

2008 Department of Housing and Residence Life Towers @ Golden Knights Plaza Spring and Summer Housing Contract - Terms and Conditions

When this University of Central Florida Department of Housing and Residence Life ("UCF DHRL") Spring and Summer Housing contract for the Towers @ Golden Knights Plaza ("Towers @ GKP") is signed, returned to, and accepted by UCF DHRL it establishes a legally binding contract between the student and/or parent or guardian (if applicable), and the UCF DHRL. Furthermore, the student and parent or guardian (when applicable) agrees to respect and adhere to all policies and procedures pertaining to University of Central Florida ("UCF" or "University") on-campus housing as outlined in these terms and conditions, UCF Golden Rule, and any other applicable UCF publications, rules, or guidelines. This contract shall be held invalid if altered in any way.

- 1. ORAL REPRESENTATION POLICY:** To avoid any misunderstandings concerning the UCF DHRL contract terms and conditions, the UCF DHRL does not enter into any oral agreements or make or rely on any oral representation concerning the UCF DHRL contract. The entire UCF DHRL contract is expressed in writing and supersedes any understanding that may have been communicated orally or implied and neither the contractee nor the UCF DHRL are relying on any oral or implied agreement, representation, or understanding of fact or law that is not expressed in writing.
- 2. CONTRACT TERMS & DURATION:** This contract is for a bed space in the Towers @ GKP apartment facility on-campus at UCF for the Spring 2008, and Summer 2008 semesters, or any portion of these semesters remaining at the time this contract is signed. Upon receipt of this contract, with appropriate signature(s) and payment, the UCF DHRL agrees to provide housing and all other UCF DHRL related services, as listed in appropriate UCF DHRL publications, for the periods indicated in this contract, providing that such services and housing space remain available. If a student is not admitted to UCF and submits this contract, this contract shall be void and all monies paid toward this contract shall be refunded.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENCE:** A student must be enrolled in a minimum of nine (9) credit hours at UCF to be eligible for this housing contract. If a student drops below nine (9) credit hours, then within fifteen (15) days of such change, he/she must apply in writing to the Director of Housing and Residence Life or his/her designee, for permission to remain in residency. There is no enrollment requirement for the summer 2008 "C" semester. Should a student not meet eligibility for residence, and does not receive permission to remain in residency from the Director of Housing and Residence Life or his/her designee, the student's contract shall be administratively cancelled and the student shall be subject to the cancellation assessments as stated in section 33.
- 4. ADMISSION ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT:** Admission enrollment deposit is not applicable for this contract.
- 5. OFFICIAL OCCUPANCY PERIOD:** The spring 2008 room rate covers the student's residency from Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, through noon on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. The summer 2008 room rate covers the student's residency from Saturday, May 10, 2008, through noon on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Room rates are reduced only for students who are assigned a space after the conclusion of the first week of classes. Rates are adjusted if the room type changes, based on a prorated schedule. The student is considered to be occupying the assigned accommodation when the student signs for and receives the keys. Official opening and closing of the UCF DHRL facilities are subject to change.
- 6. ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:** UCF is an equal opportunity and affirmative action institution. The UCF DHRL assigns its bed spaces to qualified students without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, and/or sexual orientation. The UCF DHRL shall attempt to honor building, roommate, and preference requests; however cannot guarantee that requests shall be met. The student agrees to accept the assigned space regardless of preferences and may only cancel this contract according to the terms outlined in sections 31 through 34.
- 7. USE OF ASSIGNED SPACE:** Occupancy of a room is permitted only by the student to whom the room is assigned. Assigned rooms may not be shared with any other individual(s) not officially assigned to that room by the UCF DHRL or sublet, assigned or in any way transferred. The student may not refuse or prevent another assigned student from residing in a shared space (bedroom, suite, or apartment). If a student refuses or prevents a new occupant from residing in a shared space, student conduct action (including eviction), additional room rental fees, or both may be imposed on the student. This shall not preclude any other recourse by UCF, as applicable.
