The following regulations have been instituted by the College to ensure that the rights and welfare of all students will be protected. Violations of these regulations may result in disciplinary action consistent with the Statement On Rights and Responsibilities of Students and the Code of Conduct.

All of the regulations listed below apply to the residents and visitors of all College residences, including College-owned fraternity and sorority houses.

1. ALCOHOL AND NARCOTICS: It is illegal for students under the age of 21 to possess, consume, or transport alcohol. Alcohol is not permitted in common areas. Refer to the Student Handbook for more detailed information about the alcohol policy. The unlawful possession or use of narcotics and any controlled substances is not permitted. Students who violate this condition will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

2. ASSESSMENT FOR DAMAGE: Residents will be held responsible for any damage done to their rooms or any part of the residence hall and its equipment. When damage occurs in a public area, it will be billed on a per capita basis to the students of that area. Students are responsible for reporting to the Office of Public Safety any damages done to the outside of their room door; otherwise, they will be billed for such damage.

3. BARBELLS: Barbells and other weight lifting equipment may not be used or stored in a student’s room.

4. CABLE AND TELEVISION: Exterior satellite dishes and receivers are not permitted. Students are not permitted to split the television cable; this practice is illegal and constitutes theft of that service.

5. CARE OF ROOMS: Students are expected to keep their rooms clean and in order to cooperate in maintaining the lounges, corridors, and common areas in satisfactory condition. Waterbeds are not permitted. Furniture lefts or partitions may not be built in.

6. CONTRACT SUSPENSION: Any student whose physical or mental health might jeopardize the safety or well-being of that individual or that of any other resident may be required to have an examination by the College physician or a consultation with a College counselor. Should the physician or counselor determine that a health or safety concern exists, the Director of Residence Life may amend or suspend the student’s housing contract as appropriate.

7. COOKING OF MEALS: Cooking of meals is not permitted in student rooms. This practice is a fire hazard and a health hazard. Appropriate cooking areas exist in all halls. Students are expected to monitor food as it is being cooked.

8. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: No appliances containing open heating elements may be used in student rooms as they pose distinct fire hazards and overload existing electrical circuits. Prohibited appliances include: hot plates, heaters, and toaster ovens. Microwave ovens (other than units available through the College designated rental program) are not permitted in student rooms. Window air conditioners are not permitted in college residences without approval from the College Physician. Air Conditioners must be installed and removed by the Plant Operations staff.

Personal electronic equipment (computers, stereos, televisions, etc.) is permitted, provided it is operated with the proper regard for quiet hours and does not disturb other residents. Speakers must not be placed in or near an open window. Refrigerators must be no larger than 4 cubic feet in capacity.

CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY
9. FIRE SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT: Fire equipment is to be used only as necessary in case of fire; its use or misuse must be reported to Residence Life staff immediately so that it may be restored to useful condition without delay. Anyone identified as responsible for tampering with or theft of any College-owned Fire Extinguisher or other fire apparatus in any College-owned residence will be subject to a fine and severe disciplinary action. If a person or persons responsible for tampering with fire equipment are not apprehended, the students living on the floor, wing, or section of the residence hall will be billed on a per capita basis. Decorations or furniture must never hinder exit from a room. Students are expected to leave the building for all fire alarms and drills. Lack of cooperation during fire drills or alarms will result in disciplinary action. Students must not decorate their rooms with combustible materials (paneling, combustible fabrics, etc.). Fiberglass or other fire-resistant hangings are acceptable if hung from picture molding. No items may be affixed to, installed in or suspended from the ceiling in any student room. Fabric decorations may only cover a maximum of 50% of one wall in any student room. Posters may only cover a maximum of 50% of the wall space in any student room.

10. FOOD STORAGE: Food may be stored in student rooms only if it is stored in appropriate containers. Food and drinks may not be stored on exterior windowills. No dishes or silverware may be taken from the dining facilities to student rooms.

11. GENERAL PROVISION: The College reserves the right to change these regulations or make rules as it deems necessary for the protection of property and/or the general welfare of the residents. Students are expected to abide by statements in the College Housing Contract, the Code of Conduct, and the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

12. GUESTS: Guests may visit in residences under the provisions specified in the Lafayette College Code of Conduct. Students are allowed to have guests for short periods of time. Overnight guests are not permitted in College housing without advance permission from all students in the room/suite in which they reside. The host student is responsible for the conduct of his/her student and non-student guests, including damages caused by them. Overnight guests must be at least 16 years old.

13. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Firearms, air guns, weapons of any other kind, and other hazardous items, including ammunition, firecrackers, gun powder, and chemicals are strictly prohibited and, if found, will be confiscated and the owner subject to disciplinary action. Possession of burning or previously burned candles, incense, or kerosene lamps for any purpose is prohibited. Lamps may not use a halogen bulb.

