

# The University of Mississippi • OFFICE OF PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

## RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL 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.

### 1. DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES RULES

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 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 OF EFFECTS SIMILAR TO INTOXICATION OR IMPAIRMENT IS CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM, EVEN WHEN THE ONLY EVIDENCE IS SOCIAL MEDIA.**

### 2. VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT RULES

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 provide a written notification as soon thereafter as possible. 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.

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 RULES

- It is strictly forbidden for a Pre-College Programs student to visit any other resident halls, fraternity or sorority houses, and campus apartments. These facilities are **OFF-LIMITS AT ALL TIMES.** This includes the public lobbies. **Visiting other resident halls is cause of dismissal of 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.
- You cannot visit other students' room **after 10:30 pm.** If it is an emergency, you have to contact your counselors immediately. Failure to comply will lead to a disciplinary procedure.

### 4. LEAVING CAMPUS RULES

- You are not allowed to leave campus by yourself at any time** unless you are checked out. Counselors, instructors, and/or staff members have to accompany you if you leave campus. **There is no exception to this rule; failure to comply will result in dismissal from the program.**
- You are not to drive your car or ride in any non-University vehicle while attending the program.** Even if you are leaving with family members, you should have completed the Check-Out Procedure 24 hours prior to your departure.
- 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 Summer College Rules. Failure to comply with any of these rules can lead to disciplinary procedures.
- Pre-College Programs students living in any of the University Residence must comply with Residence Halls Rules. For detailed information, please visit [http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/schs/conduct\\_policies](http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/schs/conduct_policies)

### 6. HIGH SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS RULES

- You must attend announcements from **Monday to Friday at 5:00 pm**
- You must be inside the Residential College at **10 pm every day.**
- You must be inside your room **at 10:30 pm** every day (except for days when activities run later)
- You must attend community activities right after announcements.

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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 dorm 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 dorm 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 repeatedly by more than 10 minutes, or if a student was being disrespectful by doing everything possible to be late coming into the dorm or going to his/her floor.

**Penalties for minor rule violations include loss of privileges, such as the ability to leave the dorm after dinner. THE ONLY PENALTY FOR A MAJOR RULE VIOLATION IS DISMISSAL FROM THE SUMMER COLLEGE PROGRAM!**

If a student is 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 get 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 to eat)
  - C) Send student home. (All expenses 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**

I have read and understand the rules and regulations that apply to Pre-College Programs for High School Students.

I agree to abide by these rules and accept the consequences of breaking any of them.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent / Guardian Signature

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Date