

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Relationship Statement for Fraternity & Sorority On-Campus Housing

The information contained in this document is developed to enhance and guide the community of fraternities and sororities with on-campus housing at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU).

All fraternities and sororities who operate a house agree to abide by all policies and expectations outlined herein, in addition to the Honor Code and Student Policies, the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) Alcohol and Drug Guidelines, and the chapter's Inter/National Policies & Procedures. All policies and procedures related to the operation of Fraternity & Sorority on-campus housing will be reviewed periodically by the administration of the university.

This guide serves as a supplement to the lease agreement entered into by all fraternities and sororities leasing University-owned facilities on campus or leasing land from the University for housing. This guide may be edited and revised as needed by the University to reflect changing needs and standards of the campus community.

Group Success Standards

Maintaining a fraternity and sorority housing program on the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University campus that promotes academic success and provides a positive, well-rounded experience for students is of ultimate importance to the University. To achieve this goal, ERAU expects all fraternities and sororities living on campus to maintain the following minimum standards:

1. **Grade Point Average:** As a group, all fraternities and sororities must be at or above a 2.7 previous semester grade point average as a chapter. Groups who fall below this minimum for three consecutive fall/spring semesters will be subject to removal from on-campus housing.
2. **Group Conduct:** All fraternities and sororities must maintain a status of "good standing" to remain in campus housing. A fraternity or sorority must vacate their campus housing if they are suspended as a group by the Honor Code and Student Policies, the Fraternity and Sorority Standards Board, or their Inter/National Organization.
3. **Occupancy:** Fraternity and sorority groups with an affiliated local or national Building Corporation (otherwise known as a non-student alumni housing management board) shall maintain occupancy of initiated undergraduate members within the limits defined by the Lease Agreement.

Fraternity and sorority groups without a Building Corporation must maintain occupancy of initiated undergraduate members enrolled at least half-time at the Daytona Beach campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Fraternity and sorority housing is limited to undergraduate students who are currently enrolled on the Daytona Beach Campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. All residents must be enrolled at least half-time and must meet Financial Aid Standard Academic Progress policy. No first or second year students, non-members, or students under the age of 18 may reside in the house. On a case-by-case basis, ROTC graduates who have received their commission and are awaiting orders may be allowed to remain in fraternity and sorority housing for up to four

months after graduation. On a case-by-case basis, graduates who transition to being an ERAU flight instructor may be allowed to remain in fraternity and sorority housing for up to four months after graduation.

Chapter rosters must be updated and submitted each fall (November 15) and spring (April 15) semester for the following semester. In addition, summer rosters must be updated by May 15 of each calendar year. Each chapter living on campus must have an occupancy roster, with student names, student identification numbers, and room assignments, filed with the Student Engagement & Student Union department as well as Campus Safety at least ten (10) business days prior to the first day of classes for each semester.

4. **Proof of Insurance:** Each fraternity or sorority on the ERAU campus is required to carry liability insurance based upon the requirements set by ERAU. A copy of the certificate of insurance must be on file with the Fraternity & Sorority Life office within the Student Engagement & Student Union department.

Inter/National Organization Standards

All fraternities and sororities must meet and remain in good standing with their inter/national organization standards of conduct, financial viability and membership minimums. Embry-Riddle works closely with all fraternity/sorority inter/national organizations to ensure that our standards are consistent and in support of inter/national standards.

NIC Alcohol and Drug Guidelines

In accordance with the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the governing body of the institution's Interfraternity Council, the standards in the below link apply to all Fraternity & Sorority Life on-campus housing for safety and risk management purposes.

<https://nicfraternity.org/nic-alcohol-drug-guidelines/>

ERAU Fraternity & Sorority Life Policy

The chapter agrees to remain in good standing in accordance with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Student Engagement & Student Union department requirements. This includes abiding by relevant policies, standards, procedures, and guidelines put forth by Fraternity & Sorority Life, the Fraternity & Sorority Standards Board, and the governing council that the chapter holds membership in. The chapter, housing corporation, and the inter/national headquarters will be updated with any changes that take place within the aforementioned governing groups.

