

RESIDENCE LIFE POLICIES

RESIDENT

A resident is a currently enrolled, full-time student (12+ credit hours) residing in Fowler Hall.

RESIDENT ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility requirements for a resident are as follows:

Fall/Spring- currently enrolled; must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and maintain full-time status each semester of residency.

Summer- at least 6 credit hours for mini and summer terms. Any exceptions to the eligibility requirements require approval of the Dean of Student Services. Residents are to report to the Director of Student Life if enrollment status falls below 12 credit hours at any point during the semester.

Note: Consideration may be given to students in their final semester who do not need 12 credit hours to complete their degree.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The completed Fowler Hall application places a student on a tentative waitlist but does not guarantee a room. Priority is given to students on servicescholarships who are here to serve the college in any capacity. (Athletics, Band, Choir, Theater, Mascot, etc.)

ROOM KEYS

by carrying personal property insurance. This type of insurance is not available through the college. Any loss of personal property should be reported to the Director of Student Life, Fowler Hall Student Office and Public Safety. It is the resident's responsibility to keep their doors locked for their safety.

ROOM INSPECTIONS

Gadsden State reserves the right to inspect rooms at any time to determine if repairs and maintenance are needed, to determine if rooms are being used in violation of city, state, or federal laws, or in violation of the rules and regulations of the College or the Alabama Community College System. Room inspections occur weekly and on an ~~as needed~~ basis. Rooms are inspected for cleanliness as well as policy violations.

Automatic Fails are issued for the following

Air Conditioning set below 65 degrees.

Open windows

Full trash cans or excessive trash ~~in the~~ room

Dirty dishes

Unapproved cooking appliances

Tampering with smoke detectors

The consequences for failed room inspections include ~~but are~~ not limited to the following:

First failed inspection will result in a verbal warning

Second failed inspection will result in a written warning

Third failed inspection will result in a fine of \$25

A fourth failed inspection will result in a fine of \$25 and referred to the Student Discipline Committee.

CLOTHING

Residents and guests are expected to be dressed appropriately when in the halls, the lobby, dining hall or outside of Fowler Hall. These are public areas and appropriate clothing is required.

APPLIANCES

Approved appliances include air fryers, griddles, microwave oven, crock pot, rice cooker, and a cubical refrigerator that may be used in the rooms. ~~Heavy~~ drawing electrical appliances such as hair dryers, electric irons, televisions, microwaves, and refrigerators are to be plugged directly into outlets, not multiple plug attachments (i.e. surge protectors). Hot plates, toasters, or ~~open~~ appliances are not allowed.

LAUNDRY SERVICES

Laundry machines are available in the basement of Fowler Hall. ~~Limit~~ washings so that all residents can have the opportunity to use the laundry services. Complete wash cycles; do not leave laundry in the machines. Residents must provide their own detergent. GSCC is not responsible for items lost while in the laundry room. Please stay with your items while they are being laundered. Please do not overload the machines. If you need assistance determining how many clothes are appropriate for a load, please ask.

SOLICITATION

Engaging in solicitation and sales on college property is prohibited.

CRIME REPORTING

All crimes against a student, employee, or school property on or off college property shall be reported to GSCC Safety and Security or local law enforcement as soon as possible. Call (256) 342-3124 twenty-four hours a day for assistance or information. The GSCC Safety and Security Staff can assist in processing an offense with local law enforcement.

DOORS & ALARMS

All side and rear doors at Fowler Hall are emergency exits only and will remain locked at all times for security reasons. Tampering with doors to prevent them from locking is prohibited.

CLEANLINESS & ROOM INSPECTIONS

Rooms must be always kept in good sanitary condition with an orderly appearance. Suite mates are both responsible for keeping the bathroom clean. The tub, commode, lavatory, and floors must be kept clean.

VISITATION

VISITORS

Visitors must be 18 years or older and submit their state-issued identification card, driver's license, or passport at the front desk. Visitors must also sign in at the front desk indicating the room number they will be visiting, along with the name of the resident. The resident is responsible for ensuring that the visitor has signed in appropriately at the front desk. Visitors must remain in the room that they have signed in to visit. IDs will be returned when the visitor signs out. Residents should accompany visitors at all times and be responsible for their visitors' behavior. There is a limit of two (2) visitors per resident at any one time. Residents may have visitors in their rooms from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day of the week.

NOTE: If the room is found to be dirty and/or damaged upon the student's permanent exit from Fowler Hall, fines may be applied to the student's account.

FOWLER HALL MISCONDUCT POLICY

PROCEDURES FOR CHARGES INVOLVING FOWLER HALL MISCONDUCT

Charges must be filed with the Director of Student Life. The Director of Student Life may investigate and dispose of a case by an informal resolution process for any infraction listed below:

1. Gambling of any form;
2. Having pets reside in the Fowler Hall;
3. Having or operating an open element, or other banned electrical appliance;
4. Engaging in solicitation and sales without permission from the Director of Residence Life;
5. Noise violations;
6. Using darts or dart boards;
7. Smoking inside Fowler Hall (first offense);
8. Using profane language or language of disrespect
9. Failed room inspections.

The Director of Student Life will make a preliminary investigation by consulting the parties involved to determine whether the charges may be disposed of informally. After an initial investigation, the Director of Student Life may decide upon a disciplinary action and will notify the student, the party bringing the charge(s), and the Dean of Student Services in writing, regarding the decision and recommended disciplinary action. If the resident disagrees with the Director of Student Life's decision, the resident may submit a written appeal to the Dean of Student Services within three (3) working days of notification of the decision by the Director of Student Life.

In addition to Fowler Hall misconduct, violations of the [Student Code of Conduct and Discipline Non Academic Policy](#) may affect the enrollment status of the resident as a student. These violations (such as disorderly conduct, guns/weapons, drug possession and/or distribution, harassment, etc.) are handled by the Dean of Student Services and may be referred to the Student Disciplinary Committee.

