



# Catamount Advance Housing Terms & Conditions 2023-2024

*The housing contract includes the room fee for the 2023-2024 academic year.*

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The Residential Life *Catamount Advance Housing Contract Terms & Conditions* is a living

reserves the right to change, modify, and/or amend any of the information in this document, notifying Catamount Advance students of policy or procedural changes as they occur. The latest version of this document is available at [reslife.uvm.edu](https://reslife.uvm.edu). The residential living arrangement for this Program for the 2023-2024 academic year will be housed on a floor within the Spinner Place

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apartment building located near campus in Winooski, Vermont, and includes UVM student residents, as well as students from other area academic institutions. All Catamount Advance students will have access to the local Green Mountain Transit (GMT) system to get to and from the main campus for class, campus clubs, events and more, with a stop conveniently located in front of Spinner Place. All GMT is



reserving judgment and being open to different perspectives.

**Managing Conflict:** Identifying and resolving conflict. Working through differences to facilitate

### **C. Administrative Procedures**

Residential Life establishes administrative procedures so that students can obtain housing when it is available. For safety reasons, and to ensure proper billing, all students must check in, check out, and change rooms through these established procedures to ensure an accurate list of room assignments and vacancies can be maintained.

### **D. Resident Responsibility for Guest(s)**

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All rules and regulations set forth by the University of Vermont and Residential Life will apply to all residential students and their guests. Specifically, all assigned occupants of an apartment may be subject to the same response under the University [Code of Student](#)

apartment. Personal property left after the approved period of occupancy will be removed and held for a maximum of 30 days, subject to all fees and costs UVM incurs, including but not limited to, removal fees, storage fees, cleaning fees, shipping fees, and/or disposal fees.

**property or belongings.**

## **II. ELIGIBILITY AND OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES**

### **A. Residency Requirement**

The University of Vermont considers the residential living experience an integral and necessary part of the total education of its students. **For that reason, the University has a residency requirement of between two and four semesters for certain student populations.**

## **F. Hosting Guest(s)**

### **1. Definition of a Guest**

A guest is defined as either:

an individual who is not a student of the University, or

a University of Vermont student who lives elsewhere on campus or off

## 2. Unauthorized Room Changes





University policy, when entering the space.  
Clean up debris and extra work materials after a job is completed.  
Photograph the area of repair before and after completion of work.  
Report any breakage or damage to the facility or UVM owned property beyond normal wear and tear.  
Leave a note on the door and update the work order in the Spinner Place online system to notify the resident(s) of the status (e.g., completed, pending, etc.), as applicable.

When responsibilities have been delegated to non-University staff, this delegation must be made by the Director, or designee. The justification and procedure for room entry by delegates is identical to that of Residential Life staff.

## **2. Room Entry by Residential Life**

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Residential Life personnel serving as peer advisors and educators live and work with residents to assist them in addressing needs within the Catamount Advance residence and the university community. These community members have a duty rotation to assist with the safety of residents and facilities.

Residential Life personnel will typically conduct community walks between 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Support for community walk personnel is triaged and handled by on-duty professional staff members of Residential Life.

Residential Life personnel responding to situations in their area are permitted to enter a space if the door is open and the occupant allows them to enter, or if they knock on a closed door and the occupant willingly opens it. Residential Life is also permitted to open apartment doors to enter the unit common area after knocking.

## **3. Room Entry for Cause**

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### **a. Justification for Room Entry**

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The University reserves the right to enter any apartment, without express consent, to ensure the health and safety of all residents. In accordance with the room entry procedure described below, Residential Life and/or the Property Manager are authorized to use a key to enter and inspect a room or apartment upon reasonable cause if they believe that a violation of any University health and safety policy or the terms of this contract has occurred, or where the health or safety of the occupants is believed to be at imminent risk (e.g., emergency situation). Grounds for reasonable cause to enter related to violations of policy include, but are not limited to: the sight or odor of smoke of any kind; the sight of alcohol or illegal substances; the sight of a weapon in the room; a tip or a report from a reliable source that alcohol, illegal substances, or a weapon are in a room.