- 8. CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENTS:** Room transfers may only be made after receiving written approval from an authorized staff member of the UCF DHRL. Failure to follow established room change procedures shall constitute a breach of this contract and may be grounds for its cancellation or additional charges to be assessed to the student by the UCF DHRL. The UCF DHRL reserves the right to reassign students who are occupying rooms that are designated for persons with disabilities in the event a person with a disability needs the space. Room assignments may be changed or cancelled in the interest of orderliness, health and safety, conduct, maximum utilization of facilities, disaster, or other cause deemed necessary by the UCF DHRL, after written notice to the assignee.
- 9. ROOM CONSOLIDATION POLICY:** In order to reduce the number of rooms, suites, and/or apartments that are not at full occupancy, assignments shall be consolidated when vacancies occur in any on-campus room, suite, and/or apartment. This may require a student moving from an originally assigned space. If a student or students maintain occupancy in an on-campus room, suite, and/or apartment not at full capacity, additional rental charges may be incurred by the student and by signing this contract, the student acknowledges this.
- 10. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** A variety of facilities are available for students with disabilities and other medical considerations in on-campus housing. Students who require adapted facilities need to notify the UCF DHRL in writing as soon as possible to document their disabilities and subsequent needs or requests. Documentation from a doctor or other appropriately credentialed authority is required. Students with special needs must meet the standard guidelines used to determine housing eligibility. Medical documentation deadline is Oct. 26, 2007.
- 11. LIMIT OF LIABILITY:** UCF, its Board of Trustees, and the UCF DHRL are not liable for damages, loss, theft of personal property, failure or interruption of utilities, or injury to any person(s), except as expressly set forth in the Florida Statutes. UCF is insured under the State of Florida's self-insurance trust fund which only provides liability coverage for damages or injuries caused by the negligence of the University, its employees, or agents while working in the scope of their employment or agency. The trust fund will not reimburse for the losses created by unforeseen events, accidents, injuries, or theft that may occur and/or any and all other occurrence, loss, or liability which is not covered by the trust fund in accordance with applicable Florida law. **Students are encouraged to obtain their own personal and property loss insurance.**
- 12. CHECK-IN:** The student is expected to follow all check-in procedures. Official check-in procedures shall be made available prior to check-in.
- 13. OFFICIAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION:** After check-in, the official means of communication by the UCF DHRL to a contracted student shall be through the UCF DHRL website, the student's e-mail address on file with the University, a student's assigned on-campus P.O. Box, and/or the student's assigned on-campus phone number. It is the student's responsibility to ensure these means of communication are checked on a regular basis. Furthermore, it is the student's responsibility to update his/her MyUCF account, in a timely fashion, of any changes to his/her contact information set forth in this section.
- 14. CHECK-OUT:** Upon check-out, the student must remove all personal belongings, refuse, and leave the room/suite/apartment at least as clean as it was upon arrival. When one occupant in a room/suite/apartment moves out while others remain, each is equally and jointly responsible for cleaning the room/bathroom/kitchen/suite/ apartment. If any of those spaces are found to be in an unacceptable condition, cleaning services shall be provided and the student(s) shall be held jointly liable for cleaning charges. The student must return all room keys to the appropriate community office and mail key to the appropriate mail pavilion/center. If the student is departing prior to the end of the contracted period, the student must submit a written request to cancel their housing contract as stated in section 31. Failure to move out within the prescribed period may result in a \$100 per day charge, cancellation, or student conduct action, or any or all of the foregoing. The UCF DHRL shall not be held responsible for a student's belongings and reserves the right to take possession of and discard such belongings, change all applicable locks, and charge the student for all necessary expenses.
- 15. BREAK HOUSING:** The Towers @ GKP apartment facilities **do not close between semesters, spring break, or any other holidays.** The Towers @ GKP apartment facilities are open from Saturday Jan.5, 2008, through noon on Saturday August 2, 2008.
