

The University of Mississippi • OFFICE OF PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS: General Rules

All Pre-College Programs participants are expected to conduct themselves responsibly, honestly, and with due consideration for others. This expectation for mature and responsible conduct also encompasses accountability for one's own well-being, including responsible decision-making regarding physical and mental health. All participants of our programs must familiarize themselves with the general guidelines and the rules. Because students are expected to show good judgment at all times, not every kind of misconduct or behavioral expectation is codified here. The following information is to advise you of arrangements, rules and general expectations. Once you read them carefully, please send the last page of these guidelines signed by you and your parents.

RULES:

1. DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

The office of Pre-College Programs has a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** for **consumption, possession, distribution, solicitation, assistance in the acquisition, transmission, trafficking, manufacturing or attempt to manufacture alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia at any time while enrolled in any of our programs, whether on campus, off campus, or at a private gathering.**

**Participation in an incident or attending a gathering involving alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or the misuse of prescription drugs or other means employed to induce results or effects similar to intoxication or impairment is cause for immediate dismissal from the program, even if the only evidence is social media.

2. VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT

Cases of assault and sexual misconduct are not tolerated in any of our programs. If you are a victim or a witness of a violent act or assault, you must report it to your counselor or the program director immediately. Our staff will report it to University Police (662-915-7234), the Title IX Coordinator (662-915-7045), and Mississippi Department of Human Services (800-222-8000) and will provide a written notification as soon as possible thereafter. If the Program Director may be involved in the suspected assault or abuse, the person should report the suspected assault or abuse to the University's Title IX Coordinator (662-915-7045).

Taking pictures of other participants and/or counselors and posting them on social media with intentions of harming, bullying, mocking, or showing disrespect is not tolerated. Students involved in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

3. VISITS TO OTHER BUILDINGS AND VISITORS

- It is strictly forbidden for a Pre-College Programs student to visit any other residence halls, fraternity or sorority houses, and campus apartments. These facilities are **OFF-LIMITS AT ALL TIMES**. This includes the public lobbies. **Visiting other residence halls is cause for dismissal from the program.**
- No visitors are allowed in your room, including parents or family members unless they are assisting you with move-in or move-out during the schedule move-in/move-out times.
- You cannot visit other students' room after 10:00 pm. If it is an emergency, you must contact your counselors immediately. Failure to comply will lead to a disciplinary procedure.

4. LEAVING CAMPUS

- You are not allowed to leave campus without your counselors, instructors, and/or staff members at any time unless you are checked out by your parent/guardian. There is no exception to this rule; failure to comply will result in dismissal from the program.
- If you are to leave campus, parents must submit a "leave request" online **48 hours prior to departure and pick you up at the designated location.**
- It is mandatory for you and your parents to follow the Check-out Procedure and to adhere to the designated check-out times.

5. UNIVERSITY RULES

- All Pre-College Programs participants must abide by all University of Mississippi rules and regulations. This includes the University of Mississippi Minors on Campus policies, Residence Hall Code of Conduct, Academic Codes, UM Creed, and Pre-College Programs Rules. Failure to comply with any of these rules can lead to disciplinary procedures.
- Pre-College Programs students living in any of the University Residences must comply with Residence Halls Rules.

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- You must attend announcements Monday through Thursday at **4:30 pm** at the designated location.
- If you are not in class, in a community activity, or with a counselor, you must be inside your residence hall at all times.
- You must be inside your room by **10:00 pm** every night (except for days when activities run later).
- You must attend planned activities when they are scheduled.

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Major vs. Minor Rule Violations: Minor violations are when a student intends no harm or disrespect for the rules. For example, being too boisterous in the residence hall is usually a minor violation, as is being five minutes past curfew.

Major violations are when the student shows malice or disrespect of the rules. For example, intentionally harming another student is a major violation, as is breaking one of the program rules (listed above). In the above minor violation examples, being boisterous in the residence hall rises to major level if someone is caused harm or if a student intentionally disregards warnings. A curfew violation would rise to major level if it were continually repeated by more than 10 minutes, or if a student was being disrespectful by purposefully coming into the residence hall or going to his/her floor/room past curfew.

Penalties for minor rule violations include loss of privileges. The only penalty for a major rule violation is dismissal from the program.

If students are suspected to have broken a major rule, they are subject to a room search and a student investigation will be opened. Our staff will follow the steps below during the investigation:

- 1) Cell phones from all students involved will be taken from students.
- 2) Students will be separated and facts will be gathered. Depending on the severity of the situation, University Police could become involved at this step.
- 3) One of three actions will be taken according to the rules and general guidelines of The University of Mississippi and The Summer College for High School Students Program:
 - A) Take no action.
 - B) Place student on probation (where a student will stay in his/her room for a set amount of time and only leave for academic reasons and meals).
 - C) Send student home. (All program fees are non-refundable.)
- 4) Once the investigation is over and a decision about action has been made, parents for all parties involved will be contacted and given a full report.

GUIDELINES AND RULES ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

By signing below you are stating:

- I have read and understand the rules and regulations that apply to Pre-College Programs for Middle School Students.
- I agree to abide by these rules and accept the consequences of breaking any of them.

Student Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date



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