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Welcome to Calvin College and its residence halls!

We know your experiences with us will be rewarding, challenging, and even life-changing.

Your residence hall will be more than a place to lay your head at night; it will be a place to meet, study, discuss, pray, listen, laugh, and grow. From classroom to residence hall to dining hall to athletic field, the opportunities for learning never stop.

To have a successful and satisfying experience while you’re here, be prepared to learn a lot about community. Living with others can be enriching and challenging. It takes respect and consideration of others, respect for the rules which guide our lives together, and a desire to deepen in faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

As with most things in life, the more you put into your college and residence hall experience, the more you’ll get out of it. We hope you make the most of your time here. Welcome home!

Residence Life Mission Statement

As partners in enacting the mission of Calvin College, the Residence Life Department is dedicated to the learning experience of students through on-campus living.

We challenge and support students in their development as whole persons, responsible participants in their communities, and faithful citizens of God’s kingdom.

Through vibrant experiences and opportunities we strive to connect students’ hearts to God’s heart in all things.
Residence Life Learning Outcomes

By the end of residents’ time living in the halls, they will have the opportunity to grow in personal responsibility, just relationships, compassion, discipline, and purpose and congruence, all within the context of a Christian community. These five themes provide the foundation for all Residence Life programming and initiatives.

- **Healthy Relationships**: Through fun times and conflicts, with people similar and different from you, expect to grow in your understanding of healthy relationships, as you learn from one another in community.

- **Faith Development**: Through group and individual opportunities such as Bible Studies, times of prayer or worship, or late night conversations, you’ll develop a more personal Christian faith and kingdom vision.

- **Social Responsibility**: You’ll be challenged to see how your decisions and behaviors, and also those of others, impact people in community, for better or for worse—so that we all share responsibility for our neighbor.

- **Self-Management**: Whether it’s time management, personal hygiene, wellness, or self-control, you’ll learn about motivation and management of your life as you grow in independence.

- **Congruent Decision-Making**: You’ll begin to connect beliefs and actions, learning and living—recognizing how your knowledge and faith should impact your decisions and choices, as people living in God’s world.

Residence Life Department Goals

To effectively promote student learning and the Christian character of our communities the Residence Life Department is committed to the following goals:

1. To ensure safe, well-maintained, and accessible facilities for all residents.
2. To encourage learning, retention, and graduation.
3. To uphold campus standards of conduct and to encourage student responsibility to these.
4. To promote campus and community resources for students related to health, wellness, and academic success.
5. To shape intentional settings, events, and opportunities for student learning, in order to promote understanding of diversity, justice, and citizenship in God’s world.
6. To lead by example in our own conduct, relationships with students, and development as professionals and Christ-followers.
7. Through all of the above, to nurture personal and communal faith formation in our communities, so that students grow in lives of faith and congruence.
**General Information**

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**Important Dates**

**Opening Days**

The official opening day for **first-year** and **transfer students** is **Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 9:00 am**. (Students who are participating in "Passport 3" or "Legacy" orientation sessions will receive information regarding earlier move-in times from the Orientation Staff.)

The official opening day for **returning students** is **Friday, September 4, 2015, beginning at 9:00 am**.

The meal plan for returning students does not begin until lunch on Friday. **You must contact the Housing Office (616-526-6120 or housing@calvin.edu) for arrival earlier than these dates.**

**Vacation Periods and End of Semester Closing Days**

Please make travel arrangements according to the dates above (See Dates at a Glance). Due to staffing constraints, opening and closing times are strictly enforced. For an additional charge, space is available at the Knollcrest East Apartments for students who must remain on campus during Christmas or Spring vacation periods.

While the halls officially close after fall semester at 10:00 am on December 19 and for the spring semester at 10:00 am on May 20, **only students with exams the previous nights or non-local residents should plan on staying until the last day.** All other students should plan to leave the day of their last exam or the following
morning. Exceptions for carpooling or other transportation issues should be cleared by the Resident Director in advance.

Transitional Housing is available at a nominal charge for students who must stay beyond the Spring Semester closing time due to travel needs or summer residency in the Knollcrest East Apartments. This housing is provided in one residence hall, from May 20 through May 23, and must be requested in advance. Beginning May 23, summer housing is offered in the Knollcrest East Apartments only. Information will be sent to all students in the spring.

If you have questions, concerns, or special needs related to arriving and departing times, please contact the Housing office (616-526-6120) or your Resident Director.

### Keys and ID Cards

All residents are issued one room key. If a student loses a key, a duplicate may be obtained from the reception desk for a charge of $25. A $25 charge will be levied if this key is not returned when a student checks out of the hall. If the Dean of Residence Life determines that for safety/security reasons a room lock needs to be changed, the student may be assessed a $75 fee to cover the lock replacement and installation charges.

For security reasons, most outer residence hall doors will be locked 24 hours a day. Students will have access to these doors using their college ID card. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to the Campus Safety Office or the Housing Office. Lost cards can be replaced at the Housing Office for a fee of $20 ($15 refund if lost card is found within 10 business days). Broken or non-functioning cards can be replaced for $5 (or will be given for free if a year or more has passed since the last card's print date).

### Parking and Safety

Parking is available on campus for registered vehicles. For full information on parking guidelines, as well as other services and tips offered by our Campus Safety Department, see the Campus Safety Services section of this booklet.

"Living on-campus has helped me become more mature in my interactions with others, helped me become much more patient with other people, and opened me up more to realizing life doesn't revolve around me." - Annual survey respondent
Moving In

Please bring the essentials:

___ alarm clock  
___ extra long twin sheets  
  (80 inches)  
___ pillow and pillow case  
___ blanket/comforter  
___ hand and bath towels  
___ clothing for warm and cold weather  
___ laundry basket and detergent  
___ dishes, cups, and silverware  
  (for snacks and personal use)  
___ desk supplies  
___ hangers  
___ umbrella  
___ box fan

Possibly bring*:

___ bike and bike lock  
___ outdoor sports equipment  
___ computer or laptop  
___ TV/DVD/game systems  
___ electric hotpot or coffeepot  
___ plants

___ posters and decorations  
  (please use removeable tape or poster putty)  
___ extension cords/surge protectors  
___ small refrigerator (four feet tall or smaller) limit one per room

* The Policies section of this booklet contains further information on some of these items

PLEASE NOTE: We advise you to not bring more than one carload of belongings when you move into the residence halls due to storage space and room size.

Please do not bring*:

- hot plates, toasters, microwaves, or other kitchen appliances  
- space heaters  
- candles/incense  
- pets (except fish)  
- satellite dishes  
- air conditioners  
- waterbeds  
- weight lifting equipment  
- lumber or additional materials to loft beds  
- alcohol and alcoholic beverage containers (empty or full, including those thought to be decorative)  
- paraphernalia associated with illegal drugs  
- firearms or any kind of weapon (including paintball or air-soft guns)

*See your Housing Contract for a complete list of restrictions, or the policy section of this booklet for more details.
Room Condition Reports

When you check into your room, your RA will give you a room condition form to review and sign. The form will report the general condition of the room and any existing damage to walls or furniture, etc. When you check out of your room at the end of the year, the same form will be completed. Any additional damage noted in the spring may be assessed to your student account.