- 16. CARE OF FACILITIES:** The student is responsible for the care of rooms, furnishings and equipment in the residential facilities, and for keeping the assigned unit in a clean and sanitary condition. The unauthorized transfer of furniture within or between suites, rooms, buildings, or from public areas is prohibited. Appropriate charges shall be assessed if this policy is violated. The student agrees to cooperate with roommates in the common protection of property. The student also agrees to refrain from modifying the space in any way, except as expressly permitted in writing by the UCF DHRL or from causing any kind of damage to the space. The student is jointly liable with roommates/suitemates for assessed charges in the room, suite, or common area(s) of the residence hall/apartment unless the responsible individual is identified. Students are expected to promptly report damages and necessary repairs, in accordance with established and published procedures.
- 17. KEYS AND SECURITY:** The student agrees not to duplicate any keys or key cards assigned, or transfer the use of his/her keys or key cards to another person, and shall be subject to student conduct action if this occurs. If room and mailbox keys or key cards are not returned at checkout, or if the room, mailbox keys, and/or key cards are lost or stolen, the student agrees to pay for all lock changes and key or key card replacements. The student is responsible for securing the assigned unit at all times and taking such precautions as necessary for personal and property protection.
- 18. BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT:** Students are responsible for knowing and observing all UCF regulations and procedures as set forth in The Golden Rule, UCF DHRL publications, and other official UCF publications. The UCF DHRL reserves the right to make other rules and regulations that may be necessary for the safety, care and cleanliness of the premises, and for the preservation of order. The student agrees to abide by all additional rules and regulations that are adopted. If an individual is trespassed from the UCF campus, all housing facilities whether managed or owned by the UCF DHRL are considered a part of that trespass.
- 19. WEAPONS, FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, AND DANGEROUS CHEMICALS:** Possession or use of fireworks (including sparklers), firearms, weapons, explosives, and/or dangerous or flammable chemicals of any kind are strictly prohibited in any UCF DHRL facility. This includes, but is not limited to firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, air soft guns, paint ball guns, stun guns, bow and arrows, swords, switch blades, knives, nun chucks, sling shots, martial arts or medieval weapons, and flammable liquids or solvents. In the case of weapons, the possession of certain items may place you in violation of state or federal law and cause you to be subject to arrest. Especially dangerous are "TOY" weapons that may appear to look like real weapons. If a student has violated this section the student's contract may be administratively cancelled. If a student's contract is administratively cancelled, the student shall be assessed appropriate cancellation assessments as stated in section 33.
- 20. AUTHORIZED ENTRY:** Authorized UCF personnel, as specified and defined in UCF DHRL publications, may enter any room/suite/apartment for occupancy checks, lockouts, normal inspection, maintenance purposes, fire code enforcement, and emergency situations. Personal property is not subject to search without consent of the student, unless such a search is conducted by appropriate law enforcement officers with a legal search warrant or in accordance with existing Florida law.
- 21. FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA):** The UCF DHRL may release personally identifiable information from the resident's educational record (which could include information regarding a disciplinary action taken against the resident) without the resident's consent by invoking the health and safety emergencies exception to FERPA. This release will only be made to parents/guardians/necessary university officials when it is deemed, by the Director of Housing and Residence Life's discretion, to be "necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals".
- 22. VIOLATIONS OF LAW:** Pending criminal charges and/or convictions, plea's of nolo contendere (no contest), court sanctioned probation, enrollment in a pretrial diversion program, and/or if adjudication has been withheld in a criminal offense, felony, or 1st degree misdemeanor must be disclosed and appropriate documentation supplied to the UCF DHRL as necessary.
- 23. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** UCF DHRL housing contracts shall not be re-offered to students who are unwilling to adhere to the basic elements of good housekeeping, rules, regulations, and/or policies established for governing the residential facilities, as determined by UCF and the UCF DHRL. Additionally, housing contracts shall not be re-offered to students who are not in good financial standing with the UCF DHRL.

