

# Indiana University Bloomington

## 2016-2017 Unfurnished Apartment

### Housing Contract Terms and Conditions

This contract is between you and the Division of Residential Programs & Services (RPS) on behalf of The Trustees of Indiana University. Your acceptance of the terms of this contract is indicated by electronic submission of this contract. If you are under 18 years of age, this contract will not be effective unless your parent or guardian agrees to its terms via electronic submission.

You must agree to the contract terms before you may submit your housing preferences.

IU makes all assignments without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.

### Definitions

1. "Start Date" means the earlier of the date you move in, if you have arranged for early arrival, or
  - A. August 1, 2016 for 12-month contracts, or
  - B. August 17, 2016 for 10-month contracts.
2. "End Date" means the earlier of the "Cancellation Date" as defined below, or
  - A. July 31, 2017 for 12-month contracts, or
  - B. May 5, 2017 for 10-month contracts.
3. "Contract Term" means the period between the Start Date and the End Date of this contract.
4. "Unit" means the particular residential space to which you are assigned.
5. "Checkout" means the published checkout process for your particular apartment.
6. "Checklist" means being blocked from enrolling for classes or obtaining a transcript until you address identified academic or financial deficiencies. Failure to make payments required by this contract will result in being placed on the checklist.
7. "Cancellation Date" means:
  - A. The date you turn in your unit key(s) or key card and complete Checkout.
  - B. If you never occupy your unit, or if you vacate your unit and do not notify the Apartment Housing Assignment Office in writing, or if you vacate and do not complete Checkout, the Cancellation Date is the day the Apartment Housing Assignment Office learns that your assigned unit is vacant.
8. "Occupant" means a family member, dependent, or domestic partner identified in your contract who will be living with you in your assigned unit who is not a contract holder. You must get approval from the manager of assignments to have anyone live in the unit with you other than a roommate who also has a contract for the unit or an Occupant as defined in this Paragraph.

### Charges and Fees

9. IU Bloomington's enrollment deposit of \$100 for all new students is due by May 1, 2016. This is not an RPS fee, but it must be paid before your housing assignment will be made.
10. The apartments covered by this contract do not require a meal plan. Specific housing costs for the previous academic year are available online at [www.rps.indiana.edu/costs.cfml](http://www.rps.indiana.edu/costs.cfml), and final costs for the coming year are posted after Trustee approval in the spring semester.
11. There is a \$6 Apartment Family Council activity fee per academic term (fall, spring, and summer).
12. Charges for housing are billed monthly. All first-time RPS residents are required to make a non-refundable \$200 application fee payment at the time of contract submission.
13. Students who have left RPS housing for two consecutive semesters (excluding summer term) or more must pay a non-refundable \$100 processing fee charged to your bursar account.
14. If you arrange for early arrival, a per-day fee will be charged to your bursar account. If your contract is accepted after the Start Date, your housing charges will be adjusted on a pro-rated basis.

## Term and Cancellation

15. RPS may cancel this contract if you fail to: a) maintain eligibility requirements, b) make timely housing payments, c) comply with behavioral standards (Paragraphs 37 - 40) or d) if you are dismissed from IU.
16. Cancellation terms and associated fees (Paragraphs 35 & 36) will be billed to your bursar account. Before you make a decision to cancel, make sure you calculate the charges that will be assessed.
17. If this contract is cancelled prior to the end of the Contract Term, you must follow the cancellation procedures, pay the cancellation fees, and complete Checkout.
18. Renewal of the contract at the end of the Contract Term is not guaranteed.

## Eligibility

19. To be eligible to reside in an RPS apartment, you:
  - must be a registered IU student as defined in the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* at [www.iu.edu/~code/](http://www.iu.edu/~code/), and
  - must be at least 19 years of age, and
  - cannot be a freshman, and
  - must have either lived in an IU residence hall or apartment for two semesters or completed two semesters at another college or university, and
  - IU faculty and staff members are also eligible for unfurnished apartment housingOR
  - must be deemed eligible by the manager of apartment assignments
20. Convicted sex offenders are not eligible to reside in university housing. If RPS learns that a current or pending resident is a convicted sex offender, this contract will be cancelled.

## Assignments

21. Continuing residents may request to remain in the same apartment for the following contract year or may request another apartment and will be given priority in assignment over new applicants. New applicants will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
22. RPS will make a preliminary unit assignment; however, if RPS is unable to deliver possession of the unit preliminarily assigned, you agree to accept assignment to another unit.
23. RPS reserves the right to change your assignment in appropriate circumstances, including, but not limited to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, disciplinary reasons, catastrophe, renovation or closing of part or all of an RPS facility, consolidation of vacancies, or irresolvable incompatibility of roommates.
24. Where there are two or more contract holders for a unit and a vacancy occurs in a bedroom of the unit, you agree to either:
  - A. find another person to sign a contract for the space, or
  - B. assume the full contract charges for the apartment.
25. If you request and are granted a change in unit assignment after the Start Date of your contract, you agree to pay any associated adjustment in contract rates and a \$250 fee to process your request and clean the apartment you vacate. This fee will be billed to your bursar account.
26. Federal and state laws require that RPS notify you of the possibility that lead paint may have been used in the construction of some of our buildings. If applicable to your unit, you will be directed a link to the *Lead-Based Paint Disclosure* online, and you must electronically verify that you have read it before you will be allowed to occupy the unit.

## Conditions of Occupancy

27. Your assigned unit may be occupied by you and other Occupants you have registered with RPS. You may host overnight guests for three (3) consecutive nights. Roommates must give approval for you to host overnight guests.
28. You are responsible for keeping your assigned unit sanitary and safe. You agree to report any deteriorated conditions of your unit or its furnishings to your residence manager. You agree to pay for damaged or missing furnishings and damages to the unit.

