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RESIDENCE HALL HANDBOOK



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OUR TEAM

RA

Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants (RAs) provide leadership under the direction of the Residence Life staff. They are responsible for the general well-being of the residents on their hall, providing counsel and encouragement as well as helping to uphold community standards and looking out for students' physical safety. RAs are also responsible for the security of each building, for room inspections, and for the general administration of the facility.

Men's RA on duty 24/7 – (803) 518-2508

Women's RA on duty 24/7 – (803) 518-2510

AD

Associate Dean of Residence Life & Student Care

The Associate Dean of Residence Life and Student Care works to oversee Residence Life by working closely with the Dean of Students, RDs, University Housing, the RA team, and care services such as counseling and medical health care.

RD

Resident Directors

Resident Directors (RDs) are full time staff who live in the residence halls. They provide leadership to the RAs and work closely with the Dean of Students and the Residence Life staff. They supervise, mentor, and encourage the RAs in their ministry to those on their halls.

Caleb Schell, Men's Resident Director
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UH

University Housing

This team works diligently to ensure your housing facilities are in best shape. They oversee housing placement, capacity, and facility maintenance.

ciuhousing@ciu.edu

The Residence Life office is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. The office is located in the Student Development office in the Student Center and can be reached at reslife@ciu.edu or at 803-807-5234.



RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

AGE REQUIREMENT

Because we believe that residence life is such a vital component to community formation and the student's whole education, CIU requires all single, full-time, undergraduate (UG) students under the age of 23 to live on campus for at least their first year, with the exception of those who are dependents of Ben Lippen or CIU employees. Part-time students may apply to live on campus at the discretion of the Residence Life staff. UG students living with family within commuting distance (30 miles) must live in the residence halls during their first two semesters at CIU. Students may move off campus if they will turn 23 during the course of the semester. Those under 23 who are found to have moved off campus without permission will be charged half of the normal room and board rate and will not be able to register for classes the following semester without discussing housing arrangements with the Residence Life office.

APPEALS

Those who believe they have a legitimate reason for special consideration to live off campus may submit a completed housing appeal form (available on MyCIU) to the Residence Life Office by March 15 for fall semester and November 15 for spring semester. Late appeals will be reviewed at the discretion of the Housing Review Committee. The Housing Appeals Committee will review all appeals and determine whether or not an exception will be granted.

MEAL PLANS

Every student living in the CIU residence halls receive the unlimited meal plan and \$100 Ram bucks. Students with special dietary needs should contact the Academic Success Center to see if they are eligible for a limited 10-meal plan. Dining services are provided by Hallmark Dining. Information about Hallmark is available at ciu.hallmarkdining.com. Students living in Pine View Apartments will receive \$100 Ram Bucks and can purchase meals at the dining hall on demand.

HOUSING PLACEMENTS

The Director of University Housing is responsible for room assignments. Every housing placement is prayerfully considered and is based on student preference and date of housing deposit. We are not always able to accommodate every request but will do our best to defer to the student's preference. With the exception of extreme circumstances, all housing assignments are for the full duration of the academic year. On-campus residents are required to be enrolled in an academic program on campus. CIU requires all students under the age of 23 to live in the residence halls unless given permission by Residence Life .



YOUR ROOM

FURNITURE

All rooms are furnished with a bed, mattress, desk, bookshelf, wardrobe, and dresser for each resident, as well as a microwave and mini fridge. Loft kits are available for checkout for the entire year, as long as supplies last. School-owned furniture must remain in the resident's room and may not be stored in the storage rooms. Any school furniture not in the resident's room at checkout will result in a fine.

Additional furniture/appliances permitted in the residents' rooms:

- carpet
- chairs/sofas
- non-halogen lamps
- fans/air purifiers
- toasters/toaster ovens (must have automatic shutoff)
- coffee pots
- crock-pots
- electric kettles
- air fryers
- irons (must have automatic shutoff)

Any other furniture/appliances must be approved by the Residence Life staff.