Decorating

Residents are encouraged to personalize their rooms—this is your home! Because we live in Christian community, inappropriate/offensive decorations, including any alcohol related posters or sexually provocative pictures, may not be displayed. We all may not agree on what’s inappropriate or offensive, so the residence life staff reserves the right to ask that decorations which it judges to be in conflict with the mission of Calvin College as a Christian academic community be removed.

Please be careful to use approved removable tape or poster putty only (no duct tape). You are responsible for removing all residue when you check out. Any damage to the room is assessed to your student account after you check-out.
Residence Hall Amenities

Your hall includes:
- A wing of men and a wing of women connected by a common lobby and shared basement space
- Reception desk and student mailboxes in main lobby
- Quiet reading room adjacent to main lobby (can be reserved for group studying)
- Computer lab with network printing, internet access, and academic software
- Prayer room for private devotions and praying
- Basement quiet reading rooms for individual study
- Basement lounges for community events, group studying, and hang-out space (including vending machines, flat-screen TV, ping-pong, foosball, and pool tables)
- Laundry rooms in each wing—free for residents!

Your floor includes:
- Approximately 20 rooms for residents, arranged in suites of two rooms
- Approximately 40 residents per floor, primarily first and second year students
- “Coffee Kitchen” - a shared kitchen with a table, stove, microwave, sink, and full-size refrigerator
- “CJ” - a community bathroom with a tub, toilet, and sink
- Recycling and trash station

Your room includes:
- Approximately 155 square feet (including the closet area), or roughly 9’ x 15’
- Stackable furniture (sorry, no home-made lofts are permitted)
  - 2 beds, mattresses and mattress pads (twin extra-long)
  - 2 dressers and wide closets for hanging clothes as well as shelves
  - 2 desks with chairs, desk lamps, and bookshelves
  - 2 additional bookshelves
- Closet areas for hanging clothes, shoes, etc. and built-in shelving space
- Private bathroom shared with one other student room (comprising a suite). Includes shower, toilet, sink, counter space, and storage area for toiletries and cleaning supplies
- 2 high-speed Ethernet ports, and wireless access throughout the building
- 1 cable television jack
- Approximately 5 electrical outlets (2 plugs each)
- 2 Wastebaskets
- 1 Recycling container
Reception Desk and Mail Boxes

The reception desk of each residence hall community is generally open from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday; 4:00 pm to 1:00 am on Friday and Saturday. Services include distribution of mail and messages; checkout of sports equipment, irons, cleaning supplies, and other tools and utensils; campus telephone directory service; stamps; and change of money. Each room is assigned one mailbox, for which students use a combination or key to gain access.

Storage

There is a Trunk Room on the lower level of each hall for storage of offseason clothing, trunks and suitcases, and for summer storage of clothing. All items stored in the trunk rooms are stored at the student’s risk and must be clearly labeled and logged. A staff member must accompany residents who add items to or remove items from the trunk room. Furniture may not be stored in the trunk room.

Bicycles can be stored on outdoor bicycle racks or in the bicycle storage room on the lower level of the women’s wing. Bicycles may not be left in the hallways, stairwells, lobbies, or floor lounges. Bikes should be locked at all times.

Courtesy Telephone

Each floor has one courtesy telephone in the "Coffee Kitchen" for emergency or local calls.

Campus Cable System

Each room is equipped with a cable jack for access to the campus cable system. Commercial cable systems are not available in the residence halls, but a number of cable networks are provided (e.g. CNN, Fox News, Discovery, The History Channel, Food Network, ESPN, etc.) as well as local networks.

ResNet and Wireless Computer Access

Access to the Calvin’s Residential Network (ResNet) is available from all residence hall rooms via ethernet at no additional charge. Wireless access is also available in most areas of all residence halls and across campus. More information is available at www.calvin.edu/it/ (click “Resources for Students”).

Adherence to the Responsible use of Technology statement of the Student Handbook is mandated, and internet access is subject to some content filtering. Additional web-filtering software is available upon request—contact the Housing Office or your Resident Director.
Copy Machines

Coin-operated copy machines are available for all residents in the main lobby Reading Rooms of the Bolt-Heyns-Timmer and Noordewier-VanderWerp Residence Halls.

ATM

An Automated Teller Machine (ATM) is located in the lobby of the Noordewier-VanderWerp Residence Hall, the lobby of the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex, and the lobby of the Commons Annex near the Campus Ministries Office.

“The people in my residence hall are amazing and I have learned more about God, myself, and life in general this year. It has been fantastic. I love being on a floor where there are all kinds of people to talk to and you never feel alone.” - Annual survey respondent
Throughout the Year

Student Activities and Programs

Calvin College offers student activities through Residence Life, the Student Activities Office, academic departments, student government, student clubs and organizations, and more. Our vibrant community life relies partially upon a $75 student activities fee added to the account of all Calvin students. A portion of this fee is allocated to each residence hall for student activities, hall programs, floor events, and other functions which are approved by the Residence Hall Executive Team and Community Life Council of each community.

Eating On Campus

Food often brings our communities together! Many floors will establish a “floor dinner ritual” early in the year. Take time to get to know your floormates better by sharing a meal. Rick Balfour, Food Service Director, leads the Creative Dining Services, Inc. staff in preparing healthy and tasty meal options for all residents. One of the goals of the Calvin College food service staff is to help students become more aware of the nutritional value of food consumed and to establish good eating habits. Whole grain products, fresh fruits and vegetables, meatless and vegan options, and nutritional desserts are regular parts of the food service menu.

The room and board rate is based on the 21 meals-per-week plan. First-year students may select either a 21 or 15 meal plan for the fall semester and interim, and either a 21, 15, or 10 meal plan for spring semester and beyond. Meal plan changes may be made only during the first week of classes during the fall or spring semester. Meal plans may not be changed for interim.

Students may use their meal card (college ID card) at the Commons Dining Hall, the Knollcrest Dining Hall, or the Uppercrust in the Commons. Meal hours are posted at each dining hall. In establishing meal rates, consideration has been given to expected absenteeism. Therefore, meals are not transferable to other persons. Meal credits will only be given for illness which is documented by a physician or for emergency leaves from campus.

Hosting Guests

Students are welcome to have guests of the opposite gender visit their rooms, but only during designated "Open House" hours. See page 50 for a full explanation of Open House at Calvin.

Students are permitted to have overnight guests of the same gender stay in their rooms (2 night limit) after completing an Overnight Guest Registration Form, available at the front reception desk. If a guest becomes a regular visitor or if roommates or suitemates are inconvenienced, the college reserves the right to limit visiting. Each resident is fully responsible for his/her guests' compliance with residence hall living expectations.

Parents or adult relatives visiting students during the academic school year should make other lodging arrangements, such as Prince Conference Center which is located on campus (666-526-7200) or other local hotels.
Maintenance Request Forms

Need assistance resolving a maintenance concern? Please request service on any items in your room requiring repair (except phone, computer, or cable TV problems) by filling out an on-line maintenance request form. The form can be found on the Calvin web portal or on the Physical Plant webpage. By submitting a maintenance request you authorize maintenance personnel to enter the room in order to make necessary repairs whether you are present or not. In case of emergency, call the Physical Plant office directly. After business hours you can report emergencies to your Resident Director or Campus Safety (526-6452).

Problems with telephones, computer access, or cable television should be reported to the Calvin HelpDesk at 526-8555 or helpdesk@calvin.edu.