29. When you vacate your unit, you agree to leave the unit in a clean, orderly condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted; and complete Checkout.

## Room Entry

30. IU reserves the right to enter your unit according to the procedures set forth in *The RPS 2016-17 Guide to Unfurnished Apartment Living* at <http://www.rps.indiana.edu/aptguide.cfm> for law enforcement purposes, as well as for custodial services, safety inspections, unit repair and maintenance, pest control, and emergency situations. In general, in non-law enforcement and non-emergency situations, twenty-four (24) hour notice will be given prior to entry.

## Keys/Key Cards

31. Depending on your particular residence hall, your key may be programmed access on your university ID or a unit key. If you misplace your ID or unit key, RPS staff may issue you temporary key or card to allow access while you obtain a replacement. All residence hall unit keys and key cards, including university IDs, are the property of Indiana University and may not be loaned or duplicated by residents. Programmed access is terminated on your university ID within 24 hours of Checkout. Residents must return unit keys and loaned key cards at Checkout; a fee will be charged to your bursar account for temporary keys or cards or if unit keys or loaned keys or cards are not turned in.

## Obligation to Vacate the Unit; Abandoned Personal Property

32. You agree to vacate your unit at the end of your contract, or within three (3) calendar days of losing eligibility for housing. In exigent circumstances, you may be directed to vacate immediately, and you agree to do so. You agree to pay the daily rental amount for any period that you hold over, and your bursar account will be billed for these charges.
33. If your contract term expires at the end of the academic year and you request and are approved for a renewal of this contract for the same unit for the next academic year, you may sign a separate contract to retain the unit to store your possessions during the summer between academic year contracts for a fee. Storage contracts and fee schedules are available from the Apartment Housing Assignment Office.
34. Personal property remaining in the unit after you vacate or abandon the unit will be disposed of by RPS after 15 days. Your bursar account will be billed the daily rate and any cost associated with disposal.

## Fees for Cancellation

35. To request to cancel this contract, go to [one.iu.edu/store/iub](http://one.iu.edu/store/iub) and select the "Cancel Housing Contract" button and log in. Complete the form and submit. If you are unable to complete this process online, contact the assignment office at [apthouse@indiana.edu](mailto:apthouse@indiana.edu) or call 812-855-6600 for assistance. All requests to cancel must include your full name, and ten-digit IU ID number.
36. Cancellation fees will be assessed in the following manner:
- A. First-time residents will be charged a \$600 cancellation fee for cancellations after July 15, 2016 and prior to the Start Date.
  - B. Continuing residents will be charged a \$600 cancellation fee for cancellations prior to the Start Date.
  - C. For cancellations occurring on or after the Start Date:
    1. You will be charged the daily rental amount through the Cancellation Date and a \$600 cancellation fee if you:
      - are a no-show, or
      - withdraw from IUB for the remainder of the academic year, or
      - withdraw for medical reasons, military service, an internship, student teaching, or overseas study experience, or
      - are suspended, expelled, or academically dismissed from the university
      - graduate.
    2. You will be charged the daily rental amount through the Cancellation Date and 60% of the remaining balance of the contract if you:
      - move into a fraternity/sorority house, or
      - move into an off-campus residence, or
      - are suspended or expelled from university housing, but remain enrolled at IUB.

## Behavior and Conduct

37. You agree to familiarize yourself with and comply with all rules and expectations for conduct set forth in *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct* at [www.iu.edu/~code/](http://www.iu.edu/~code/) (the "Code") and *The 2016-17 Apartment Rules & Regulations* at [www.rps.indiana.edu](http://www.rps.indiana.edu). Violations may result in assignment changes pursuant to the Assignments section of this contract, eviction proceedings, contract cancellation, and/or disciplinary action taken by the university.

38. RPS reserves the right to make a temporary reassignment to another unit or building if it is believed that you pose an imminent threat of physical or emotional harm to an individual, physical harm to property, or a significant threat to the stability of the community. This reassignment will be made pending referral to the Office of Student Ethics for appropriate action, which could result in your return to your original assignment, permanent reassignment, or cancellation of your contract.
39. RPS reserves the right to cancel your housing contract and require you to leave university housing when you have exhibited behaviors that significantly disrupt the life of the residential community or pose a serious risk to any resident (including self), student, staff, faculty member, or visitor. Depending on the circumstances, the conduct underlying the university's decision to cancel this contract may also be referred to the Office of Student Ethics for appropriate action.
40. You are responsible for your own actions and the actions of your apartment Occupants and guests while on university property. This contract may be cancelled if you or your Occupants or guests violate contract provisions, state law, federal law, university policies, or RPS policies.

## **Liability and Insurance**

41. The university does not assume responsibility for any loss to person(s) or personal property. It is recommended that you maintain adequate public liability insurance coverage and renter's insurance coverage for your personal property.

## **Payments; Late Fees; Other Remedies**

42. You agree to make your housing payments to the Office of the Bursar according to the bursar's posted schedule. You agree that failure to make required payments does not relieve you of the obligations and duties of the contract. Past due balances on any part of your bursar account, including charges associated with this contract, are subject to the bursar's posted late fees and will be billed to your bursar account.
43. You agree to pay all reasonable costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, court filing fees, collection agency fees, etc., incurred by the university in enforcing this contract.
44. The failure of the university to exercise its options under this contract does not constitute a waiver or relieve you from your remaining obligations and duties under this contract.