Policies Related to the Use of Space

1. **Alcohol:** All students living in housing on the ERAU campus, whether owned by the University or not, are expected to adhere to all alcohol policies and guidelines outlined in the ERAU Honor Code and Student Policies. Exceptions are as follows:
 - a. Fraternities and sororities may request to hold social events with alcohol in their house or group space through the Student Engagement & Student Union (SESU) department. Groups must meet all requirements for safe distribution, monitoring of safe consumption, and identification of minimum age and other precautions as required by the NIC Alcohol and Drug Guidelines and ERAU.
 - b. Events with alcohol must be submitted to SESU two weeks in advance of the event.
 - c. Upon event approval, the Housing & Residence Life department must be notified.

2. **Safety Standards:** Fraternities and sororities living in housing on the ERAU campus, whether owned by the University or not, shall demonstrate that the facility abides by standards from the federal, state, and local laws to meet applicable fire and safety standards. Each chapter that operates a chapter house shall pass an annual fire inspection conducted by the City of Daytona Beach Fire Department. A copy of the fire marshal's occupancy rate and fire inspection certificate will be submitted to the Student Engagement & Student Union department. Each chapter house must be equipped with fire/smoke detectors in all living areas.
3. **Access to Individual Rooms:** The president of the fraternity/sorority and House Manager shall have full access to all rooms in the facility. They may inspect the room for any items that violate any policy of the university, including those outlined in this document.
4. **Use of Ritual Space:** "Ritual Rooms" and "Ritual Closets" will be considered the space used by and to be entered only by current members of the fraternity or sorority associated with the house with the exception of circumstances where the safety of members are compromised such as fire, violence, weather threat, or other disruption of campus. Campus Safety or a member of ERAU Housing & Residence Life department may enter the premises to ensure the safety of all occupants.
5. **Use of Furniture:** Basic furnishings for fraternities and sororities living on campus will be supplied by the organization's Housing Corporation. The full-time House Director will ensure that all furniture, equipment, and furnishings adhere to University standards for residential furniture. Personal items brought into the house should adhere to Housing & Residence Life Community Standards.
6. **Alterations:** Fraternities and sororities leasing housing facilities from Embry-Riddle may not alter or make any physical or structural modifications to the "house" without prior written approval from ERAU Facilities Construction & Planning department.
7. **Use and Condition of Outdoor Spaces:** Fraternities and sororities living on campus are expected to maintain all outdoor social and recreational spaces, as well as building exteriors, in a clean and orderly condition at all times. The front yard and visible backyard should be clean and maintained (grass cut, bushes trimmed, free of litter or debris). Sidewalk and parking area are to be kept clear and clean of debris. No visible furniture or debris is allowed on the roof or around the exterior of the house. Structure of the house must be properly maintained – no peeling paint, no broken windows, and neat overall exterior appearance, free of graffiti. General street vicinity of the house will be kept neat – curb area clean of cups, cans, boxes, clutter, etc. No towels, laundry, or other objects should be hanging out of windows. Exterior banners and signs shall be in good taste appropriate for a residential neighborhood (e.g., no sexual innuendos, profanity, etc.) and shall not include any advertisement of alcoholic beverages or liquor stores.

Furniture and gatherings of individuals on chapter house roofs is prohibited.

8. **Display of Greek Letters/Crests:** All fraternities and sororities must display Greek letters and crests externally in accordance with University standards to maintain consistency.

9. **Card Access System:** All fraternity and sorority on-campus housing will utilize the same operating system as ERAU for the Eagle Card and Card Access to the chapter house.
10. **Non-Resident Member Access:** Active members of the chapter, including new/associate members and alumni building corporation officers, will have card access to the common areas of the house.
11. **Alumni Members:** Alumni members are expected to follow all policies and regulations as stated in the ERAU Honor Code, NIC Standard Operating Procedures, FSL Policy Guidelines and Manual, and the chapter's inter/national policies and procedures.
12. **Noise and Neighbor Relations:** All chapters are expected to cooperate with the University administration and the Fraternity & Sorority Life governing councils in building and maintaining constructive community relationships with neighbors in the surrounding residential area. All chapters are required to adhere to City of Daytona Beach noise ordinances.

Social fraternities and sororities with a chapter house are expected to have their functions at their respective chapter house rather than a private residence in the community. Those social fraternities and sororities without a chapter house can review the FSL Handbook for specific information. Violations will be handled by the student organization or FSL Standards Board conduct process.

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