Items not permitted in the residents' rooms:

- halogen lamps
- any appliance that could cause a grease fire
- electric burners or other open cook tops
- Personal Bed (including mattress)

DECORATIONS

Students are free to decorate their rooms as they wish within the following parameters:

- Room numbers on doors must be visible at all times
- Painting walls, ceilings, or any school-owned property is not permitted
- Attaching any items to the ceiling, or to windows is not permitted
- All pictures and posters must be of an appropriate nature and attached using sticky tack, masking tape, or command strips only
- No nails, pins, scotch tape, duct tape, hot glue guns, or double-sided tape may be used on the walls, doors, or furniture
- Contact paper may not be applied to any school property
- Students should not remove any of the following: light fixtures, window screens, door vents, and any school furniture at any time. Doing so will result in a fine



YOUR ROOM (CONT.)

MEASUREMENTS

Room dimensions: 15' x 14'

Window dimensions: 6' x 4'

MAINTENANCE

All maintenance requests should be reported using the QR code located on the residents door. Students should NOT call the Physical Plant directly. Students should allow one week for non-emergency repairs. Students found responsible for damaging or breaking school property will be charged the cost of the item(s) being fixed, plus the cost of labor.

CLEANING

Room/Safety checks are conducted twice a month by the RAs. Cleaning supplies & equipment are provided in the custodian's closet located in each building. RAs will always lock room doors following a room/safety check. Students should keep room keys with them at all times. Though restrooms, lounges,, and hallways will be cleaned by CIU, resident students are responsible for keeping those areas free of clutter. Kitchen in Founders and all laundry rooms must be cleaned by residents after each use to prevent pests.

RAs will be checking for:

- Tidiness, including a neat bed
- Trash taken out
- Surfaces and floors clean
- No potential biological growth
- Units are set to the following and functional:
 - Dehumidifiers are on
 - PTAC/AC at 72 degrees and set on dry
- No prohibited items (see below)



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

CHECK-IN

Check-in dates for each academic year are listed on the school calendar at ciu.edu and on the Residence Life page at my.ciu.edu.

The check-in process includes completion of an emergency contact form and a room condition form, as well as verification of the initial \$100 housing deposit (new students in Res Halls) or Pine View . This must be completed prior to receiving a room key.

Upon checking in, each student will receive a copy of their room condition form. This form provides a detailed assessment of the room condition at the time of check-in and serves to prevent students from being charged for any pre-existing damages. It is the student's responsibility to review the room condition form with their RA within 24 hours of check-in to propose any edits and have them approved/recorded by the RA. During checkout, the inventory form will be used to reassess the condition of the room, at which time the resident will be held responsible for any damages or missing items.

CHECKOUT

The Residence Life office will provide information on how to check out of your room for breaks and the end of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they have done everything required prior to leaving their room. Fines will be issued for an unsatisfactory room or for damages. All rooms should be completely emptied and cleaned at the end of the year. Residents are not permitted on the residence halls after checkout. If you believe you need to return to the residence hall for any reason during a break period, please contact Security for assistance.

KEYS

In order to ensure safety and security on campus, all students are expected to understand and adhere to the following standards for key usage:

- (1) Keys are issued to current residents only.
- (2) Keys are issued by Residence Life staff only.
- (3) Keys are not to be duplicated.
- (4) Each student is required to personally sign for his/her key at check-in.
- (5) Keys are to be returned only to the Residence Life staff during checkout.

Students who lose their keys will be charged for replacement keys. Any key that is found should be turned in to the Residence Life office.



SAFETY + SECURITY

CIU SECURITY

The Security Department is responsible for ensuring a safe and secure campus. Security oversees parking, health emergencies, facility emergencies, and is available to help students in need. The Security office is open 24 hours a day and can be found in the common area between the Ridderhof building and the library. They may also be reached by calling (803) 807-5555.

CIU ALERT

CIU uses the opt-in CIU Alert app to keep its residents alert to important safety and security issues. To subscribe to CIU Alert, please visit my.ciu.edu (Home>CIU Alert>Sign Up for CIU Alert).

