

Bentley University Housing and Meal Plan Contract

This contract applies to the entire **2019-2020** academic year, but is payable by semester.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Fall semester housing and meal plan fees are due **August 1, 2019**. Spring semester housing and meal plan fees are due **January 2, 2020**.
2. This contract, along with the Bentley University Student Handbook, outlines the rights and responsibilities of all Bentley University Students. Your electronic signature on this contract indicates your acceptance of the terms of this contract, and your agreement to abide by all University rules and regulations found in the Student Handbook, as well as those rules and regulations that may be subsequently implemented. Residential students are expected to read the Student Handbook in addition to this contract.
3. Bentley University reserves the right to assign and change student room assignments at its discretion, to assign anyone on a temporary basis to vacancies, and to consolidate vacancies in order to achieve optimal utilization of facilities. The student is neither entitled to nor assured a specific room or roommate assignment. Students who refuse to comply with the university in its attempts to make the best use of vacant spaces may be subject to conduct action and will also pay the full cost of the affected vacancies.
4. Bentley University reserves the right to enter rooms, suites and apartments. Some, but not all, reasons for entry include scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, semester health and safety inspections, and interventions in incidents that are considered (at Bentley's discretion) to necessitate entry.
5. All undergraduates in housing must maintain a full time status and be registered for 12 or more credits per semester to live in university housing. Requests for exceptions to this policy must be submitted in writing to the Residential Center.
6. Bentley University furniture may not be removed from any student accommodations. The University will not remove or store any Bentley issued furniture. Lofts are not allowed unless provided by the University. For fire safety purposes, no outside furniture is allowed to be brought into the residence halls.
7. Bentley students with an existing medical diagnosis which requires a specific style of housing can petition the Residential Center to obtain an appropriate accommodation in housing under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The petition process for a Housing & Meal Plan Medical Accommodation is a pre-selection process, with all approved applicants securing an appropriate assignment before the Housing Selection Process. More information can be found on the Residential Center website that outlines the steps to petition for a housing and/or meal plan medical accommodation.

II. OPENING AND CLOSING DATES:

FALL SEMESTER OPENING DATES:

Move in times: **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

UNDERGRADUATE NEW STUDENTS: **Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

RETURNING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: **Sunday, August 25, 2019**

All dates are subject to change at the discretion of Bentley University.

Returning undergraduate students WILL NOT be allowed to move onto campus prior to **Sunday, August 25, 2019**. By agreeing to this contract you understand that you will need to make appropriate arrangements for you and your belongings to move to campus on **Sunday, August 25, 2019**.

Each semester, immediately upon your arrival on campus, you must complete the semester check-in process through the Housing Student Self Service Portal. If your arrival is delayed more than 24 hours, and you do not inform the Residential Center, you may forfeit your room assignment.

FALL SEMESTER CLOSING DATE:

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 6:00 PM

All students should vacate their residence hall no later than 24 hours after their last final. On the date of closing, failure to vacate your room on a timely basis may result in a \$100 late move out fee.

Residence halls and dining halls are closed during Winter Break.

Requests for access to the residence halls during winter break, if approved, will only be permitted during normal business hours and students will incur a \$50 access fee.

SPRING SEMESTER OPENING DATE:

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM for all students.

SPRING SEMESTER CLOSING DATE:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Undergraduate students are required to vacate housing no later than 24 hours after their last exam if it precedes the stated closing date by more than one day. Failure to vacate your room may result in a \$100 late move out fee.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

DORM DAMAGE:

Residential Center Staff will inspect rooms/suites/apartments after all students have vacated or completed a room change. Staff will assess any damage or unacceptable cleanliness of the space using the guidelines described in the Student Handbook and on the Residential Center's website. Damages to your space and furnishings beyond normal wear is your financial responsibility and will be charged directly to your student account.

COMMUNITY BILLING:

Common areas within buildings are defined as hallways, bathrooms, stairwells, lobbies, lounges, laundry rooms, basements, entrances and exits of buildings, and elevators. For the purpose of community billing, common area damages are defined as trash, vandalism (broken exit signs, broken glass, broken windows, damaged ceiling tiles, etc.), bodily fluids, fire extinguisher discharge, and furniture removal. When individual responsibility for damages cannot be determined, the residents of a floor, suite, wing or entire hall are collectively responsible for repair or replacement costs. The residents of the area in question will be informed of the community billing process via their Bentley University e-mail account. Each student's portion of the community billing charges are assessed on the student account monthly. All community billing charges are final.

