

RESIDENCE LIFE

A Warner Pacific University education is not limited to the classroom experience. Living on campus provides opportunities for learning and engagement that are unique to the University environment. Our Residence Life program is designed to maximize these learning opportunities through numerous academic, social, and spiritual experiences on campus and in the local Portland community. The following pages provide information you need to know to make the most of your residential experience. This section also contains the policies and regulations governing housing on the Warner Pacific University campus.

The Department of Residence Life maintains a 10-person professional and paraprofessional staff that provides 24-hour on call assistance, housing services, and various forms of programming for residential students. Resident Assistants, commonly referred to as RAs, are experienced Warner Pacific University students living in the residential facilities. RAs are trained to provide assistance with housing related issues (maintenance requests, noise disturbances, lock-outs, etc.) and trained to facilitate the creation of a healthy living and learning environment.

RESIDENCE LIFE POLICIES

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

The residential community at Warner Pacific University often provides the most memorable and life changing experiences for our students. Therefore it is essential that we hold our students to the highest standards of care and respect for one another. The following policies and expectations are necessary guidelines for the efficient management of our residential community. These guidelines are not intended to restrict individual freedom, but rather to provide the structure that enables individuals to pursue community.

ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL NARCOTICS RESTRICTIONS

Purchase, possession, storage, or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and illegal narcotics is prohibited on campus and in campus housing. Alcoholic beverage containers, posters, clothing, and other items advertising alcoholic beverages may not be openly displayed in living areas even for decorative purposes. Smoking and/or vaping is not permitted anywhere within the campus boundaries.

CONDUCT

Residential students and their guests must respect and comply with the community agreement expectations, the rules and expectations outlined in the housing contract, and all University and Residence Life policies and procedures. Students are also held accountable to local, community, state, and federal authorities.

DUTY COVERAGE

The Residence Life Staff is on call to respond to lock-outs and other issues outside of normal working hours. If you need assistance you can call the on-duty cell phone at 503.729.4150. Students that repeatedly request assistance for lock-outs may be fined.

EMERGENCIAS

In the event of an emergency, contact Campus Safety and a Residence Life staff person. Students may call Campus Safety 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 503.250.1730. A residence life staff member is also available 24/7. If the emergency is a matter that requires immediate attention from police or is a fire or medical emergency, ALWAYS CALL 911 FIRST! Be sure to identify yourself by giving your name, the building location, and the nature of the emergency. Stay on the line until the operator dismisses you. Location information can be found near most landline phones around campus.

ENTRANCE RESTRICTIONS

It is the University's policy to respect each Resident's right to privacy in his/her residence. The University agrees to give reasonable notice, typically 24-48 hours, prior to entering a residence for routine maintenance and inspection. Residents will not unreasonably withhold consent to the University or its designee(s) to enter a residence in order to inspect the leased premises, or make reasonable or needed repairs or improvements.

University personnel and/or their authorized designee(s) may enter a resident's leased premises without notice for an emergency, maintenance work, fire and life safety inspections, fire drills, insuring compliance with health and safety standards, inspection in connection with a reasonable cause to believe there have been violations of University policy or state or federal law on the leased premises, or to check the status of the leased premises.

If a resident has not completely vacated his or her leased premises within 3 days following the end of the contract term of the lease, Residence Life personnel and/or their authorized designee(s) may enter the leased premises without notice and may remove any or all personal items that have not been removed by the exiting resident.

By submitting a work order to a University staff member to make repairs to a residence, a resident gives permission for the Maintenance Department and University staff to enter the leased premises to accomplish the requested repairs even if the Resident is not present.

FIRE SAFETY

Smith and Warman Halls: Both Smith and Warman residence halls have a central fire alarm system. If you encounter a fire, activate the nearest fire alarm pull station, close windows and doors, and evacuate the building according to the posted evacuation routes. Call 911 as soon as you are a safe distance away from the building. Stay away from the building until you are instructed to return by Residence Life Staff

Campus Apartments and Houses: Each apartment and house is equipped with battery operated smoke alarms. In the event of a fire close all windows and balcony/patio doors and exit the unit. Call 911 as soon as you are a safe distance away from the building.

Portland City ordinances require notification to the Portland Fire Department whenever there is an “unfriendly” fire, even if it has been extinguished. Failure to do so warrants criminal prosecution. Therefore, all unfriendly fires, regardless of the size, require initiating the alarm and immediate notification of Campus Safety and Residence Life staff.