RAs ON DUTY

At any given time, an on-duty member of the Res Life staff can be reached by contacting the RA phone. The use of these numbers should be limited to situations when true assistance is required (e.g., being locked out, reporting a leak or other immediate maintenance need, reporting a fire or other true emergency). In the case of an emergency situation that is dangerous or life-threatening, students should contact CIU Security/911 before contacting the RA on duty.

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DRIVING AND PARKING REGULATIONS

Please abide by CIU's driving and parking regulations at all times. The vehicle speed limit on campus is 15mph, except 25mph on International Boulevard. Texting while driving is strictly prohibited. Parking and driving on the CIU campus is a privilege and may be withdrawn due to unsafe driving behavior or repetitive violations of the parking and driving regulations.

Vehicles must be registered with CIU to park on campus. Students will register vehicles online at my.ciu.edu. After registration, parking decals may be picked up after an email sending notification for pick up. On-campus students are to park in designated lots provided behind/beside their residence halls. Motorcycles are not permitted inside the buildings, hallway areas, or breezeways.

EXTERIOR DOORS

Exterior doors remain locked at all times, with the exception of Memorial & Founders Halls' front entry doors. The front entry doors of Founders and Memorial will be unlocked during the following times:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



SAFETY + SECURITY (CONT.)

ENTRY

CIU reserves the right to enter a student's room and/or vehicle at any time to maintain facilities, maintain the safety of residents, or investigate suspected violations of community standards. No search will be made without the Dean of Students or Residence Life staff being notified. Any search will be conducted by a designated university worker. The university also has the right to elect the use of a search warrant by the police. University representatives have the right to confiscate any items prohibited by university policy. Items may be returned at the discretion of the university representative.

PROPPING DOORS

In order to ensure the safety and security of residents and their personal belongings, propping open exterior doors is prohibited.

ILLNESSES AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In case of illness requiring hospitalization, students should contact their RA who will inform the Residence Life staff.

HAZING

Hazing of students is an unacceptable activity and will result in strict disciplinary action. Hazing is defined as any action which causes or is likely to cause mental or physical danger or harm. Any activity that has the potential to be termed unsanitary, dangerous, or degrading is considered unacceptable.

CIU LAKE AND WOODS - BROAD RIVER

The lake and surrounding areas close at dusk. Swimming is not permitted in the river or in the CIU lake. For safety, we ask that no one walk alone to the lake or in the woods any time.



SAFETY + SECURITY (CONT.)

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Guests are anyone who is not listed as a resident of the location, including a Pine View resident staying in the Res Hall.

Residents wishing to host an overnight guest must comply with the following procedures:

1. **Roommate Approval.** Prior to submitting an overnight guest request, the resident must obtain the verbal agreement of all roommate(s) or apartment-mates who share the living space.
2. **Guest Request Form.** The resident must submit an Overnight Guest Request Form at least 24 hours prior to the guest's anticipated arrival. The request must include all required guest information.
3. **Residence Life Review.** Residence Life will review each request and determine whether approval will be granted. Once a decision has been made, Residence Life will notify the resident and communicate the approved visit, as appropriate, to roommate(s), Security, University Housing staff, and the Resident Assistant (RA) or Resident Director (RD) on Duty responsible for the area during the approved visit.
4. **Guest Check-In.** Approved guests must check in with Security upon arrival and present a valid government-issued photo identification. Guests will be provided a visitor parking pass that must be displayed in the vehicle while on campus.

Resident Responsibilities

Residents who host guests are responsible for the conduct, safety, and supervision of their guests throughout the visit.

- The resident host must be present with the guest for the duration of the visit and must escort the guest while the guest is within the residential community.
- Guests must not remain in a residence hall room or apartment unless the resident host is present.
- The resident is responsible for ensuring that the guest understands and complies with all University regulations, University Housing policies, and the CIU Community Standards.
- Residents may be held responsible for violations of University regulations, University Housing policies, or the CIU Community Standards that occur in their room, apartment, or associated common areas during a guest's visit.

Guest Conduct

Guests are expected to comply with all University regulations and community standards.