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Financial Information

- 24. CONTRACT PREPAYMENT:** Students who are offered a contract must submit a \$200.00 non-deferrable prepayment when returning the contract. **Note:** The \$100.00 prepayment submitted with the application **does not** apply to this payment, but shall be reflected in the final payment due for the initial semester of occupancy.
- 25. PAYMENT OF FEES:** The student agrees to accept the room assignment and pay all housing fees no later than the due dates as stated in section 27. **Invoices are not sent** to notify the student of housing fee payment due dates. The student must pay all appropriate charges in full before being permitted to check-in. Students receiving a financial aid award should read section 30 to determine if a balance will be owed. It is the **student's responsibility** to procure the necessary forms and make arrangements for full housing payment. If full payment is not received by the due dates as stated in section 27, the UCF DHRL reserves the right to place a "HOLD" on any housing account that has an unpaid past due balance.
- 26. RENTAL RATES:** Each student shall be billed on a semester basis, each semester, until the total contract value has been billed.

Apartment Type	Spring 2008	Summer 2008	Total Cost
4 room / 2 bath	\$ 3,010	\$ 1,896	\$ 4,906
4 room / 4 bath	\$ 3,210	\$ 2,022	\$ 5,232
2 room / 1 bath	\$ 3,360	\$ 2,118	\$ 5,478
1 room / 1 bath	\$ 3,440	\$ 2,168	\$ 5,608

27. HOUSING PAYMENT DUE DATES:

Semester	Payment Due Date
Spring 2008 semester	December 5, 2007
Summer 2008 semester	May 2, 2008

If this annual contract offer is extended after the payment due date for any semester; full payment must be made upon receipt of your room assignment.

28. LATE FEES: A late fee of \$100 is applicable to any rental amount due where payment has not been received by the due date as listed in section 27, for the specified semester.

29. FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE PROGRAM FOR HOUSING: Participants with a housing contract shall have their Florida Prepaid College Program (FPCP) dormitory plans billed appropriate charges to satisfy all prepayments and rental amounts.

- A. Students who have a FPCP dormitory account should note the FPCP will pay only the cost of a standard air-conditioned double room. The highest standard air-conditioned double room rate offered by the UCF DHRL is \$2,450. If the student elects to live in a room type that costs more than what is covered by FPCP then the student shall be responsible for any difference not covered by the FPCP and this amount shall be due as stated in section 27. **Below is the amount the FPCP will not cover each semester your rental charges are billed:**

Apartment Type	Spring 2008	Summer 2008
4 room / 2 bath	\$ 560	\$ 1,896
4 room / 4 bath	\$ 760	\$ 2,022
2 room / 1 bath	\$ 910	\$ 2,118
1 room / 1 bath	\$ 990	\$ 2,168

- B. Written request for cancellation of this contract by a FPCP dormitory participant shall be subject to appropriate cancellation assessments as stated in sections 33 and 34. Cancellation assessments are not covered by the FPCP, and shall be the responsibility of the student.

30. HOUSING DEFERMENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS: A housing deferral represents an extension of the deadline for final payment of housing based on estimated financial aid less tuition and fees for a given semester. **A housing deferral does not represent actual payment of housing costs.** Housing deferrals are subject to cancellation based on such factors, including but not limited to, enrollment level, academic progress, grades, conduct, verification process, defaults, overpayments, and/or tuition costs for a given semester.

- A. Housing deferrals (full or partial) shall be automatically granted each semester based on estimated financial aid (loans, grants, and/or scholarships) awarded by the UCF Office of Student Financial Assistance. The UCF DHRL has online access to students' estimated aid information, so students do not have to contact the Department of Housing and Residence Life or Office of Student Financial Assistance unless they have questions. Students can view their "estimated aid total" on their fee invoice, found on myUCF under "Finances".
- B. Students who have a deferral with the UCF DHRL, but who do not have enough estimated financial aid to cover the final housing payment in full (less tuition and fees), must pay that difference no later than the due dates as stated in section 27.
- C. Students receiving financial assistance through the College Work-Study Program should not include this as part of their estimated financial aid for housing deferral purposes since the money will be earned throughout the semester and is dependent upon the number of hours the recipient works. Direct pay scholarships and private loans shall not be considered in determining a student's housing deferral status, as they are paid directly to the student.
- D. **It is the student's responsibility to make sure final housing payment is either covered in full by their financial aid, or that payment for any difference not covered by financial aid, is received no later than the due dates stated in section 27. To verify if your financial aid is enough to completely cover your housing costs for a given semester or to find out if an amount is due call (407) 823-4663 and ask to speak with an accounts receivable accountant.**

Cancellation Information

31. PROCEDURE TO CANCEL A CONTRACT: **ALL** requests for cancellation of the housing contract must be **IN WRITING** and submitted to:

Department of Housing & Residence Life
University of Central Florida
P.O. Box 163222
Orlando, Florida 32816-3222

The UCF DHRL shall not be responsible for misdirected mail or improper notification. It is the student's responsibility to ensure proper cancellation notification has been received by the UCF DHRL. Students wishing to cancel their contract should familiarize themselves with the cancellation schedule and assessments as stated in section 33 and 34 before making a final decision.