FEES & PAYMENTS:

Although payable by semester, room charges are for the entire academic year. If you agree to the Housing and Meal Plan Contract and move into housing, you are obligated to pay for the entire academic year of housing, as long as you are enrolled at Bentley University.

Failure to pay your student balances will result in termination of your housing contract and removal from housing. Please note that the License Agreement does not convey a tenancy or other property interest to you; it creates a licensor/licensee relationship subject to the terms and conditions in the Agreement, in the Student Handbook and in the Student Code of Conduct.

CONTRACT TERMINATION:

The Residential Center may immediately terminate the housing contract for anyone who, in the judgement of the Residential Center, represents a threat to the health or safety of anyone including but not limited to Bentley students, employees or other members of the community.

The Residential Center may terminate the housing contract any time prior to the housing contract end date in the event of either of the following situations:

- Graduation, dismissal, suspension, withdrawal or Leave of Absence from Bentley University
- Violation of any term of condition of the housing contract

If a student believes they have an extenuating circumstance they may **request permission** to terminate the housing contract by completing and submitting the appropriate **Contract Release Form**. Information about this form is available on the Residential Center website. Contract releases are not granted often. Please note this is a request and a committee of University representatives will review all requests. A member of the Residential Center will inform you of the committee's decision via e-mail to your Bentley University e-mail account.

All returning students who have signed (electronically) the contract may be released from housing prior to **June 19, 2019** by sending an e-mail to housing@bentley.edu to communicate their cancellation request. After this date students may request permission to terminate their housing by completing the Contract Release Form as outlined above.

IV. FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION:

1. All residents of on campus residence halls/suites (mandatory areas) are required to contract for the Unlimited, Value 15 or Value 12 meal plan for the duration of their occupancy in these accommodations. Residence hall/suite residents are NOT eligible for the 921 60 meal plan or the Apartment Plan.
2. All first year students are required to be on either the Unlimited Plan or the Value 15 Meal Plan for their first two semesters of enrollment.
3. Upper class students who have a meal plan may lower their meal plan within the first two weeks of the semester. Students residing in mandatory meal plan areas may lower their plan to the Value 12 plan.

Last day to lower Meal Plans:

Fall Semester: **Monday, September 9, 2019**

Spring Semester: **Monday, January 27, 2020**

4. Meal Plans are not in effect during Thanksgiving, semester break and spring break. If students are approved to stay over a break period, they may be subject to a per day rate to cover meal plan costs. The Meal Plan

contract for Apartments, Cape, Castle and Stratton residents may be changed at any time. These are non-mandatory areas.

5. It is the responsibility of the student to drop or change their Meal Plan through the Housing Student Self Service Portal. Once the semester begins students are charged for the number of days they have been on the plan regardless of use.
6. Students remain financially responsible for the Meal Plan until the student communicates through the Housing Student Self-Service Portal that they wish to modify their Meal Plan. Board payment is refundable, but other charges may still apply.
7. Discretionary funds do not rollover to the next semester.

V. PERSONAL PROPERTY LIABILITY AND INSURANCE:

The University will assume no liability, directly or indirectly, for loss or damage to personal property by fire, flood, theft, or any other cause. Every resident is encouraged to review his/her family personal property insurance coverage and to obtain appropriate coverage. Renters insurance may be another option depending on your personal circumstances.

VI. OTHER INFORMATION:

The Bentley University residential program seeks to create safe, civil, and inclusive communities that foster the personal and intellectual growth of each individual. Students who live in university housing have certain freedoms and responsibilities.

Regulations exist which are consistent with the educational purposes of the residential campus. The residential environment requires those sharing a living unit to be both cooperative and considerate. Bentley University does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, national and ethnic origin or veteran status.

To increase the efficiency of our heating and cooling systems, the HVAC units in all of Bentley's residence buildings are set to an automated cycle system. The units are set to turn on if the outdoor air temperature is less than 61 degrees F or more than 75 degrees F.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONTRACT, WHILE PAYABLE BY SEMESTER, IS FOR THE ENTIRE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Student Signature: _____ **Student ID Number:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years old): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Date:** _____

*by signing and submitting this form, student is now eligible to participate in the Housing Process

This can be submitted by scanning a signed copy to GA_Housing@bentley.edu or by faxing a signed copy to the Residential Center at 781-891-2505.