If a guest violates these, both the guest and the hosting resident may be subject to disciplinary action.

Overnight Guest Eligibility and Limits

- Only same-gender overnight guests are permitted in University Housing.
- Overnight guests are permitted only with the approval of all roommate(s) or apartment-mates sharing the living space.
- Residents living in Residence Halls may host an overnight guest for a maximum of two (2) nights per calendar month. The nights do not need to be consecutive.



PROHIBITED ITEMS

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND RELATED SUBSTANCES

Columbia International University is a tobacco, nicotine, drug, and alcohol-free campus. The possession and/or use of substances including, but not limited to, cigarettes (including e-cigs and vaping paraphernalia), smokeless tobacco, nicotine pouches, illegal drugs, and alcohol is prohibited within the residence halls and on the campus of CIU. Enrolled students should always adhere to the guidelines in the Student Handbook, regardless of whether they are on or off campus.

WEAPONS AND FLAMMABLE MATERIALS

The use of gasoline, spray paint, solvents, paint remover, and dry cleaning fluids in the residence halls is strictly prohibited. Weapons, explosives, and any devices capable of causing harm to others or damaging property are also prohibited on campus. Examples of prohibited items include firearms, Tasers, or similar incapacitating devices, paintball guns, BB guns, pellet guns, Airsoft guns, blowguns, wrist rockets, knives (except small pocket or paring knives), spears, swords, fireworks, and incendiary devices. Please contact Security at 803-807-5555 if you are unsure as to whether or not an item is considered a weapon.

CONTRACEPTIVES

Given CIU's prohibition of sexual promiscuity, the possession of contraceptives or other items intended for use in relation to sexual activity are strictly prohibited. This does not include medication prescribed by a physician.



EMERGENCIES

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FIRES/ FIRE SAFETY

By order of the fire marshall, there are to be NO open flames under any circumstances in the residence halls. No candles, oil lamps, or incense may be used in the residence halls as they pose a fire hazard. In addition, any appliance that could result in a grease fire is not permitted in the residence halls.

In the event of a fire emergency in the residence hall, all residents should be familiar with and adhere to the following guidelines:

- (1) If fire alarm sounds, immediately leave the building.
- (2) If door is hot, remain in room.
- (3) Block the entrance of smoke and heat into room by stuffing towels around the door.
- (4) Stay low near the floor to avoid smoke and heat. Cover head with wet cloth if necessary to aid breathing.
- (5) If necessary, break window. Do not exit through upper floor windows.
- (6) Hang a towel out your window. Fire personnel will get to you as soon as possible.
- (7) If the door is cool, open slightly and check for heavy smoke and heat. If clear, proceed to exit. If smoke is light, stay low near floor to avoid smoke and heat.
- (8) When leaving, wear shoes; carry wet towel, if available, to aid breathing. If hallway is too smoky to reach stairwell, remain in the room. Follow instructions as listed above.
- (9) After leaving, get clear of the building and surrounding area and proceed to designated assembly spot.
- (10) Report to the university official for roll call.
- (11) Remain quiet and orderly while waiting for further instructions.
- (12) Do not return to building for any reason until given the all clear by university personnel.

Drills will be performed each semester to ensure the safety of resident students. Students who knowingly refuse to vacate a hall during a fire or a fire drill are subject to disciplinary action. Tampering with smoke detectors, fire alarms, or fire extinguishers is strictly prohibited and will also result in disciplinary action.

TORNADOES

If a tornado warning is issued for our area, residents will be notified via CIU Alert. Students should go directly to an interior room or hallway on the lowest level of their building. Students will be informed of designated shelter zones at the first All Residents Meeting of the year. Students should remain in shelter zones (regardless of the siren stopping or sounding multiple times) until the all clear is issued by Res Life or Security personnel.



COMMON AREAS

KITCHEN

There is a kitchen area located in Founders basement. Students are responsible to keep this area clean and neat. It should be cleaned after each use. Due to fire regulations, surface frying in the kitchen is prohibited. Failure to keep the kitchen area clean will result in loss of privileges and/or closure.

