

## **NOISE, COURTESY HOURS AND QUIET HOURS**

**Section:** Residence Halls – All Halls

**Policy:** University Housing provides a residential environment where academic success is fostered through educational living spaces and a noise and quiet hours policy is observed and supported by all residents.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to explain the acceptable level of noise permitted in the residence halls and to encourage residents to take responsibility for their living environment regarding noise.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all staff, residents and guests in the residence halls.

**Procedure:**

I. Quiet hours will be observed during the following times:

Sunday 10 p.m.	to	8 a.m. Monday
Monday 10 p.m.	to	8 a.m. Tuesday
Tuesday 10 p.m.	to	8 a.m. Wednesday
Wednesday 10 p.m.	to	8 a.m. Thursday
Thursday 10 p.m.	to	8 a.m. Friday
Friday 2 a.m.	to	10 a.m. Saturday
Saturday 2 a.m.	to	10 a.m. Sunday

II. During quiet hours, noise that can be heard one door away from the source is too loud.

III. During exam periods, 24-hour quiet hours are in effect.

IV. Use of musical instruments in the residence halls is prohibited unless the following conditions are met:

A. The use of the instrument is in a designated location (i.e. a piano in a programming room). However, these instruments still fall under the quiet-hours guidelines.

B. The resident is permitted to play an instrument if he/she can hear the music only through headphones.

V. Placement of sound equipment or speakers in windows is prohibited.

VI. Courtesy hours should be observed at all times when quiet hours are not in effect. During courtesy hours, noise should not be audible three doors away or outside the apartment unit at any given time.

VII. Community councils may vote to modify quiet hours to a more restrictive schedule.

VIII. While residents are encouraged to let offenders know if their activity is creating a disturbance, staff members are expected to enforce this policy.

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