Cleaning and Cleaning Supplies

Maintaining a healthy environment for living and learning is an important part of Residence Life at Calvin. Residents are provided with a variety of “green” cleaning supplies for personal cleaning available at the front reception desk of their hall, where they can also be recycled and refilled. Bathroom checks are conducted in January and May to ensure compliance with health standards. Toilet paper and paper towels are also available free of charge at the front reception desk.

Cleaning Tips

- Weekly cleaning with supplies provided at the front desk will prevent hard to remove build-up, particularly in showers.
- Be sure to throw away your trash in designated receptacles in and outside of your room.
- Do not leave your trash in the hallways.
- Do not leave any items in the hallways, as required by fire safety codes.

Waste and Recycling

Our community is committed to environmental stewardship, and we ask all residents to cooperate with the trash and recycling program. Specific details will be posted in each residence hall’s coffee kitchen.

Community Commitment to Conservation

Calvin College Residence Life has an ongoing commitment to sustainability issues, and you can help:

- Turn water off when not in use.
- Notify your RD and complete a maintenance request form for leaks in your shower, sink, or toilet.
- Turn off all lights and unnecessary appliances when you leave the room.
- Print on the both sides of computer/copy paper or use it as scratch paper.
- Use recycling receptacles on campus for your paper, plastic, batteries, electronics, metal and glass containers.
van Reken Living-Learning Communities

The van Reken wing of the Kalsbeek-Huizenga-van Reken residence hall is made up of three floors which are unique living-learning communities or themed clusters—innovative places for going deeper within traditional residential living. Students who choose and apply to live here will be taking a step of engagement in their own learning by focusing more intentionally on an area of interest, while enjoying all the benefits of living on campus. Academic credit is available for some of these programs.

The first floor is the Recreation/Creation Care community, a place for students to learn about and promote environmental responsibility and stewardship of God’s creation, as well as the pursuit of outdoor recreation. The second floor is the Grassroots community, a place where students live and learn together around issues of race and ethnicity in North America. And the third floor is the Honors community, sponsored by the Honor’s program and a place for motivated students to build friendships with peers while pursuing deeper learning through Honors program events and classes. More information on these floors is available at www.calvin.edu/go/vanreken.

Wellness Community

The ground floor of Timmer Hall is the home of the wellness community, a place where students are committed to learning more about wellness and well-being through rest, exercise, eating well, and spiritual practices.

Future Housing Options

While first and second year students live in the residence halls, juniors and seniors have some additional housing options, which you may want to explore in the future:

**Knollcrest East Apartments:** Perfect for groups of 4-5 students, these on-campus apartments have 2 bedrooms and a full kitchen, as well as living rooms and dining areas. The K.E. apartments provide a vibrant student community, just right for upperclassmen, with the convenience of being on-campus.

**Project Neighborhood:** Calvin operates five houses in the city of Grand Rapids where students live together in intentional Christian Community, learning about and serving their neighbors through church and community partnerships. Project Neighborhood is an option for sophomore through senior students who apply and interview.

For more information on all of these options, visit the Residence Life website at www.calvin.edu/admin/housing.
Moving Out

Clean and Pack Day
In an effort to encourage cleaning your room and organizing your items for moving out of the building, Residence Life sponsors a cleaning and packing time prior to finals week during spring semester. RA's will be around to help unstack beds and answer any questions students have regarding checkouts. The trunk room will be open during the first 10 minutes of each hour. Packing boxes will be available at the desks along with a variety of cleaning supplies.

General Checkout Procedures
Detailed expectations for checking out of the residence halls will be provided to all residents several weeks before the end of each semester. During the final check-out week in May, students are asked to sign-up for check-out times at the reception desk of their residence hall, and to have their room clean and ready for inspection at the time of the check-out. Additional cleaning responsibilities (“Community Chores”) are assigned during check-out week, so that all residents participate in the successful closure of each building. Fines for damages, for not checking out, or for not cleaning will be issued by staff, so please pay close attention to the information provided by the Housing Office prior to the end of the semester.

Please note: Due to graduation housing needs and staffing limitations, this time of year often feels rushed. Cleaning, packing and preparing before exams is strongly recommended to ease the stress and complexity of moving out.

Transitional Housing
If students need on-campus housing after the halls close but before they can move into the Knollcrest East Apartments for the summer, they can sign up for Transitional Housing. Information is sent out with General Checkout information by the Housing Office. The cost is $15 per night (May 20–23).

Summer Storage
You may place some belongings (trunks, suitcases, and boxes) into the basement trunk rooms. All storage is at your own risk and items must be labeled clearly. Furniture and items packed in garbage bags may NOT be stored in the trunk rooms. Bicycles must be left in the bike storage rooms (not in outdoor racks), although their safety cannot be guaranteed. Calvin assumes no liability for lost, damaged, or stolen items.
Staff and Student Leaders

The Residence Life Department employs around 15 professional staff members, nearly 70 paid students, and over 100 volunteer student leaders in various capacities. While our jobs differ, our hearts are unified in our desire to promote vibrant communities, student learning and faith formation for all Calvin students who call campus housing their home.

The following pages feature the names and pictures of some of these leaders, as well as descriptions of their roles:

Resident Directors

The Resident Directors (RDs) are full-time, non-student staff members living in each hall who supervise the overall operation of their residence hall community and are responsible for enacting Residence Life’s mission within their hall. RDs act as advisors to the RAs and student leaders as well as promote adherence to community living expectations. They administrate the staff and services of the reception desk and are available to assist, counsel, and advise individual residents.

Resident Assistants

The Resident Assistants (RAs) are students who live on each floor of every residence hall. They know the facilities and services offered at Calvin and are trained to be a resource for residents as they navigate the joys and challenges of college life. They have all demonstrated a desire to share their knowledge and experience with others in order to encourage them in their personal and spiritual growth. RAs are responsible for enforcing community living expectations in order to maintain and promote student learning and Christian community.

Student Leadership within each hall

Community Life Council

The Community Life Council (CLC) of each residence hall is facilitated by the Resident Director, and is composed of Resident Assistants, Barnabas Team members, Cultural Discerners, Multicultural Activities Coordinators, Community Partnership Coordinators, and Residence Hall Executive Teams.

CLCs exist to embody the ta panta concept—that all of their work as leaders is interconnected, and is all directed at the goal of developing disciples in God’s all-encompassing kingdom. The CLC model puts a high value on community and partnership, as we learn about our roles in God’s redemptive work on earth.
Residence Hall Executive Team (RHET)

The RHET (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Publicity Coordinator) are chosen in the spring to serve the following year, and they coordinate a variety of programs throughout the year, including "Chaos Day", retreats, banquets, and other large social events.

Barnabas Team

The Campus Ministries staff hires a volunteer team of students, called the Barnabas Team, that are responsible for providing weekly community worship opportunities and empowering small groups for Bible studies, prayer, accountability and/or book studies.

Multicultural Activities Coordinators (MACs), Cultural Discerners (CDs) and Sustainability Coordinators (SCs)

The Multicultural Student Development Office and Student Activities Office both hire volunteer teams of MACs and CDs to engage residential communities in the areas of cultural diversity and discerning popular culture, respectively. Sustainability Coordinators are supervised by a Resident Director and assist with various conservation and sustainability campus initiatives. Empowered by their staff mentors, MACs, CDs and SCs serve as liaisons between campus-wide programs (UnLearn Week, Kill-a-watt, concerts, films, etc.) and their residential community.