14. INSPECTION: Inspections will be conducted at the beginning and end of each academic year to establish the basis for assessing damages. All College residential facilities will be inspected at least once per semester for the purpose of damage assessment. The right is reserved for College authorities to enter any room at any time for the purpose of inspection or repair. Filling out complete and accurate Room Inspection Reports by residents will facilitate appropriate billing. In addition, routine safety inspections are conducted between semesters. Students are subject to disciplinary actions for violations in view during any room inspection or repair call.

15. KEYS: Residence hall keys are not to be duplicated except by the College locksmith. When keys are reported lost or stolen, a charge will be assessed for a lock change and key replacement. A charge will be assessed if keys are not returned when a student vacates his/her residence. A separate charge is also assessed for electronic access tag replacement. Keys and access tags are issued to students individually; they are non-transferable.

16. LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND STUDY ABROAD: It is the responsibility of students who are returning to the College from abroad or from a leave of absence to communicate their housing needs to the Office of Residence Life in advance of their return. The office will attempt to accommodate students’ hall and room preferences; however, preferred assignments cannot be guaranteed. Students returning in January will be assigned to residence hall space based on class seniority and the date their request for housing is received. Students who are away from campus during the spring semester, must notify the Office of Residence Life, in writing, of their arrangements for a fellow student to serve as proxy and select a room for them during the housing room reservation process. All students must live in College housing unless they apply for and receive permission, in writing, from the Director of Residence Life to live elsewhere.

17. MOVING FURNITURE: All College supplied furniture must remain in student rooms. Common area furniture is for use by all residents and may not be removed or relocated. Unauthorized removal of furniture will be considered theft of college property and students will be disciplined and fined for such behavior.

18. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Musical instruments should not be played in residence halls. Practice rooms are available upon request in the Williams Center for the Arts and South College.

19. PETS: Residents are not permitted to keep pets of any kind except fish in an aquarium. Lab specimens are also prohibited. Violations will warrant a fine and disciplinary action.

20. QUIET HOURS: To maintain conditions conducive to academic achievement, quiet hours are established and maintained in all residence halls. Excessive noise at any time will not be tolerated. During exam periods 24-hour quiet hours will be observed.

21. ROOFS AND LEDGES: Students are not permitted on residence hall or apartment roofs or ledges.

22. ROOM CHANGES: No student will be allowed to move off campus, exchange a room or substitute one occupant for another without permission from the Director of Residence Life. If one of the occupants of a room moves, the student(s) who remains agrees to accept an assigned roommate(s). Students who misrepresent the truth, intimidate assigned occupants, or otherwise attempt to manipulate the housing assignment or lottery process will be subject to disciplinary action that may include fines, reassignment, and/or contract termination.

23. ROOM DECORATIONS: Decals, pictures, posters, stickers, labels, etc., which are fastened to walls, doors, woodwork, and ceilings must be removed without damage to paint or finished surfaces of the room. Pictures, decorations, etc., should be hung from the picture moldings or attached in a method that does not damage the walls. Double-faced tape, Scotch tape, and masking tape and duct tape will damage walls, causing possible assessment for damage/fine. The use of nails, tacks or screws is forbidden. Writing instruments must not be used on any building surface.

24. SANITATION: Each resident is expected to maintain his/her room in an acceptably safe and sanitary condition.

25. SEARCH AND SEIZURE: Except under emergency circumstances, College premises occupied by students and the personal possessions of students will not be searched unless authorization is obtained from the Office of the Dean of Students. Authorization shall be made before a search is conducted. The authorization shall specify the reasons for the search and the objects sought. The student should be present, if possible, during the search.

26. SECURITY: Students agree to abide by the safety rules and procedures of the College. Residents who leave the residence hall by locked doors are responsible for leaving the doors in a locked position. Doors should never be propped open. Residents are urged to lock the windows and doors during periods of absence. During holiday periods, additional precautions should be taken to include removing small portable items and closing curtains or shades. Any losses should be reported to the Office of Public Safety and the Office of Residence Life. The Office of Public Safety will file an Incident Report that may help facilitate the settlement of insurance claims. Checkpoints are issued individually to students and may not be loaned or transferred.

27. SMOKING: Smoking is not permitted in any College-owned residence, including individual bedrooms, suite bedrooms and common rooms, lounges, bathrooms, and hallways.

28. SOLICITING-SALES: Soliciting, canvassing, or the use of College housing as a location for selling and advertising is prohibited unless written permission is granted by the Office of Residence Life.

29. STORAGE: Limited storage closet space is available in some residence halls for student use. There are restrictions on the type of items that may be stored in College storage closets. Lafayette College assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage of property stored in residence halls. Complete storage information can be found on the residence Life webpage.

30. SUBLET: Assigned rooms may not be sublet. The housing contract is personal and may not be transferred to another person.

31. TELEPHONES: Any misuse of telephone equipment may result in College disciplinary action, including fines, and civil and criminal charges against the student by the telephone company.

32. TRASH DISPOSAL: All waste paper and other trash must be deposited in the designated wastebaskets, dumpsters, or in recycling containers. Littering or improper disposal of trash or recycling is not permitted.