

**CLARK UNIVERSITY**  
**RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING**  
**2021 – 2022 UNDERGRADUATE HOUSING CONTRACT**

As an academic community, Clark University and the Office of Residential Life and Housing (RLH) provides a residential atmosphere where study and learning can take place along with recreation, relaxation and social development. This atmosphere is dependent upon the willingness of all individuals to behave in such a way that personal freedom and responsibility co-exist.

The act of submitting an online undergraduate housing application of any type with Clark University sign on credentials indicates acceptance of the terms of the Housing Contract. The student agrees to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to Clark housing as outlined in the Undergraduate Student Handbook and in this document.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- This contract is a financially binding commitment to a space in University housing for the **entire 2021 – 2022 academic year**, or for such time as the student is enrolled.
- Housing Charges for the full 2021 - 2022 Academic Year are below:

<b>Room Style</b>	<b>2020-2021 Room Rate</b>	<b>2020-2021 Full Meal Plan</b>	<b>2020-2021 Total Housing and Meal Plan</b>
Traditional Triple Spaces	\$5,300	\$2,075	\$7,375
Traditional Double Spaces	\$6,000	\$2,075	\$8,075
Traditional Single Spaces	\$8,000	\$2,075	\$10,075
Suite Double Spaces	\$6,300	\$2,075	\$8,375
Suite Single Spaces	\$8,500	\$2,075	\$10,575
Apartment Double Spaces	\$6,600	*	
Apartment Single Spaces	\$9,100	*	
Blackstone Double Spaces	\$6,900	*	
Blackstone Single Spaces	\$9,500	*	

***Occupancy Period***

- Due to COVID-19 and the unforeseen circumstances associated, all occupancy dates will be posted on the Clark University Website. This includes move-in and move-out dates. Please note these dates are subject to change and will be shared once finalized.
- Pending an in-person commencement during the Spring 2022 semester, graduating seniors are permitted to remain in residence until 12PM on May 22, 2022.

- University Housing remains open during any identified holidays and break periods within the Fall and Spring semesters.
- University Housing is CLOSED during the Winter and Summer break periods. Winter or Summer Break Housing may be available for an additional cost. Students can inquire about the availability of Winter or Summer Break Housing with RLH. If available, students would be required to complete a Break Housing Contract and are responsible for paying all associated costs.
- RLH may adjust opening and/or closing dates as necessary to address unforeseen circumstances, such as severe weather.

### **Late Stays and Early Arrivals**

<b>Date Request Submitted</b>	<b>Daily cost for Extension</b>
Submission deadline for late stay or early arrival request	\$30 per day
After the submission deadline for late stay or early arrival request	\$50+ Fee
Students who arrive on campus unannounced requesting their key	\$200 Fee
Students found in the halls without permission	\$300 Fee

- Students with a permanent address of over 500 miles away may have fees associated with 2 days of extended stay waived.
- Dining and other services may not be available during an extended stay.

### **Residency Requirement**

- Students are required to live on campus for their first four (4) semesters. Students who complete their four-semester requirement mid-academic-year remain bound to the contract, as it is an academic year agreement.
- *Any semester where a student is released from their Housing Contract does not count as a full semester on-campus towards the four-semester residency requirement.*
- *Students who lived on-campus at another institution and transfer to Clark are eligible to have those semesters count towards the four-semester residency requirement by filling out a Housing Appeal Form.*
- Students who study abroad in the fall and return to campus in the spring are still bound to the four-semester residency requirement and may be required to live on-campus in the spring semester.

### **Meal Plans**

\* Meal Plan price in the chart above reflects the price of one of the “full meal plans” available to Clark students living in residence halls.

- Students living in “Traditional Style” or “Suite Style” housing are **required to be on a full meal plan**. Students who live in “Apartment Style” housing (where they have access to kitchen facilities located

within their apartment) may choose from any undergraduate meal plan or choose to opt out of a meal plan.

