# **Opposite Gender Visitation for Residents**

### **Policy Statement**

Twenty-four hour visitation is permitted in common areas of all residence facilities. Opposite gender guests are permitted to visit residents in their personal rooms from 12:00 noon to 1:00 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Residents of facilities designated as "specialty housing" are privileged to participate in a self-determined policy for opposite gender visitation for personal rooms.

Specific rules govern opposite gender visitation for specialty housing:

- 1. Residents must meet the standards required by the Office of Housing and Residence Life to reside in specialty housing.
- 2. At the beginning of every semester, a plurality of votes of all residents of each specialty housing facility will determine whether to adopt the opposite gender visitation privilege for the facility during the semester.
- 3. If a plurality of residents adopts the privilege for the facility, all residents who wish to designate their personal room(s)/suite(s) as a self-directed opposite gender visitation environment must read and sign a "roommate contract."
- 4. A resident may nullify the self-directed visitation privileges within his/her personal room after consultation with the Housing and Residence Life staff.

### Definitions

Specialty housing includes Emmanuel Hall, Immaculata Hall, McCarty Hall, and Woodland Apartments.

A roommate contract is an agreement between roommates that permits whatever schedule of visitation hours they select within their personal room(s).

### Procedures

Procedures to assure adherence to this policy are the responsibility of the Director of Housing and Residence Life.

### **Related Policies**

Student Life Committee

### History of Policy No. 6.300.5 - Opposite Gender Visitation for Residents

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