LAUNDRY ROOMS

Washers and dryers are located in the lower level of Founders and Walker for females and East and Memorial for males. Machines are for the use of on-campus students only. Please report any maintenance issues to your RA or to the Residence Life office.

Please collect your laundry promptly so others can use the machines. Do not remove another person's laundry from a washing machine or dryer. If a machine is occupied, please use another machine or wait until one is available. Please do not leave laundry unattended. CIU is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Clothes left in laundry rooms after one week will be disposed.

STORAGE ROOMS

Storage space is provided for current residents only. Students who are not living on campus or are not planning to return the following semester are not permitted to store items in the storage rooms. All stored items must be kept in boxes or luggage and labeled with the student's name and phone number. These may be stored during the summer without charge. Items left in storage remain the responsibility of the student. CIU is unable to provide reimbursement or compensation for any items that may be lost, damaged, or stolen.

Students may wish to purchase additional insurance through their personal carrier to cover the cost of any lost, damaged, or stolen items. The university does not assume responsibility for shipping items. Items remaining unclaimed two weeks after the following semester begins will become the property of CIU. During the school year, the Residence Life Office will clean out the storage rooms. Students are responsible for removing their personal items from the storage room before that time. Items not removed prior to the clean-out will be thrown away. Please watch for information concerning the date of the clean-out.

MOVIES

In light of current copyright laws, and due to the public nature of the Memorial and Founders lobbies, movies may not be shown in these lobbies at any time. Movies may be shown in other lobbies or in individual rooms, but must meet the viewing guidelines set forth in the CIU student handbook.



IMPORTANT TIMES

IDs MUST BE PRESENT

All students and guests must have an ID when visiting other residencies on campus at all times and present their IDs to RAs and RDs upon request.

LOBBIES/ LOUNGES

The first floor lobbies of Memorial and Founders are for public use during the weekday hours. Sleeping is not permitted in any lobby. If furniture is moved, it should be returned to its original location when finished. All lounges, including Memorial and Founders basements, are available for co-ed use. Students should observe all TV and movie standards, as well as co-ed hours, and treat the furnishings with respect. Lobby/Lounge/Basement Co-ed Hours for Visitors. Lights should be on

Every day: 12:00 noon - 11:00 p.m.

OPEN DORMS

Residence Halls will be open for co-ed visiting during the following hours:

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Students are expected to abide by all biblical and CIU community standards, conducting themselves in a manner that is above reproach. Room doors should remain fully open, and lights should remain on. There should be no reclining together or sharing blankets, and appropriate attire must be worn (no sleepwear). Visitation is by invitation only, and the residence halls will remain locked during this time. Guests of the opposite sex may not remain in the room or on the hall without a host present.

Failure to abide by our open dorms policy is not only a breach of our community standards, it also constitutes a violation of the privacy of our residents. For this reason, we view the violation of our open dorms policy as a particularly serious offense. Those found to be in violation of this policy (including both the host resident and the guest) will, per occurrence, 1) be issued a \$50 fine, 2) be suspended from open dorms privileges for one semester (14 semester weeks), and 3) may be referred to the Student Review Committee. If you become aware of any violations of our open dorms policy, please notify your resident assistant or other Residence Life staff immediately.

QUIET HOURS

During quiet hours, residents are asked to keep noise levels to a minimum out of respect for fellow residents who may be studying or sleeping. Quiet hours are as follows:

All Locations, Every Day 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.



CURFEW

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Applies to ALL resident undergraduate students

Sunday – Thursday 1:00am

Friday – Saturday 2:00am

A student (or group of students) who knows ahead of time that they will be late should contact the Residence Life Office or the RA on duty before 11pm in order to receive permission to be out after curfew. Students should not attempt to contact RAs requesting curfew exceptions after 11pm, as no such requests will be granted.

Repeated offenses will result in additional fines, invitations to speak with the Residence Life staff, and the student being referred to the Dean of Students.