## **b. Room Entry Procedure**

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will first knock and announce who they are and that they intend to enter. If no response is received, the door will be unlocked using a key. Residential Life and/or the Property Manager will, from the doorway, again announce their presence and intent to enter. The student(s) occupying the room, if present, will be told the purpose of the entry and, if the purpose of entry is to determine the presence of prohibited items or substances, will be provided an opportunity to voluntarily produce any item or substance for which the entry has been made. Any inspection will be limited to that which is reasonably necessary to either confirm the presence of an illegal or prohibited item or policy/code violation, or to determine whether an imminent risk to health or safety appears to be present. Residential Life and/or the Property Manager will take whatever actions are necessary to respond to imminent risks to health or safety, including securing rooms and seeking assistance from law enforcement if illegal substances are present.

## **K. Check-in and Checkout Procedures**

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Students are required to follow the designated check-in and checkout procedures. They are expected to check in to their assigned rooms when the CA Residential Housing facility opens. Anyone not registered for classes due to a financial hold on their account will not be permitted to check in for the applicable semester until the hold has been removed. Students who do not check out of their rooms by the designated times and dates for closings may be assessed a \$50 late charge.

## **L. Non-transferable Contract**

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The University of Vermont Catamount Advance housing contract may not be transferred or assigned to any other person. Furthermore, all rooms and standard furniture are the property of Spinner Place and/or Residential Life and the University of Vermont and may not be sold or sublet.

## **M. Dining Services**

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### **1. Dining Options**

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Meal Plans feature a combination of Meal Swipes (access to our traditional dining halls and select retail locations, with some restrictions), Retail Points (a declining balance account) that can be used at all locations on campus, and Guest Swipes (for use in traditional dining halls only). Meals do not roll over from fall to spring semester but unused Retail Points will carry over from the fall to spring semester for students who remain on a dining plan. Any unused meals or Retail Points are forfeited upon contract termination (e.g., mid-year meal plan drops or withdrawal) or at the end of the academic year. The exception is that any additional Retail Points students add to their plan will roll over while they are enrolled at UVM.

Meal plan options include:

**The All Access Plan** provides **unlimited** Meal Swipes, 150 Retail Points and 3 Guest Meal Swipes per semester. **This is the default meal plan for all first-time, first year students.**

**The Retail Points Plan** provides 1450 Retail Points, 25 Meal Swipes and 3 Guest Meal Swipes per semester. This provides approximately 14 Retail Points per day and 1-2 Meal Swipes per week.

**The All Access Plus Plan** provides **unlimited** Meal Swipes, 300 Retail Points and 5 Guest Meal Swipes per semester.





Start: Dinner, Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009  
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### 3. Meal Plan Rates

#### 2023-2024 Maximum Meal Plan Rates

<b>Meal Plans</b>	<b>Cost per Academic Year</b>	<b>Amount Billed per Semester</b>
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Advance, the CA Residential Housing and other University residence halls and/or the University by the Center for Student Conduct. See [Center for Student Conduct Sanction Guidelines](#). Students may also be referred to UVM Police Services.

**D. Health and Safety Inspections**

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In order to ensure a clean, healthy, and safe living environment for both current and future residents, Residential Life conducts health and safety inspections. All residential students are issued a 24-hour notice before an inspection so that they can coordinate cleaning and health and safety efforts within their bedrooms and/or apartment areas. Notice is communicated to residents by Residential Life.

Following appropriate notice, Residential Life are authorized to enter student rooms even if resident(s) are not present. Staff members will only inspect in pairs. As part of health and safety inspections, Residential Life staff may confiscate and secure prohibited items. Any policy violations will be documented and referred to the appropriate administrative process Residential Life or the Center for Student Conduct.

Additionally, students may be referred to UVM Police Services. UVM does not warrant all room conditions to be safe as a result of such inspections.

**E. Quiet/Noise Policy**

**1. Noise**

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Spinner Place is locked 24/7 for the safety, security, and privacy of residents. Spinner Place is not a public space; only residents who reside in a particular unit have access to that private living space. Non-residents can enter that building only as a guest and must be hosted and accompanied by a host while visiting the building.