Community Partnership Coordinators (CPCs)

The Service Learning Center hires volunteer CPCs who have committed to organizing residence hall service-learning partnerships with community organizations. Each hall has a unique partnership, ranging from tutoring to daycare to ESL to afterschool or “special needs” programs. You’ll receive more information about your residence hall’s specific partnership this fall.

Social Events Team (SET)

SET is made up of floor residents, facilitated by the RA to plan floor outings and activities. Participating in the SET can be an excellent way to get involved with hall leadership and positively impact your community. Ask your RA about being a part of SET!

Academic Help Ambassador (AHA)

Student Academic Services hires a volunteer staff of Academic Help Ambassadors to help students practice academic faithfulness, achieve academic success, and maximize their learning. AHAs serve as a resource to students to direct them to academic offices, help them with time management and study skills, and work to create an environment where study is valued.
Beets-Veenstra Community

Resident Director
Richard France-Coe
M Div, Western Theological Seminary
B.A., Calvin College

Resident Assistants

Beets
1st Floor
Joshua Maguire
Holland, MI
Computer Science

2nd Floor
Jahnathan Davis
Hobart, IN
Computer Science

3rd Floor
Jonathan Engle
Troy, MI
Electrical/Computer Engineering

Veenstra
1st Floor
Melissa Rivera
Alma, MI
Math-Secondary Education

2nd Floor
Andrea Beltran
Chicago, IL
Strategic Communication

3rd Floor
Lauren Vandezande
Raleigh, NC
Elementary Education, Spanish

Residence Hall Executive Team

President (fall)
Marissa Koster
Visalia, CA
Nursing

President (spring)
Jenna Dyksen
Hawthorne, NJ
Speech Pathology/Audiology

Vice President (spring)
Elizabeth Scholten
Grandville, MI
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Your Christian Community

The Big Picture

Christian community depends on you as a resident of your hall or apartment building. It is not a set of rules, though rules are needed at times for the orderly operation of any community. Nor is it the presence of Bible studies, prayer groups, or opportunities for worship, though you’ll find those here. Instead, it’s the character of the people who live in the community—their desire to actively live as Christians. All of us become leaders in this, as we all have a role in the community. What’s your role going to be?

To prepare for living with one another, please consider the following biblical exhortations that serve as our guiding principles for Christian community.

1. Remember, it’s not only about you!

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others.”
~Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

This passage is our guiding principle for how we treat one another—from roommates to suitemates to people on our floors or in our buildings. As Christians, our lives are not our own. We live for others, just as Jesus did. Our actions and decisions affect others, and this influence calls us toward care, sensitivity, and responsibility for the way we live in community.

2. Give grace— we are all growing in God.

“…grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
~ II Peter 3:18 (NIV)

The overall goal of Residence Life is student learning—intellectual, social, and spiritual—through the varied experiences of life on-campus. All of this learning is done in the context of faith, so that we understand more fully how we relate to each other and to our God. What is the implication for our life together? We strive to learn and grow personally, actively encourage this growth in others, and avoid becoming stumbling blocks to those around us.

3. You are called to be a problem-resolver.

“If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church.”
~Matthew 18:15-17 (Message)

We are bound to hurt, anger, or frustrate each other at times, often without knowing it. We avoid gossip and resentment by talking with the person who hurts
us, directly and honestly. If someone confronts us, we are gracious in listening, honest in taking responsibility, and eager to make things right. When we are able to speak, listen, confront, and forgive, we grow as a community. Residence Life staff are equipped to assist in navigating conflict if individual conversations do not resolve an issue.

Your floor

Part of being a student at Calvin College is being willing to engage in community life. Our community works together for a common goal: learning within a Christian context. To this end, we commit to encourage one another towards graduation, recognizing we are all scholars on this journey together and have a group expectation that we will achieve our individual goals.

As scholars, our learning extends to all areas of life—including where we live. In Residence Life, we use the phrase “ta panta” meaning “all things.” God touches all areas of our life, all things are important, meaningful, and sources of learning. When we share life together we’ll learn how to verbalize our needs, respectfully engage one another when we disagree, and compromise when differences emerge. To aid in this process, each floor will create a “Floor Vision” that outlines expectations for one another and pathways for addressing breaches in expectations. Residence Life staff will facilitate community conversations, but as a group floors will create their own unique community identities and be responsible for living up to their mutually agreed upon expectations. Part of this responsibility will be to hold one another accountable. RAs are present to assist, but residents bear a shared responsibility to maintain community expectations.

Floor Visions are introduced the first week of school, and all floors will operate the first few weeks under a campus-wide set of agreements. After a few weeks, floors will meet to create their unique version of the vision. Before that meeting, take some time to think about what you want and need in a community. Floors will need to figure out how to handle noise, cleanliness, and sharing a kitchen space. Pay attention to how life unfolds the first few weeks so you know what you want included in a floor vision. When the RA schedules your floor’s vision meeting, come ready to share your ideas, negotiate differences of opinion, and commit to upholding the agreements made by your floor.

Here are some additional tips to help you get along on your floor:

- **Speak up.** Voicing your opinion can be challenging in a new community, but this is your home – make sure you advocate for what you need.
- **Treat others with respect.**
- **Follow the rules.** Some expectations have been established by Calvin College to maintain safety and health for everyone.
- **Respond** to reasonable requests reasonably.
- **Be inclusive** of every member of the community. Actions (direct or indirect) that discriminate based on race, gender, religion, disability, national origin, age, or sexual orientation cannot be tolerated in a community based on Christian values.
Your roommates

Your relationships with your roommate and suitemates can be some of the most important in your college experience. It’s important to start those relationships with open, honest communication and clear expectations. Even if you are friends from home, being college students will be new to both of you. If you explore your expectations, talk together, establish your agreements, and keep talking, you’ll start things off on the right foot and keep your relationship on track. Open communication, clear boundaries, realistic expectations, and mutual respect and tolerance are key ingredients to a healthy relationship.

Similar to your floor vision, you and your roommate and suitemates need to establish some mutual expectations for life together (a roommate agreement). To get you started, think about the following questions in preparation for sharing these with your roommate:

- Why am I attending Calvin College?
- What are my goals for this year?
- What are my goals for college? After graduation?
- What are my likes and dislikes?
- What do I need from my roommate? suitemates?

Think about some hypothetical situations you might face with your roommate. Here are some questions to help you reflect upon what is important to your living environment. Check the responses that best suit you.

- Do you like your room to be tidy all the time?
- Do you like to sleep with the window open?
- Do you plan to join a local church while at Calvin?
- Do you prefer not to talk in the morning?
- Are you a night person?
- Is it easy for you to wake up in the morning?
- Does light disturb you when you sleep?
- Does profanity bother you?
- Does it bother you if your roommate doesn’t clean up his or her side of the room?
- Do you like to study with music on?
- Does it bother you if your roommate always has friends over?
- Is it important to you to be in a small group or Bible study with your roommate?
- Would you be willing to leave your room if your roommate wanted to sleep or study?
- Do you mind if your roommate uses your ___?
- Do you care if your roommate borrows your clothes?
- Do you plan to study in your room?
- Is it hard for you to tell someone that what he or she is doing bothers you?
- Do you need absolute quiet to sleep?
Now think about what you would like most in your roommate relationship. Look over the following items and rank them 1 to 11, with 1 being the most important and 11 being the least important to you.

It’s important to have a roommate who...