RES LIFE POLICIES

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF

Residence Life staff members (including RAs) have been given the responsibility and authority to uphold all CIU and Res Life policies. Students are expected to respect and submit to their authority. Students who feel that a Res Life staff member is abusing their authority should approach them directly in grace and truth. If no satisfactory resolution can be reached, the Residence Life Office should be contacted. Any disrespect for, or disregard of, the Res Life staff will be addressed as a disciplinary issue.

SPEAK TO EDIFY

As a biblical community, our aim in communication is to build one another up in love (Eph 4:16, 29). Forms of speech such as lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, backbiting, and the use of profanity and/or crude language only serve to work against our pursuit of healthy biblical community. These forms of speech are prohibited by God and are not permitted in our residence halls.

STANDARDS AND CHECKOUT

Upon checking in, students are required to abide by all CIU community standards until they have checked out and left campus. Students are not allowed to check out of the halls and then return as "guests."

NAME TAGS

Name tags are typically issued by the RA of each hall at the beginning of the school year and should remain on/near students' doors for the entire school year as they are helpful to Residence life staff and emergency response personnel in quickly locating a resident.

NOISE ON HALLS

To help maintain our residence halls as comfortable living spaces for all residents, please ensure that your music, television, and other sources of noise cannot be heard outside your residence hall room. For the same reason, playing music in the shower rooms is not permitted.

ALL RESIDENTS MEETINGS

Each semester, in order to communicate vital information to residents, the Residence Life Office will hold mandatory meetings, led by the Residence Life staff. Since attendance is required, these meeting dates are communicated at the beginning of each semester. Students are expected to arrange work schedules and other commitments around All Residents Meetings. All other reasons for missing meetings or arriving late (including work) will result in a \$25 fine. All residents will be responsible for the material covered in these meetings.



RES LIFE POLICIES (CONT.)

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Email serves as Residence Life's primary means of issuing important communications to our resident students. Please check your email daily for important communications from Residence Life and other campus departments. If you receive an email from Residence Life's staff requesting a response or a personal meeting, please respond promptly.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Nothing (posters, flyers, announcements, etc.) may be taped to doors or windows of the main entries of the residence halls. It is up to the discretion of each hall's RA to determine whether or not anything may be posted on the hall. Please secure your RA's permission before posting anything.

HOUSING DEPOSITS

Students planning to live on campus are required to pay a non-refundable \$100 room deposit upon initial semester of living in the res hall. This room deposit guarantees a room each succeeding semester until the student leaves the residence halls.



RES LIFE POLICIES (CONT.)

VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

Students may not arrive earlier than the scheduled day/time of hall opening or leave later than the scheduled day/time of hall closure. Students refusing to comply will be subject to a fine of \$25 per night. Residence halls are closed during Thanksgiving and Spring Break as well as between semesters. Students may not remain in their rooms during these holiday breaks. The CIU calendar and the Residence Life office will publish dates and times for check-in, checkout, and holiday closings. It is the student's responsibility to make other housing arrangements during these times. While the halls are open during Fall Break, students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to take some time away from campus.

PETS

Students in the residence halls may keep fish or turtles as pets in their rooms in a fish bowl or small aquarium. Special permission must be obtained from Res Life for any aquarium exceeding 5 gallons. No other animals are permitted in the residence halls at any time, except those approved as service or emotional support animals by the Academic Success Center. Students should not feed stray animals on campus, as this encourages them to stay.

BIKES

Bikes must be stored in designated areas and are not permitted in buildings. Bike racks are provided outside the residence halls for convenience. Any bikes left on campus during semester breaks must be labeled with the owner's name/room number and locked in a designated storage area. Bikes that are not labeled and locked will be removed at the end of each semester.

SUNBATHING

Coed sunbathing is not permitted on campus. Women may only sunbathe behind the women's residence halls and should wear tankinis or modest one-piece bathing suits. Bikini cut swimsuits are not appropriate for men or women. Men may only sunbathe behind the men's residence halls. Please be considerate of activities that may be occurring around you (tennis and basketball). In these situations, it may not be appropriate to sunbathe.

BABYSITTING

No babysitting is permitted in the residence halls.