## **1. Room and Building Keys**

Conduct and/or UVM Police Services. All requests for **commercial solicitation** must [\*Posting and Solicitation\*](#) policy. Residents cannot run a business of any kind from their room or any residence hall/university property.

## **B. Lockouts**

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### **1. Who to Call**

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Residents who do not have their key and are locked out of their room can go to the complex main desk for assistance. If the complex desk is closed, Residents should call

outs will be billed at a rate of \$150.

### **2. Lost Key Charges**

Residents who lose their key(s) should contact their complex main desk immediately for assistance. Lost building and apartment key fobs will be replaced at a charge of

Residents are expected to take every precaution to assure that common area property is not abused. Lounge furniture is considered common area property for use by all students and building residents and may not be removed from common areas.

Residents found to have lounge furniture in their room may be processed administratively by Residential Life.

To protect both the rights of residents to sleep and study, as well as the condition of facilities, residents are to refrain from sporting activities, including but not limited to skateboarding, rollerblading, and ball- or Frisbee-throwing in hallways, lounges, and common areas of the residence halls.

### **5. Unassigned Damage**

Residents of an apartment or the CA Residential Housing complex are held jointly responsible for losses or damages beyond normal wear and tear where individual responsibility cannot be determined. **Unassigned damage charges will be billed in appropriate circumstances following discovery and no less than at the end of each semester. Unassigned damage charges cannot be appealed.**

### **6. Assigned Damage**

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Residents are encouraged to complete an online room inspection form after moving in or changing rooms to document the condition of the space. Student rooms are inspected at the end of each academic year and occupants of the room are held jointly responsible for losses or damages beyond normal wear and tear or where extra cleaning is required.

Residents are notified via UVM email by mid-June of any charges resulting from room inspections that have been applied to their student account and they have until June 30 to appeal them.

## **B. Internet Service**

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### **1. Internet Access**

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All residence hall rooms have wireless and wired Ethernet access to the Internet. There is no connection fee for either service. To safeguard network security and performance, no other device or network service, such as routers, hubs, sniffers and wireless access points, may be placed on the network without approval, as stated in the University [\*Computer, Communication, and Network Technology Acceptable Use\*](#) policy.

### **2. Communication with Residents**

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University email. Residents are expected to check their University email account regularly. Residential Life requests cell phone numbers on the housing and meal plan contract and, when provided, may use them as an alternate way to contact residents. See the [\*Electronic Student\*](#)

**areas in apartments, and bathrooms. A. Maintenance and Repairs**

All necessary non-emergency repairs should be reported immediately using the Spinner Place online resident portal. Hall staff can help residents with this process.

**B. Structural Changes**

No structural changes can be made in a room or to furniture including, but not limited to: nailing loft supports directly to the walls; removing existing built-in equipment; and removing closet doors, bookshelves, fixtures, and wardrobes. Painting any surfaces such as the ceiling, walls, floor, or furniture is also not permitted. Residents will be held accountable by Residential Life and billed for any damage caused by these types of structural changes.

**C. Bicycle Storage**

Indoor bicycle storage is not available. Bicycles stored outdoors should be locked to the bike racks provided outside. Locking bicycles to any stationary fixtures other than the designated bike racks is prohibited and the bikes will be subject to removal (e.g., trees, handrails, etc.).

**Summer 2024**

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June 30 Residential accommodation requests due

**Fall Semester 2023**

August 23	Student Move In <sup>^</sup>
November 18	Halls close for Thanksgiving
November 18-25	Academic break housing for Thanksgiving
November 26	Halls reopen to all students
December 16	Halls close for winter break
December 16-January 13	Academic break housing for winter break <sup>*</sup>

**Spring Semester 2024**

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January 14	Halls reopen to all students
March 9	Halls close for spring break
March 9-16	Academic break housing for spring break <sup>*</sup>
March 17	Halls reopen to all students
May 11	Halls close for summer

<sup>+</sup>As of April 18, 2023. Subject to change.

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