Tampering with a smoke detector is a major violation that may result in fines and/or disciplinary action. Immediately report any malfunctioning smoke detector to the Office of Student Life or to the on-duty RA. Do not attempt to repair a malfunctioning smoke detector yourself.

Anyone found to have caused a fire maliciously or recklessly (no matter how small), or who tampers with firefighting/life protection equipment, initiates a false alarm, or fails to comply promptly with requests from University employees or the Fire Department, puts the lives of other people at risk. Such behavior cannot be tolerated and violators jeopardize their status as a student and member of the Warner Pacific University community, and risk concurrent criminal prosecution.

GUEST POLICY

As an on-campus resident, you are responsible for your guests who visit on campus. While on the Warner Pacific University campus, all guests must abide by the community agreement, Residence Life and other campus policies, and state and federal laws. Residential students may host overnight guests provided the student receives permission from his or her Resident Assistant, the guest is of the same gender and the guest and student are not romantically involved. No guest may stay overnight in a student’s room or apartment for more than three consecutive nights or more than five nights a semester unless prior approval for an exception has been granted by roommates and the Residence Life Coordinator. This ensures that an environment conducive to study, privacy, and personal needs of all students is maintained.

Students should inform their Resident Assistant of their plans to have overnight guests 24 hours in advance. On-campus students who fail to give advance notification to their RA of a visiting guest or who allow a nonresident (student or non-student) to remain in their room/apartment/house longer than three nights will be subject to a fine and further administrative action at the discretion of Student Life staff. Campus Safety, a Residence Life staff member, and other University administrators have the authority to remove guests from the campus at any time.

HEALTH

The Residence Life Staff is concerned with each student’s health and reserves the right to confront students regarding serious health problems. The University reserves the right to deny housing to students whose health needs have not been or cannot be satisfactorily met and if such action is determined to be in the best interest of the University and the occupants of the living areas.

LOUNGES

There are two lounges in Smith Hall and one in Warman Hall. They are open 24 hours a day. Lounge space is primarily reserved for studying but may be reserved for social events with the Director of Campus Life. Students are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of lounges and all common areas. If the condition of any common area is altered or damaged, the person(s) responsible may be charged and/or receive disciplinary action. In the event that the responsible individual is not discovered or doesn't come forward, the charge may be assessed to a group of students.

NOISE

Maintaining an environment conducive to academic success is very important so students are required to limit noise that can be heard outside their room. All residential areas have quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Students bothered by excessive noise are encouraged to approach the individual or group responsible before involving Residence Life personnel. After an initial effort to resolve the situation, the student may contact Residence Life through the Resident Assistant on duty at (503)-729-4150

Students are free to have audio equipment in their rooms. The amplification should be controlled so that neighbors both inside and outside of the building are not disturbed. Speakers must not face or be placed in windows. The installation of outside aerials for televisions is not permitted. Failure to keep the noise level of sound equipment reasonable will result in removal of the equipment from the student's room.

QUIET HOURS AND VISITING HOURS

The entire residential community is subject to quiet hours. Students responsible for any noise disrupting the sleep or study of others during quiet hours may be subject to judicial action. Quiet hours start at 10:00 pm and end at 8:00 am. In addition, Smith and Warman Halls are subject to visiting hours. Visiting hours exist to maintain the privacy for women in Smith Hall and for men in Warman Hall.

During the following times men and women can freely access either residence hall:

- Sunday-Thursday: 11 a.m. – 12 a.m.
- Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Students hosting guests of the opposite gender or dating partners in their room during visiting hours are expected to keep the door open. With the exception of married couples, students are not permitted to allow members of the opposite sex or dating partners to spend the night in their room, apartment, or house for any reason. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to terminate visitation privileges due to disruptive behavior, disrespect for others, or any other circumstance deemed an abuse of privileges.

RESIDENTIAL TRANSFER

Students wanting to transfer rooms or apartments for any reason must contact the Director of Campus Life before making any moves. Students who change rooms without approval from the Office of Residence Life or without completing all room-change procedures may be fined and/or subject to further disciplinary action.

RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

The students in Smith and Warman Halls will have the opportunity to form a Hall Council each academic year. The Hall Council's primary responsibility is to represent the residence hall students to the Office of Residence Life, to plan social activities for students in the residence halls, and to manage a designated portion of the hall council budget.