FINES AND FEES

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\$10.00:

- Loud Music/Noise (per occurrence)
- Quiet Hours Violation (per occurrence)
- Items Left in Hall/Bathroom
- Room Check Failure
- Late for/Missed Hall Meeting

\$25.00:

- Lost Key
- Curfew Violation (2nd occurrence)
- Unapproved Early Check-In/Late Checkout
- Dirty Fridge/Microwave at Checkout
- Possession of Prohibited Items/Appliances
- Missed All Residents Meeting

\$50.00:

- Curfew Violation (3rd occurrence)
- Open Dorms Violation (per violation)
- Overnight Guest Violation
- Propping Doors Open
- Removing Screens, Furniture, Vents, or Light Fixtures
- Failure to Checkout According to Res Life Guidelines
- Unapproved Duplicating of Room Key

Tampering with smoke detectors/alarm pulls is subject to a fine of up to \$500.00.

Repeated violations will be subject to suspension of privileges and/or review by the Dean of Students.

These fines and fees will be added to your student account and can be paid online or in the Accounting office.



HOUSE COLLECTIVE

The House Collective is designed to create opportunities for residential students, local commuters, undergrads, grad and seminary students, and faculty/staff to come together and build community through things like house competition, social events, service projects, and small groups. The Collective is made up of six houses: Fidelitas, Dignitas, Veritas, Virtus, Justitia, and Sapientia. Each house has its own unique identity, traditions, colors, and crest. The houses are made up of all types of students and a few faculty members. The House Collective is something for the whole campus, and everyone is invited to participate.

In addition to bringing people together, the houses also spark some friendly rivalries. Throughout the year, house members compete to win points and pride, hoping to earn the title of House Victors. The ultimate purpose of The Collective is to help our students grow to become more like Jesus. Through the relationships that are formed, the conversations that are had, and the time spent living life together, our prayer is that students would challenge and encourage one another to know Christ and to make Him known.

CAMPUS-WIDE HOUSE COLLECTIVE EVENTS

- Friday 8/28 House Collective Kickoff & Sweet Battle
- Monday-Friday 9/7 – 9/11 Last One Standing
- Friday 10/2 Coffee Haus
- Saturday 10/31 Bro/Sis Event
- Saturday 11/21 Service Project House Event
- Friday 1/29 House Throwdown
- Thursday-Saturday 2/18 – 2/20 Shofar Cup
- Friday 3/19 Bro/Sis Moonlight Mile
- Friday 4/9 Ram Relay



2026–2027 IMPORTANT DATES

Check out all campus events at www.ciu.edu/calendars/

ALL RESIDENTS & HALL MEETINGS - Mandatory attendance

Fall 2026

Saturday, August 22 – 7:30pm in Shortess Chapel

Sunday, August 30 - 9 pm in your hall

Sunday, September 27 - 9 pm in your hall

Sunday, October 25 - 9 pm in your hall

Sunday, November 29 - 9 pm in Hoke Auditorium

Spring 2027

Sunday, January 10 - 9 pm in Hoke Auditorium

Sunday, January 31 - 9 pm in your hall

Sunday, February 28 - 9 pm in Hoke Auditorium

Sunday, March 28 - 9 pm in your hall

Sunday, April 25 - 9 pm in Hoke Auditorium

ROOM CHECKS

Room checks will occur every other Tuesday and scheduled and communicated by your RA. You are welcome to be in your room during room checks. If you will not be in your room, be sure to take your key with you as your RA will lock your room once the room check is completed.

HALL CLOSINGS

Fall 2026

Thanksgiving Break: Halls close at 5pm on November 24

Christmas Break: Halls close at 5pm on December 11

Spring 2027

Spring Break: Halls close at 5pm on March 5

End of Spring Semester: Halls close at 5pm on April 30

For liability purposes, nobody is permitted to stay in the residence halls anytime while halls are closed unless given permission in advance by the Residence Life Office.



RESIDENCE LIFE
EXISTS TO HELP
STUDENTS THRIVE IN
KINGDOM COMMUNITY