take and retain full-time occupancy of their room by the first day of classes, or who engage in unauthorized moves, transfers, or subletting, may be subject to additional consequences imposed by the University, including, but not limited to, penalties, administrative room change and/or cancellation.

The University reserves the right: to make whatever reassignment or adjustment in accommodations it deems necessary; to inspect rooms for cleanliness or to make repairs; and to enter rooms without a search warrant and search anything therein (including personal belongings) for the purpose of maintaining security, discipline and the orderly operation of an educational institution.