

The Wiess College Rules

Preamble:

The members of Wiess College are expected to conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that will not discredit Wiess College or Rice University nor injure themselves or others. Such conduct is expected not only within the bounds of Wiess College, but also whenever on any University property or at any official University or College Functions off campus. All Wiess College Members are also expected to abide by the Rice University rules, as documented in The Student Handbook and to abide by the Wiess College rules enumerated below.

I. UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE PROPERTY

- A. Abuse or destruction of University or College property is forbidden.
- B. Littering of public areas of the University or College is forbidden.
- C. Misuse of fire extinguishers, fire hoses, alarms, or other emergency equipment is forbidden.
- D. Persons damaging University or College property will be assessed full costs of repairs.
- E. Persons who are found guilty of damaging property and have not voluntarily reported the damage shall be assessed up to an extra 50% of the replacement or repair cost.
- F. Unauthorized possession of college property is strictly forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, flatware, silverware, and furniture.
- G. Flatware and silverware shall be used in accordance with Housing and Dining Policy.
- H. Any Wiessman who uses a Wiess facility (Private Dining Room, Movie Room, etc.) agrees to follow all rules of the facility, which will be clearly posted in the facility. Non-Wiessmen who wish to use Wiess facilities must obtain the appropriate approval.

II. SEARCH OF PRIVATE ROOMS IN THE COLLEGE

Room searches may periodically be conducted in accordance with the policy outlined in The Student Handbook.

III. EXCESSIVE NOISE OR DISTURBANCE

All College members have the right to sleep and study without unreasonable disturbance. Therefore, College members causing unreasonable disturbance and interfering with this right at any time are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Court. The Court shall

recognize University-wide quiet hours as outlined in The Student Handbook when determining whether a disturbance is unreasonable.

IV. UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

A. Unauthorized access to any roof of Wiess College is forbidden.

V. DRESS AND CONDUCT IN THE COMMONS

A. Shoes and shirt are required for all meals in the Commons.

B. Smoking is prohibited in the Commons.

C. Each student is expected to clean his/her own area after eating and to respect both Wiess Commons & Housing & Dining staff.

D. The College Court has the authority to advise college members to leave the Commons and the authority to dismiss college members from the Commons for not following these regulations.

VI. CONDUCT OF GUESTS

A. All guests are expected to comply with University and College rules.

B. Hosts are responsible for all the actions of their guests.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

A. Penalties for noncompliance with rules will be set annually by the Chief Justice and the Court-elect and be approved by a majority vote of the cabinet at the last cabinet meeting of the second semester. Appended to these penalties shall be a statement of philosophy and procedure of the Court-elect. This statement shall not restrict the actions of the court and need not have cabinet approval.

B. A copy of the penalties, and statement of philosophy and procedure will be posted in the commons and filed in the college office at all times.

C. The Court must give oral and written notification of an offense and of any accompanying penalty to the accused within seven (7) class days of the violation being reported.

D. Debts to the college of \$50 or less are payable to the Wiess College treasurer within two weeks of written and oral notification by a Court member. For debts over \$50, payment shall be determined on a case by case basis with the College Court. After these deadlines, such debts are subject to being placed on the individual's University bill and may be subject to a penalty.

VIII. RULES ORIENTATION

At the beginning of each academic year all College members shall receive a copy of the Wiess College rules along with accompanying penalties, and every new member, during Orientation Week, shall receive an orientation from the Chief Justice.

IX. AMENDING THE RULES

Amendments or additions to the Rules are made according to the Wiess College Constitution. The Historian of the Cabinet shall take care that an up-to-date copy of the rules are maintained by him/herself, the Wiess College President, the Court, and the Master. He/she shall also be responsible for ensuring that copies of the Rules are available to College members both by keeping copies in the College office and by posting them on-line.

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