___ Is serious about studying and will make studying a priority in our room.
___ Takes responsibility for keeping our room neat.
___ Commits to praying for me and our floor regularly.
___ Prioritizes growing in Christian faith.
___ Is clean, conscientious, and tidy.
___ Respects my need for privacy and will allow me some time to myself.
___ Allows me to have my boyfriend or girlfriend (or friends) over as much as I like.
___ Doesn’t use drugs, alcohol, or other illegal substances.
___ Will be my friend who confides in me and likes to do a lot of things together.
___ Doesn’t keep things bottled up but lets me know how she or he is feeling.
___ Doesn’t let school take over our entire lives and knows how to have fun.
___ Respects my property and doesn’t borrow my things without asking.

Once you and your roommate have completed these individual exercises, talk together about your responses and your expectations. Be sure to define what “sharing” means. Just because you live together, does not mean that you have to share everything. Discuss what items are and are not community property. *Respect and protect one another’s belongings by locking your room when you leave.

Be open and honest. If you are not sure what your roommate is saying, ask for clarification and try to repeat back what you think you heard to make sure you understand. Write agreements down so you both can refer back to your commitments to one another. Resident Directors will provide you with a document (a roommate agreement) to complete and return to your RA to provide accountability to starting your roommate relationship with clear communication.

Remember that you and your roommate do not need to be best friends. You’ll probably have different hobbies or musical tastes. You’ll find other friends to spend time with. That’s ok. College can be a great opportunity to meet lots of different people. Learning to accept and respect the differences in your roommate can be a valuable life lesson.

Your first obligation to your roommate and suitemates is to be friendly and make an effort to get to know one another. Your room needs to be a positive space for both of you where you can study, relax, and sleep. As you navigate conflict, the Residence Life staff are available to talk through situations and help you problem-solve.
Common roommate issues and suggested solutions

- **You are more social and your roommate is more reserved.** It is important to equally share the room for each of your needs. Take turns having friends over and/or having private time in the room. Basement spaces provide a great alternative for hanging out with friends or studying.

- **Your roommate does not want to be good friends.** Roommates do not need to be best friends. However, you need to establish a respectful relationship.

- **One of you is a borrower.** Make a habit of asking before borrowing even when your roommate is not around. If your roommate is a borrower, be open and tell him or her how you feel about this. Try to come up with a compromise and splitting the costs of items you both use.

- **One of you is very clean. The other is very casual.** Try to compromise, but if there is no agreement on “levels of clean” determine a physical space for each of you and respect each other’s areas.

Your suitemates

Most suitemates will be returning students who already know Calvin. They can be helpful in connecting you to campus resources and introducing YOU to other people in the hall. By the second week of school it will be important to meet with your suitemates to talk about your shared space: the bathroom. Some suitemates have found it helpful to articulate a morning shower schedule to avoid any one person dominating the bathroom before class. The biggest issue that arises with suitemates is: whose turn is it to clean the bathroom? Communicate openly so together, you can develop a routine that works for everyone... and maintains a healthy living environment.

Your story

Throughout the year you’ll have opportunities to revisit your floor’s community charter, your roommate agreement, and expectations with your suitemates. The most important thing is to keep lines of communication open. Here’s an outline you can use to talk through issues in your relationship with your roommate, suitemate, or floormates. Allow each person to express his or her thoughts and feelings using the discussion outline below.

- What’s the problem? State the problem as you see it.
- How do you feel about it? Share your feelings about the issue.
- What do you want or need? Describe how you think the problem could be solved. What would you like your roommate to do? What is keeping this from happening?
- How can you help? Offer what you would be willing to do to help the situation.
- What other options are available? Discuss other options and alternatives to ensure you have considered many different ways of resolving the issue.
- What is our final decision? Come to a mutual understanding of how you are each going to improve the situation.
Part of growing in **community** is to share yourself with others. Below are some conversation starters that may help you get to know your roommate, suitemates, and floormates.

### Basic background
- What do you like/not like about your family? Your hometown? Your high school?
- What are your hobbies?
- Who is your best friend or a significant person in your life?
- Did you ever share a room with a sibling growing up? Share about your siblings.

### Faith
- Describe your family’s faith, your denomination, your church.
- How can friends support you in your faith journey?
- What life events have most shaped your view of God?

### Studying
- How important are grades to you?
- How often and how long do you study?
- At what times do you want to study in the room?

### Recreation
- What do you do to relax?
- What kind of music do you like?

### Relationships
- Is there a significant romantic relationship you are involved in now?
- How do you feel about making new friends?
- How do you feel about having guests in your room?

### Sleep
- How much sleep do you need?
- When do you like to go to sleep?

### Wellness
- How important is tidiness to you?
- How do you feel about drugs or drinking?
- What do you like to do for exercise?
- What stresses you out?

### Emotional style
- Do you tend to express your feelings verbally, or do you prefer not to share how you feel?
- What will usually cheer you up?
- Are there times when you prefer to be alone?
- How would you describe your mood most of the time?
- How do you respond when you are under pressure?
- What annoys you?

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“I’ve learned a lot about dealing with issues before they escalate into major conflicts.” - Annual survey respondent
Student Addresses

Student Mail
A student in a residence hall would use the following format:

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Zip+four and the word “Hall” are required for proper mail delivery. The street address for mailing is the same for all residence halls.
Safety and Security

The best possible security in the residence halls takes the cooperation of all who live there. Students should lock room doors at all times and, for their own security, should not prop any exterior doors that are closed and locked. Special security alarms are located on the back and side doors of each hall. These doors may not be used between the hours of midnight and 7:00 am. The presence of any unauthorized persons in the residence halls should be reported to a staff member or the Campus Safety Office.

Safety Escorts

Students who desire escort service to and from various areas on the campus may contact the Campus Safety Department at (616) 526-6452. This service is available dusk to dawn, and is available to and from anywhere on campus. This is a free service and available to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. A blue safety phone is available near all parking areas. Students are encouraged to make use of the escort service and to avoid walking alone on campus after dark. During the day, escorts are available for medical reasons (e.g. you are on crutches).

Further information regarding safety issues is available from the Student Life office in the booklet entitled “Safety at Calvin and Beyond” or at www.calvin.edu/admin/campus-safety.

Loss or Thefts

Missing items which you believe have been stolen should be reported to the Campus Safety Department. Students should be aware that theft does occur on Calvin’s campus. Although the incidents of theft and property destruction are low, it is always a good idea to exercise caution by locking apartment, residence hall, and car doors, by keeping valuables in a secure place, and by not leaving clothes unattended in laundry rooms for long periods of time, etc.

Fire Procedures

If a fire alarm has been activated in a campus building, always assume there is a fire. Know the locations of fire extinguishers, posted evacuation routes, exits and fire alarm systems in your area.
If you discover a fire
- Activate the nearest fire alarm pull station.
- Alert people in the immediate area of the danger and that they need to evacuate.
- Immediately exit the building, closing doors between you and the fire.
- When you are in a place of safety, dial 3-3333 and inform the Campus Safety of the location and nature of the fire.

If the Fire Alarm sounds
- Walk to the nearest exit, closing doors between you and the fire.
- Do not use elevators.
- Assist people with disabilities with getting to the closest area of refuge, which is in the stairwell area, past the fire doors.
- Notify Campus Safety or Fire Personnel if you suspect someone is trapped in the building.
- Gather outside the building at your designated assembly area and attempt to make certain all persons are accounted for. Stay at least 300 feet from the building.
- Remain outside until notified by the emergency personnel or Campus Safety that it is safe to return.