- Students who change from “Traditional Style” or “Suite Style” housing to “Apartment Style” after the first two weeks of the semester are required to keep their full meal plan for the remainder of the semester.
- Meal plan changes or cancellations are only permitted during the first two weeks of the semester. If a student is eligible to opt out of their meal plan and wishes to do so, they must email RLH within the first two weeks of the semester. Please note that meal plan cancellations are credited based on the daily rate of the meal plan. To be credited for the full meal plan, a student must cancel the meal plan prior to the first day meal plans are active. Meal plans may be added at any time.

### **Room Changes**

- The RLH website advertises the specific dates room changes will be accepted.
- If a student changes their room type, they will be charged or credited the difference for staying in that space.
- All students living in RLH with a vacancy in their assignment must keep the room move-in ready for potential new occupants at any given time. Students may not prevent someone from moving into the vacancy.
- RLH reserves the right to make any adjustment in a resident’s housing assignment when necessary or appropriate. RLH also reserves the right to terminate this contract with a student when necessary or appropriate.

### **Release from Housing Contract**

- Students who withdraw from their study abroad program and have a housing contract are still bound to the terms of that contract.
- Students may be eligible to be released from their housing contracts for the following reasons for the fees indicated below.
  - **Without charge:**
    1. Completion of degree requirements at mid-academic-year.
    2. Official withdrawal from or taking an official “Leave of Absence” from the University mid-semester or mid-academic-year.
      - *A student remains bound to their housing contract should they return before the end of the academic year.*
    3. Incoming students who apply for housing but do not enroll at Clark (note that tuition deposits are forfeited, but no additional fees are imposed).
    4. Attend a Clark University approved “study abroad” program AFTER selecting a space at the Lottery.
    5. Students who study abroad in the spring semester.

- **For a \$100 Fee:**
  6. Elect not to select a room at Housing Lottery after receiving a Lottery Number, but before selecting a room.
- **For a \$1,500 Fee:**
  7. Being granted a release from the housing contract or residency requirement for any other reason not outlined above.

### ***Student Status***

- Students who transition to part-time status or to the School of Professional Studies must request permission to live in campus housing by emailing the Assistant Director for Housing Operations. They will otherwise be removed from housing upon transition to part-time status or the SPS.
- Students who withdraw or take a leave of absence from the University and then subsequently reverse their decision or return from leave within the contractual period remain bound to the conditions of the housing contract and are subject to additional fees (see above).
- For a room assignment to be guaranteed, students must demonstrate clear intent and ability to return to campus by August 1, 2021. Determination of intent and ability is determined by the University, which includes, but is not limited to, factors such as payment of student account, registration for classes, completion of required forms, and active communication with University Officials including Student Accounts Counselors, Dean of Students Office, etc.
- Prior to moving onto campus, a student's financial obligations to the University must be satisfied. If financial obligations are delinquent, the University maintains the right to remove the student from their housing assignment and deny them access to the assigned room.
- If a student is required to move out of housing for disciplinary sanctions, room charges **will not be refunded.**

### ***Additional Terms & Conditions***

1. The University and RLH are not liable for the loss of, theft of, or damage to, any property belonging to residents. Students are encouraged to purchase a personal insurance policy if belongings are not covered under family insurance (i.e., renter's insurance).
2. The University and RLH disclaim any liability for failure to perform any of their contractual obligations resulting from, but not limited to: any governmental order or regulation; an act of God; an act of war; a riot; or any other cause beyond their control.
3. The University and RLH reserves the right to make modifications to this contract to ensure safety or protection of property, and will provide advance notice of changes when it is reasonable to do so.

**This contract shall be governed, construed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This contract, and any rider attached hereto, constitutes the complete and final contract between the student and the University for a space in University housing. Accepting a key or submitting an Undergraduate Housing Application indicates that I have read and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and regulations of the Clark University Residential Life and Housing contract.**