

Pledge to Uphold Community Standards

American University Statement of Common Purpose

The central commitment of American University is to the development of thoughtful, responsible human beings in the context of a challenging, yet supportive academic community."

American University students residing in houses and apartments off-campus are expected to live in these facilities in a manner that respects neighbors and demonstrates the personal character that American University seeks in the students it enrolls. The University expects students to uphold their responsibilities as members of the community and to comply with the Student Conduct Code and the laws and ordinances of the District of Columbia.

The University retains authority over alleged infractions that occur during a student's matriculation or attendance at the university, including winter, spring, and summer breaks and periods of leave of absence from the university...Generally, the university will take disciplinary action for on-campus infractions of the Code. However, the university may take disciplinary action for off-campus infractions of the Code when a student's behavior threatens or endangers the safety and well-being of the campus community, when a student is the subject of a violation of local, state, or federal law, or when, in the judgment of university officials, a student's alleged misconduct has a negative effect on the university's pursuit of its mission or on the well-being of the greater community. [AU Student Conduct Code]

I have chosen to live in a residential neighborhood and understand that I have rights as well as obligations, both to my fellow students and to non-student neighbors. I understand that, as an individual living in the District of Columbia, I have the right to:

- live in a dwelling that is safe and code-compliant;
- live in a neighborhood that is clean and free from garbage;
- live undisturbed by excessive levels of noise;
- consult with DC laws covering my rights as a tenant.

I understand that the University is committed to:

- supporting me through the Office of Off-Campus Housing Services and the Office of the Dean of Students;
- providing a fair and transparent process in response to any issues related to my conduct or the conduct of my guests that are brought to the attention of University officials.

I understand that living off-campus comes with responsibility and obligations. I have these responsibilities and obligations as both an American University student and as a member of the community in which I live. I agree to:

- act in accordance with the values of American University, abide by the Student Conduct Code and American University policies, and comply with reasonable requests from university officials related to my management of noise, trash, home maintenance, vehicle rules and related issues;
- give particular attention to and inform my guests of the "**Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010**, which states, *It is unlawful for a person to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences. A person who violates this or any of the other provisions of this section will be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, will be fined up to \$500, imprisoned up to 90 days, or both.*"
- foster goodwill in my community by treating my student and non-student neighbors with respect;
- keep my property free of litter and garbage and dispose of my garbage in the proper manner;
- maintain my property by removing weeds, cutting grass, and shoveling my sidewalk in the winter;
- know and comply with the policies and requirements described in the Student Conduct Code.

I understand that, through the AU student conduct process, I am subject to sanctions for violations of the University Student Conduct Code, whether they occur on- or off-campus.

I have read and agree to the provisions of this pledge.

Student Name (print) Student ID Off-Campus address

Student Name (signature) Cell Phone Number