If trapped in a room
- Close as many doors as possible between you and the fire.
- Place cloth material (wet if possible) around or under the door to prevent smoke from entering the room.
- Be prepared to signal to someone outside at a window or by shouting at regular intervals.

If caught in smoke
- Drop and crawl toward an exit.
- Hold your breath as much as possible.
- Breathe slowly through nose using a towel or shirt as a filter.

If forced to advance through flames
- Hold your breath.
- Move quickly.
- Cover your head and hair.
- Keep your head down and your eyes closed as much as possible.

When to use a Fire Extinguisher
- Only use an extinguisher to attempt to extinguish a small fire and only if you have been trained.
- An extinguisher can be used to suppress a fire that blocks your exit from the building.
- Remember PASS, the four basic steps to operating a fire extinguisher:
  P: Pull the pin
  A: Aim the extinguisher hose at the base of the fire
  S: Squeeze the lever
  S: Sweep from side to side
Prevent fires and fire-related water damage

Here are some things to reduce the risk of fire and related water damage in the hall.

- Keep posters, banners, and other decorations off of the ceiling and away from the fire sprinkler heads.
- Deliver your recyclables to designated areas instead of storing them in your room.
- Follow all emergency evacuation procedures or drills.
- Report any unauthorized use, tampering, or damage to emergency or safety equipment.
- Use only one electrical device per outlet (no multiple power strips).
- Use electrical extension cords less than 10 feet in length unless it’s an extension bar with a circuit breaker.
- Do not tamper with safety equipment. Violators are subject to a $500 fine and possible suspension.
- If you are found responsible for causing a fire or fire-related water damage you may be held financially responsible for damages incurred.

Staying Safe On-Campus

Keeping yourself safe by:

- Identifying the nearest emergency telephone (blue safety phones) on campus. These phones ring directly to Campus Safety and will automatically register your location.
- Locking your room door at all times.
- Being aware of your surroundings. If you notice unusual events and/or suspicious persons, report them to your hall staff. If it’s an emergency call 3-3333 from a campus phone.
- Swiping your card key to enter the building and floor. Don’t let anyone in without a card key.
- Hold on to your ID card and keys. Do not lend them to anyone. If you lose them, report it to Residence Life immediately.
- Keeping doors closed. Propping doors open allows unauthorized persons access and undermines campus security.
- Cleaning your room regularly to avoid fire hazards and odors.
- Using and storing only authorized items in your room.
- Locking up your bicycle and registering it with Campus Safety.
- Sleeping in your room, not the floor lounges.
- Not tampering with safety equipment and/or fire alarms and extinguishers.

Keep your belongings secure by:

- Staying in the laundry room when washing and drying clothes.
- Keeping large sums of money in the bank and expensive jewelry and other items at home.
- Locking your car at all times and removing valuables from sight.
- Making an inventory list of the things you brought with you to campus.
Insurance

Although the college will use all reasonable efforts to protect students’ property, it is understood that the college is not liable for any loss. If applicable, students should determine whether their property is covered by their parents' homeowner insurance policy. If your property is not covered, you may wish to purchase a minimum contents coverage policy.

Parking

All resident students’ cars must display a valid Calvin College parking permit. You will be issued the appropriate parking permit based on where you are residing. You are allowed to park in lots corresponding to that permit. The parking and driving regulations provide detailed information on the appropriate permit and corresponding lots.

The parking areas adjacent to each residence hall are intended for short-term parking for your convenience. To be considerate of all guests and residents, they are appropriately marked: Lights On / 30 Minute Limit.

The lot North of Kalsbeek-Huizenga and designated lots east of the East Beltline are allocated for resident students’ cars. Parking is not allowed in the commuter student lots or the short-term lots between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. Residence hall students are not permitted to park their vehicles in the Fine Arts Center lot at any time.

Motorcycles and all other vehicles with gasoline motors must conform to college parking and driving regulations. Vehicles must display a valid Calvin College parking permit. Under no circumstance may they be brought into residence halls.

Driving on sidewalks is prohibited, unless permission has been requested from Campus Safety or a Residence Life staff member.

A complete description of college parking and driving regulations are available online or at the Campus Safety office. All students are expected to know and comply with regulations.

Bicycle Registration

All bicycles must be registered and labeled with a free bike permit which should remain on your bicycle at all times. Permits may be acquired through the Campus Safety website at www.calvin.edu/campus-safety, or by coming in to the Campus Safety office. You will need to know the make and model of your bicycle along with the serial number in order to register. Any bicycle that does not display a Calvin bike permit will be impounded by Campus Safety.
The on-campus living experience at Calvin College offers a unique and valuable opportunity for all residents to learn and grow within a Christian community of students from widely varying backgrounds, interests, and Christian traditions. **The college desires that all residents live comfortably within this environment, are able to integrate classroom learning with out-of-class experiences, and are challenged to grow in all aspects of life.** All Calvin students who do not live at home with their parents are required to live on-campus for at least their first two years after high school. Students who are 21, married, or part-time students are exempt from this residency requirement.

To accomplish our goals and better order our lives together, we have established certain rules and expectations for living in community here at Calvin. These rules are meant to be guidelines for mature, responsible conduct, but in no way cover all the possible conflicts and questions that arise during a year. Some of the policies are designed to create norms of behavior within a large, diverse group of people, while others are meant to preserve the appearance and function of college-owned property. We expect that members of our community will strive both to live within these guidelines and to be obedient to the explicit teachings of God’s Word.

Students involved in infractions of residence hall and campus policies as outlined here and in the Student Conduct Code will have a hearing with the Resident Director or may be referred to the Judicial Affairs staff. (See the Student Handbook for complete details on the Student Conduct Code, including the judicial and appeals process.) Appropriate sanctions will be given to restore the individual to healthy membership in the community. These sanctions include restitution, fines, community service hours, educational initiatives, probationary periods, and suspensions. Unless otherwise noted, a $50 fine applies to all policies, and fines may be converted to community service hours. **In addition, students on probation may lose certain eligibility or privileges such as hall or room choice, the ability to study abroad, or participate in intercollegiate athletics for a set period of time.**

### Community Areas

**Damage or Defacement:** Damage to residence hall property due to vandalism or unclaimed accidents (where individual responsibility can not be determined) may be charged to the entire floor or hall.

**Fire Extinguishers and Alarms:** Tampering with fire extinguishers, fire alarms, smoke detectors, or emergency procedures signs in or around the residence halls is prohibited. Violators are subject to a $500 fine and possible suspension.

**Furniture:** Furniture in public lounges and floor lounges may not be moved from these areas. Outdoor patio furniture must remain on the patio areas and not be moved to lawn areas.
**Hallways:** For the safety of all students the floor hallways of the residence halls must be kept clear and may not be used for storage. Items left in halls are subject to removal and a fine without notice by maintenance staff. In addition, biking, skating, roller-blading, and all other sports are not permitted in the residence hall complex.

**Laundry Room:** Only residents of the building are permitted to use laundry facilities for their personal laundry.

**Portrait Displays:** The portraits in the residence hall lobbies are original pieces of art. They depict the lives of the people for whom the halls were named. These portraits should not be tampered with in any way. No food, tape, or any other material should come into contact with the portraits or frames at any time.