32. NON-TRANSFER OF CONTRACT: This contract is valid for only the residential facilities listed in section 2. This contract cannot be transferred, nor can it be converted to any other type of lease or contract without appropriate cancellation assessments as stated in section 33. There is no reciprocity agreement of housing contracts with housing offered in the Apollo, Libra, Lake Claire, Nike or Hercules communities, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, UCF-Affiliated, or any other management of housing, residential, and/or apartment facilities both on and off-campus.

33. CANCELLATION SCHEDULE AND ASSESSMENTS: Cancellation of this contract may be approved by the UCF DHRL in accordance with the terms of this section. Any sums due and payable hereunder by the student shall be payable, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages representing an estimate of damages likely to be sustained by the UCF DHRL, estimated at the time of executing this agreement.

Date	Spring 2008	Summer 2008
A. Prior to Dec. 07, 2007	\$300	\$0.00
B. After Dec.07, 2007 but no later than January 11, 2008	\$1,250	\$0.00
C. After Jan. 11, 2008, but no later than May 16, 2008	Full rent +	\$1,500
D. After May 16, 2008	Full Rent +	Full Rent

- E. If a student has not checked into an assigned room for the spring 2008 semester by January 11, 2008, the student shall be declared a "no show". If declared a "no show", the student's contract shall be automatically cancelled and assessed \$1,250.
- F. If a student is suspended, expelled from UCF, removed from UCF DHRL housing for student conduct purposes, or fails to satisfy contractual obligations of this contract, appropriate cancellation assessments shall be assessed as stated in section 33.

34. EXCLUSION TO CANCELLATION ASSESSMENTS: A student may be released from this contract without penalty for graduation or cooperative education provided the student notifies the UCF DHRL in writing and provides documentation to such exclusion no later than November 16, 2007, for the spring 2008 semester, and April 4, 2008, for the summer 2008 semester. A student may be released from this contract without penalty citing U.S. Armed Services, medical withdraw from UCF, or academic disqualification from UCF provided the student notifies the UCF DHRL in writing no later than ten (10) days after the end of the semester in which the event has taken place and provides appropriate documentation for such exclusion.

- A. Graduation is defined as being awarded a four year or higher level degree.
- B. Cooperative education is defined as a UCF approved program requiring alternative housing. [Guidelines for Section 34B](#)
- C. U.S. Armed Services is defined as being drafted or being called to active duty during the contracted period. Enlistment or enrollment into a branch of the U.S. Armed Services is not considered as a qualifying exclusion.
- D. A medical withdraw from UCF is defined as a medical withdraw that has been accepted and approved by the UCF Office of Academic Services.
- E. An academic disqualification from UCF is defined as having an academic standing of "Disqualified" at UCF as determined by the UCF Registrar's Office.

Please note: If a student cites 34(C) or 34(D) and leaves during the contracted period, the student's rental charges shall be prorated up until the student has removed all belongings from his/her assigned room **AND** has turned his/her keys in to an appropriate UCF DHRL staff member. Should a student cite 34(E) and be academically disqualified, the student must remove all personal belongings from his/her assigned room **AND** turn in his/her keys to an appropriate UCF DHRL staff member prior to the official date of opening of the residential facilities for the subsequent semester. Failure to move out within the prescribed period may result in a \$100 per day charge. The UCF DHRL shall not be held responsible for a student's belongings and reserves the right to take possession of and discard such belongings, change all applicable locks, and charge the student for all necessary expenses should compliance not be met.

- F. At the discretion of the Director of Housing and Residence Life or his/her designee, housing rates and assessments may be adjusted and/or a housing contract may be administratively cancelled for the purpose of safety, orderliness and/or maximum utilization of facilities.