

Delta State University – Office of Housing & Residence Life – 2021-2022 Academic Year Contract Agreement

Student’s Full Name _____ DSU ID# _____

Student’s Phone # _____ Student’s Email _____

The student agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of this contract agreement:

I. CONTRACT AGREEMENT PERIOD – Academic Year (August 2021-May 2022)

Occupancy of the residence hall room will be for the above period of time. It will extend, from the announced opening of the residence halls until 5 p.m. on the day of Commencement. The residence halls are closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. Occupancy of a residence hall room during these times must have prior approval from the Office of Housing & Residence Life. When approved, an additional daily charge will be added to the student account. The term of this agreement will begin on opening day prior to classes for the specified fall term, or on the pre-approved early check-in day and will remain in effect until the day of the student’s last spring term examination or spring graduation date if the student is among those scheduled, in advance, to graduate.

Academic Year Terms – Student agrees to reside on campus for both the fall and spring terms, provided “Student” enrolls in “University” for both terms.

II. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

A. BY THE STUDENT – A request for the termination of this agreement must be made in writing to the Office of Housing & Residence Life no later than August 1 if applying for the academic year, or no later than December 15 if applying for the spring semester in order to have the room and meal charges fully removed. Cancellation after these deadlines will result in a cancellation charge. Applications and/or application fees may not be transferred. **A student already in residence wishing to terminate the contract must complete a Residence Hall Contract Cancellation Request Form available in the Office of Housing & Residence Life and check-out in person with a Residence Hall Staff member. A cancellation will result in a charge of 50% of one semester’s room fee. Charges are dependent upon the reason for cancellation as explained on the form.**

B. BY THE UNIVERSITY – this agreement shall terminate at the discretion of the Office of Housing & Residence Life in the event of any of the following:

1. The premises are destroyed, or in the opinion of the Office of Housing & Residence Life, are unsuitable for occupancy for any reason.
2. The student fails to fulfill financial obligations specified in this University Housing & Residence Life policy, or if the student for any reason loses status as an enrolled student. In such circumstances the student will be given 24 hours to vacate the premises and is responsible for the charges accrued for the time spent in the residence hall.
3. The student is not admitted to the University.
4. Other extenuating circumstances whereby the student is given a thirty (30) days’ notice in writing by the Office of Housing & Residence Life.

C. ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY – In the event the student abandons personal property, the Office of Housing & Residence Life will attempt to contact the student. If the Office of Housing & Residence Life is unable to contact the student, the materials will be inventoried and stored for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, during which the student will be charged a daily storage fee. The University assumes no liability for any stored items. At the end of the thirty (30) day waiting period, all stored items will be disposed of properly.

D. ENROLLMENT STATUS – Student must be enrolled as a full time student of the University to reside on campus. Student may appeal full-time status to the Director of Housing & Residence Life for permission to reside on campus.

III. PAYMENT OF FEES

Payment of housing and meal fees are due based on the payment plan options outlined in the “Payment Guide” information on the Student Business Services website. Each semester’s housing fees are based on official occupancy dates. Occupancy dates are determined by the check-in and check-out dates completed in person by a Residence Hall Staff member.

IV. PRIVATE ROOMS

For the 2021-2022 academic year, private rooms will be offered at the double room rate to returning and new students. Private rooms will be available until all are filled.

V. REFUND OF HOUSING FEES

A. STANDARD – A student officially withdrawing from the residence hall is eligible to receive a pro-rated room and meal charges based on the number of calendar days since the residence hall officially opened without regard to the date the student actually moved in. The residence halls opening dates are August 15, 2021 and January 9, 2022.

B. PRO-RATING SCALE (see Academic Catalog for Refund of Living Expenses)
1st day through the 10th day...75% refund
11th day through the 20th day...50% refund
21st day through the 25th day...25% refund
After 25th day....0% refund

C. APPLICATION FEE – The \$75 application fee is not refundable under any circumstance. Application fees may not be transferred.

VI. USE OF FACILITIES

A. STANDARDS – The student will exercise reasonable care for and maintain acceptable standards of cleanliness in the assigned room and adjoining bathroom.

B. HOUSING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The student will abide by all rules and regulations as stated in the Student Handbook, and with all notices and publications duly posted by Delta State University, the Office Student Affairs and the Office of Housing & Residence Life. **All residents are responsible for their guests.**

C. CODE OF CONDUCT – The student will abide by the University Code of Conduct as set forth in the DSU Student Handbook.

D. DAMAGE – The student is responsible for the assigned room and its contents and will be charged for any and all damage occurring during the term of occupancy. Students who damage university property through negligence or willful action will be financially liable and subject to disciplinary action. If the identity of the person cannot be determined, the cost of the repair may be divided among all or any portion of the residents of the hall, floor, suite or room.

VII. UNIVERSITY LIABILITY

A. PROPERTY – The University will be held harmless from any suit, action at law, or other claim whatsoever resulting from or arising out of damage or theft of property while the student is the occupant of the residence hall under this agreement.

B. PERSONAL INJURY – The University will not be held liable for any injuries in the residence halls or grounds unless the injury is due to the negligence of the University or its employees.

C. DISRUPTION OF SERVICE – The University will not be liable for the disruption of any services (utilities, etc.) that are beyond the University’s control and that are restored within a reasonable amount of time.

D. ASSIGNMENTS – The University reserves the right to change the assignments or reassignments of residence hall spaces, if deemed necessary.

E. ROOM ENTRY – The University reserves the right for authorized University personnel to enter the student’s room for any purpose connected with the maintenance, housekeeping, or for any other reason reasonably connected with the interest of the University or its enforcement of rules and regulations.

VIII. MEAL PLAN

A. REQUIRED – Each student living in the residence hall is required to select a meal plan offered by the University dining program.

B. CONTRACT – Meal plan selections are made at the beginning of the contract period and will roll from fall to spring unless changed by the student. All changes must be made by the close of business on the first Friday of each semester.

C. REFUND – Meal plan contracts are pro-rated in the same fashion as housing fees. (See above – IV. REFUND OF HOUSING FEES)

STUDENT:
Signature _____
Date _____

OFFICE USE:
Received _____