**Public Spaces:** All public spaces are for the use and enjoyment of all residents and not for sleeping or excessive displays of affection.

**Roof and Sundeck:** Residents are not permitted on any part of the roof area of the hall or any campus building (up to $250 fine), nor are they permitted to throw items from the sundeck. The sundeck is open when weather permits and is locked at midnight.

**Sidewalk Chalk:** Announcements made with sidewalk chalk may not be written under overhangs, on bricks, or on any building.

**Student Rooms**

Student room and roommate assignments are made during the summer prior to each academic year. Students may change rooms or roommates only after proper authorization has been given by the Resident Director. Residents should always contact the Resident Director for housing assignment concerns.

Housekeeping functions are the responsibility of the student. Cleaning supplies are available in rooms or at the front desk but remain the property of Calvin College and may not be taken from campus. Students are not permitted to paint any area of their rooms. As a precaution, announced bathroom checks will be made by the Resident Director in January and before spring checkout. Calvin reserves the right to require room and bathroom cleaning at any time for health and maintenance concerns.

Under the terms of the Residence Hall Contract, each resident is held responsible for his/her actions which may result in damage to buildings, grounds, or college-owned furnishings. Residents are also liable to a service charge for any unusual housekeeping service which they may incur.

The college and its staff reserve the right to make routine maintenance inspections or to enter a student’s room without prior notification and/or permission when there is reason to believe there is a violation of college, state, or federal regulations. The college staff may also enter rooms for maintenance purposes during vacation periods.

*Any accommodation request in the residence halls such as a request for a single room or an air conditioner, etc. must be made through Academic Services after consultation with a disability coordinator.*
Aerials, Antennae, Satellite Dishes: are not permitted on the exterior of the building.

Alcohol and Alcoholic Beverage Containers (empty or full, including those thought to be decorative): are not permitted anywhere on campus, including rooms and vehicles. See the complete alcohol policy in the Student Handbook for community standards and sanctions, or see the alcohol section under Student Behavior in this booklet.

Appliances: Hot plates and all small appliances, except for coffee pots, are prohibited in student rooms. ONE refrigerator is permitted per room under the following conditions: a) the refrigerator may not be more than four feet in height. b) if alcohol is found in a student's refrigerator, the refrigerator may be permanently removed from the room and residents of that room may lose all privileges of having a refrigerator while living in Calvin residence halls. This is in addition to the normal disciplinary action for the possession of alcohol on campus.

Bed Bugs: Bed bugs are an increasing issue on college campuses. In an effort to remain bed bug free, we strongly discourage bringing second-hand furniture that has not been inspected for bed bugs. If you are found responsible for bringing bed bugs onto campus, you may be held liable for remediation costs.

Carpet: Students are responsible for all damage to room carpeting. No items (e.g. wires, extension cords, etc.) may be taped to the carpet.

Electrical Extension Cords: By order of the City of Grand Rapids Fire Hazard Inspector, no electrical extension cord shall be fastened or run through any doorway, partition wall, floor baseboard or casting, or run across any doorway or walking area, or placed under any rug.

Furniture/Room Accessories: Residents are responsible for the furniture provided by the college. Furniture may not be removed from student rooms. Waterbeds are not permitted in the rooms. Residents may not tamper with or remove room accessories (bulletin board, draperies, doors, or any other items fastened with hardware). Furniture must be stacked according to the manufacturer's design only, and no lumber supports or other structure may be used. Furniture may not be disassembled. Furniture must stay in its original room unless prior written approval from RD is received.

Lamps: Floor and desk lamps are permitted but must be UL approved. The college reserves the right to remove them if they are deemed to be a fire hazard. The use of CFL bulbs is encouraged.

Pets: (except fish) are not permitted in the residence halls. A per day fine will be levied for violations.

Posters and Room/Door Decorations: Inappropriate and/or offensive decorations, including any alcohol related posters or advertising, may not be displayed. The residence life staff reserves the right to require that decorations which it judges to be in conflict with the nature of Calvin College as a Christian academic community be removed. Students should exercise care in attaching
any room decorations to the walls, using removable tape or poster putty only (no duct tape). Students are responsible for removing all residue when they check out. Any damage to the room will be assessed to the student responsible.

**Routers:** Students are not permitted to have their own router or wireless network on campus as it may interfere with the student network.

**Windows/Screens:** Screens are not to be opened or removed from the windows and objects may not be thrown from open windows. Persons removing windows or opening or removing screens are subject to a fine as well as repair charges.

**Smoke Detectors:** may not be removed or tampered with in any way. Students may not remove batteries. A fine will be levied for tampering with or relocating the smoke detector. The college maintenance staff may undertake periodic room checks to make certain that the units are operating properly.

**Window Area:** Stereo speakers may not be placed in or directed out of windows. Discretion should be used with signs, cans, etc. Calvin reserves the right to require removal of any items from windows.

**Student Behavior**

**Alcohol:** As stated in the Student Conduct Code, use or possession of alcoholic beverages or of alcoholic beverage containers on campus is prohibited. Students present in a room where alcohol is present and/or being consumed will be in violation of this policy. Underaged possession or consumption and intoxication by any student are unacceptable behaviors for which the college has zero-tolerance. A student is subject to a fine of up to $150, educational and community service hours, disciplinary action, and parent/guardian notification (first offense) for such behavior, and his/her enrollment at Calvin College will be in jeopardy. The complete alcohol policy is found in the Calvin College Student Handbook.

**Athletic Activities:** Except for equipment provided in the recreation basement, athletic activities are not permitted inside the residence halls. In addition, skateboarding and rollerblading are allowed on campus paths, but campus architecture may not be used for stunts, and pedestrians have the right of way. Repeated athletic activities in the halls can result in fines up to $50.

**Candles and Incense:** Due to fire regulations, burning of incense, candles, or potpourri is prohibited in the residence halls. Electric potpourri pots are also prohibited. In addition to the risk of fire, these items produce aromas which are difficult to contain in one area.

**Complicity:** Students present with other students who are actively violating a policy of the college may be disciplined for complicity. Examples include, but are not limited to, alcohol or unprescribed drug violations.

**Computer Use:** The Student Conduct Code clearly prohibits certain behaviors that may be enacted by means of computer technology, such as theft, copyright violations, profanity, harassment, or pornography. See the Student Handbook for complete details on these policies. Violations may result in loss of access to technology at Calvin.
Cooperation with Staff: The orderly operation of a residence hall requires the cooperation of all students. Non-compliance with the residence life staff in the fulfillment of their job responsibilities is a violation of the Student Conduct Code and cannot be tolerated.

Dining Halls: Food items and dishes may not be taken from the dining rooms. Students who behave inappropriately in the dining halls (i.e. fraudulent use of ID cards, theft, throwing food, etc.) will be referred to the residence life staff for disciplinary action.

Disturbances: Raids, pranks, disturbances (which include, but are not limited to shouting obscenities, profanities, running through another hall, and destroying property), and “initiation” or hazing practices are not permitted. Students involved in such activities, which are demeaning to an individual and break down Christian community, will be subject to a disciplinary action and/or a fine of $100.

Fireworks: The use or possession of fireworks, firearms, or explosives of any kind is prohibited. Violators are subject to a $100 fine.

