

Living in the Village Agreement 2017-2018 Academic Year

This is a full academic year agreement unless leaving on a University-sponsored program

Doris Twitchell Allen Village (DTAV) consists of five buildings that include Baumann-Nelson, Chandler, Lown, Smith Houses and Patch Hall. Village living is designed for upperclass students interested in experiencing a different, non-traditional collegiate lifestyle. These suite-style apartments present opportunities for responsible students to experience the benefits and challenges that exist in living with several other individuals and to generate skills necessary for independent living. Living in the village provides you the convenience of still living on campus while living more autonomously.

The majority of students requesting to live in DTAV/Patch must have a minimum of **40 completed credit hours as of December 31, 2016***. *For 2017-2018, each suite in Patch may have 1 resident with sophomore standing for Fall 2017 and a minimum GPA of 2.5. Each suite in DTAV may have 2 residents with sophomore standing for Fall 2017 and a minimum GPA of 2.5. Baumann-Nelson House in DTAV will house sophomore groups with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Residents of the village must be familiar with the community standards found in the Guide to Campus Living on the Residence Life website, and be willing and able to monitor their own actions and that of their guests. Specifically, small, counter-top appliances are permitted for use in the kitchen; however mini-fridges and additional microwaves are not. Fish in 10-gallon aquariums are permitted, as are service/support animals approved by Disability Support Services. Should a vacancy occur within apartments, the Housing Office reserves the right to fill vacancies**. Residents should be proactive and fill any vacancies occurring. Residence in this village is a privilege for upperclass students. Residents who display an inability to act according to community standards may find this privilege revoked.

All apartments are furnished. All furniture present in the apartment at check-in must remain in the apartment. There is no storage. Students are responsible for cleaning their own apartments and providing their own cleaning supplies, etc. A vacuum is typically available for check-out from the front desk during posted office hours.

The role of the village staff is more to be a resource for this community. A Community Coordinator and seven resident assistants staff the village. These staff members are available to meet with apartments experiencing difficulty living together, to refer you to available campus resources, and of course, for emergencies. Staff members hold office hours daily in an effort to assist you in meeting your needs.

Students interested in living in the village should thoughtfully choose their suite mates. It is recommended that you engage in prior discussions surrounding lifestyle issues such as meal-time preparation, apartment cleanliness, use of common/shared areas, etc. Living with others is very rewarding, but disagreements can occur. Having had these discussions prior to moving in together can reduce the amount of conflict regarding lifestyle issues. Your Resident Assistant can facilitate a roommate agreement upon your check-in if you request. *Please note that while apartments may be coed, the bedrooms within are not.* **It is the responsibility of suitemates in coed suites to fill vacancies.

Students assigned to an apartment shared by a Resident Assistant must understand that by choosing to live in that space, you may have access to confidential information or have individuals knocking at off-hours looking for a Resident Assistant. Should an irresolvable roommate situation occur, the Resident Assistant space is permanent; therefore, the other roommate would need to relocate. Finally, it is critical that our RA apartments be welcoming and observant to University and Housing policies. If you are assigned to an RA apartment but do not feel this is a good fit, you should contact Housing Services immediately.

Residence Life and the Housing Office wish to welcome you to the village. We hope your experience here is enjoyable and coincides with the advancement of your scholarship here at the University of Maine.

I have read the above description of the DTAV/Patch lifestyle and I understand my responsibilities as a resident of this upper class village.

Print Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Selected Meal Plan (including No Meal Plan) _____