



Inclusive Services

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Independent Living Policy

The Office of Inclusive Services (OIS) supports students in developing the independent living skills necessary for success in college, employment, and community life. Students living in UCCS housing will have opportunities to develop and strengthen the following skills::

- Managing their schedule
- Developing skills to resolve conflicts through restorative practices
- Maintaining a clean living space
- Doing laundry
- Planning and carrying out social events
- Following their roommate agreement
- Engaging in self advocacy

OIS staff and peer mentors provide instruction, coaching, and support to help students develop these skills and increase independence over time.

All students receiving services from the OIS will work on cooking and budgeting skills through their participation in OIS seminars.

OIS students living in UCCS housing must follow all UCCS housing requirements detailed in the UCCS housing contract and the [UCCS Student Code of Conduct](#).

Housing Requirements

- Participate in the development of your Roommate Agreement
- Follow your Roommate Agreement
- Follow your schedule and participate in all program requirements
- Maintain a schedule that allows for timely attendance at classes, work, appointments, and program activities.
- Complete an outing proposal and have it approved before hosting an event, planning an off-campus activity, or leaving campus on your own or with other students (If students master this skill, the OIS will let the student know that they no longer need to complete an outing proposal)
- Update your calendar, noting when you will not be on campus



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- Be respectful and respect the personal boundaries of others in your dorm (examples include, but are not limited to: enter private rooms by invitation only; keep clothes on in the common areas; do not touch others without permission; do not engage in harassing or inappropriate communication or any communication that makes others uncomfortable; ensure your tv and music volume is appropriate; use appropriate voice tone and volume when interacting with others)
- Maintain a clean room and shared spaces
- Communicate with staff as needed and respond to all staff communication promptly
- Inform OIS staff if you're unable to attend: class, your work site, required campus activities, or a scheduled housing/ or community involvement event
- Follow through with instructions and expectations from OIS staff
- Demonstrate appropriate behavioral self-management skills and utilize available supports when needed.
- Interact safely and respectfully in all situations and environments
- Manage requests for medical attention appropriately
- Maintain appropriate hygiene and dress
- No pets or live animals are permitted in UCCS housing except as allowed pursuant to the UCCS Animals on Campus Policy (UCCS Campus Policy 400-012).