Language: Because the language we use can offend, hurt, or degrade individuals or God, students are asked to maintain high standards of communication. Profanity, obscenities, and hate speech are not appropriate in a Christian, academic community. Words which are abusive, insulting, intimidating, harassing and/or which incite others to violence, hatred or discrimination, when directed at people or groups based on who they are (or who they’re perceived to be) will not be tolerated. Examples are slurs regarding nationality, religion, ethnicity, skin color, socio-economic status, sexual orientation or disability.

Students should use caution when applying terms that could be misconstrued as disrespectful to vulnerable groups. Phrases such as “that is so gay” or “that is retarded”, when used out of their proper contexts, can be hurtful to individuals (or to those who know individuals) in such criteria.

Harassment: Calvin College prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or other characteristics protected by federal, state or local statute or ordinance. Calvin College affirms its commitment to maintaining a learning, working and living environment which is fair, respectful and free from harassment.

Noise Policy: To maintain an appropriate academic atmosphere and to promote healthy studying and sleeping patterns, Calvin College has established the following policies regarding noise in the residence halls and outdoor surrounding areas. Compliance with these policies is a key part in the well-functioning of our hall communities, as well as in the academic success of our students.

1. Courtesy Hours are in effect from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and until Midnight on Friday and Saturday. Courtesy to others is the key virtue.
   a. Voices should be kept at moderate levels.
   b. Sound generated through speakers and other amplification devices should be kept at low or moderate levels, and not directed out of windows or
doors. [Sub-woofers should be kept at low levels at all times, as this sound can not be contained to a room.]
c. Students seeking quieter space should be able to shut their room door and have minimal distractions from others’ noise.
d. If a student notices noise that is too loud or distracting, that student should respectfully ask the other student to minimize the noise. If the noise remains an issue, the student should seek out a residence life staff member. Requests to minimize noise should be honored, whether given by fellow residents or by staff members.
e. A break in Courtesy Hours will occur daily from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., where students can more freely play musical instruments or use their subwoofer and speakers, etc.

2. Quiet Hours are in effect from 11:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and Midnight to 9:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.*
   A quiet floor is not an option—it’s a right that all students should enjoy.
   a. Voices should be kept at low levels, particularly in hallways and stairwells—speak softly. Do not slam doors or run down hallways.
   b. Stereos, TVs, computers, sub-woofers, etc. should be kept at very low levels or not used. Use of headphones is encouraged.
   c. Students should be able to study and sleep with no distractions.
   d. Violations of Quiet Hours may result in $25 fines, removal of speakers or other noise-generating devices from rooms, or community service hours. Chronic issues may result in relocation or removal of students from housing.
   e. *Beginning one day before scheduled final exams, all halls will follow 24-hour Quiet Hours.

3. Each floor or hall community may increase Quiet Hours by vote, with 75% of residents agreeing in order for a change to be made. Quiet Hours may not be decreased. Hall activities councils or staffs may request exceptions to Courtesy and Quiet Hours from the Resident Director, for special events or stress release, and these exceptions will be communicated to the hall community via email.

Open House Hours: Students may visit members of the opposite sex in their rooms, halls, and stairwells only during designated open house hours. For a full explanation of this policy see Open House Policy and Procedures below.

Pornography: Involvement with pornography can be addictive and damaging to relationships—with others and with God. Pornography in all its forms (video, internet, print, etc.) is prohibited. Resources for help are available anonymously from the Broene Counseling Center.

Sexual Assault: Sexual Assault refers to any sexual act without the explicit consent of the recipient of the behavior. In some cases, this may involve force. Force may include, but is not limited to, the use of or display of a weapon, physical battering or immobilization of the other person. Consent shall be defined as the act of willingly and verbally agreeing to engage in specific sexual contact or conduct. Psychologically pressuring or coercing an individual or any attempt to take advantage of an individual under duress or when incapable of making a decision on his or her own is a direct violation of the policy. This includes situations in which an individual is under the influence of alcohol, drugs and/or prescribed medications.
Sexual Misconduct: Calvin College holds that premarital intercourse is in conflict with Biblical teaching, and that conduct promoting such intimacy (i.e. nudity, partial undress, lying or sleeping in bed together) is unacceptable. Persons engaging in such conduct face disciplinary action including parent/guardian notification, or suspension.

Smoking/Tobacco: The use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, cigars, pipes, and chewing tobacco are not permitted inside any campus building, including all residence halls. A limited number of designated smoking areas are available on campus for any guest or student who must smoke, though smoking cessation programs are promoted through Calvin's Health Services department. Hookah use is not permitted on campus. Littering of cigarette butts or other related products is inappropriate and unsightly, and will not be tolerated.

Soliciting: Soliciting, peddling, vending of all types, and distribution of literature are prohibited in the residence halls unless permission is obtained from the Dean of Residence Life.

Sunday Observance: Calvin students are expected to observe Sunday by keeping the spirit and purpose of the day. Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church services and an evening Calvin College worship service are held in the campus chapel each week. A number of local churches also provide transportation to their worship services. Calvin College's statement on Sunday observance can be found in the Student Handbook.

Theft: While theft can take many forms (borrowing furniture, stealing others’ laundry, taking an item which belongs to the college or dining hall, etc.), it will not be tolerated and could result in a fine (up to $100), restitution, other disciplinary action, or suspension.

Unprescribed Drugs and Paraphernalia: As stated in the Student Conduct Code, the possession, use, and/or distribution of all unprescribed chemical or biological substances that alter the physical, emotional, or mental state of a person and the paraphernalia associated with these substances (e.g water pipes, hookahs, etc.) are prohibited on campus. Violators may be suspended, as Calvin has zero-tolerance for drugs.

Water Fights: Water fights are not permitted inside the residence halls. Water is not to be transported inside the building or thrown from the sundeck or out of windows.

Weapons: No weapons of any kind are allowed on campus, except as authorized by the Board of Trustees. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, ammunition, explosives, swithblades, paint-ball guns, Air-soft guns, BB guns, potato launchers, bows and arrows, slingshots and similar devices. Exceptions for Campus Safety supervisors are governed by the college’s Use of Force Policy.
Open House Policies and Procedures

Open House at Calvin College is intended to promote healthy Christian relationships between men and women for the purpose of studying and socializing, within the context of large communities of students living under the same roof. The reasons these hours are limited are so that some privacy is assured for students and so that individual floors are able to create strong communities.

While the college recognizes students desire for privacy, it seeks to avoid situations of absolute privacy because of the potential for abuse. For this reason, a regulation of the open house policy is that one’s room door may not be closed when guests of the opposite sex are present. This policy provides some privacy for students, while at the same time recognizing the temptations which closed door privacy may represent. It seeks to create a setting which encourages responsible and thoughtful relationships between men and women. It also takes realistic account of the fact that some students confuse Christian liberty with sexual license or do not accept the standards of the college on sexual behavior.

The specific guidelines for open house are as follows:

1. During non-open house hours, men are not permitted in the private areas (which include the rooms, corridors, and stairwells) of women’s halls, and vice versa.

2. During open house hours, the room door is to remain open. To avoid accidental closing, the lock may be turned outward so that the door will remain out of the doorframe and will be free swinging. A door blocked by a dresser, bed, or other object is not considered open.

3. Also during open house hours, consideration must be given to roommates and other hall residents. Courtesy and quiet hours are still in effect.

   Failure to comply with the above policies could result in a fine, loss of open house privileges, probationary periods, and suspension for subsequent offenses.

Visitation hours are the following:

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Additional times during breaks and exams will be posted. Days and hours are subject to modification.