Below is an abbreviated version of our policies. For full list of codes and consequences, please see the Judicial Code on the Housing and Residence Life website or in your planner.

- **Alcohol Policy**
  The alcohol policy at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire states: students 21 years or older may consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms. No alcohol is allowed outside student rooms, and group parties are not allowed in student rooms. Students should be cognizant of the legal liability inherent in providing alcohol to any person who is not of legal age.

- **Substance-Free Rooms**
  A substance-free area is one where tobacco and alcohol are not permitted. Horan, Oak Ridge, Bridgman, Towers North and Towers South each have designated substance-free wings. These wings are designed for students who choose to live a substance-free lifestyle.

- **Smoking**
  Cigarettes, cigars, and pipe smoking in student rooms is prohibited in all residence halls and campus buildings. Campus law requires smokers to be at least 25 feet away from the halls, even in bad/cold weather.

- **Illegal Drugs**
  The use and/or possession of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited in University buildings or on University property. Possession or use will lead to civil, as well as University disciplinary action.

- **Fire Equipment**
  Fire-fighting equipment is located throughout each residence hall for the protection of residents. Tampering with fire hoses, fire extinguishers or fire equipment will be just cause for dismissal from the residence hall and the University.

  People placing false alarms, interfering with the proper functioning of the fire alarm system or interfering with the lawful efforts of fire fighters are subject to prosecution under Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 941. Penalties specified are fines up to $500, imprisonment up to one year, or both. Open flames of any kind, including candles, halogen lamps, and incense, are prohibited in the residence halls.

- **Visitation**
  Visitation is the privilege of having members of the opposite sex in residence hall rooms during designated hours. During the first month following the opening of school, students in the residence halls will have an opportunity to vote on a policy of 24-hour visitation.

  Residence hall student representatives requested that students be given the option of voting on one of the following weekday hours of visitation: midnight - midnight (24 hour visitation) or 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. (17 hour visitation). If 75% of residents in a hall vote for 24-hour visitation for either weekends or during the entire week, the residents of that hall may have guests stay with them on a given night with the approval and consent of both roommates.

  Roommates have the right to deny extended visitation as well as deny an overnight guest on a particular evening whenever that visitation or overnight guest has a negative impact on their right to sleep and/or study. An overnight guest is defined as any person who is not assigned to live in the room by the Housing and Residence Life Office.

  In cases where roommates cannot agree, the right of a person to occupy his or her room without the presence of an overnight guest shall take precedence over the right of a roommate to host overnight guests. All guests must abide by university and residence hall regulations. Students are responsible at all times for behavior of their guests. The staff of Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to require any guest to leave at any time. No guest may spend more than two consecutive nights in the residence hall.
Please note that students have the right to live in an area where no 24-hour visitation is permitted. Students who desire to have a 17-hour maximum visitation option may apply to live in Oak Ridge or Horan Hall where limited visitation floors will be set aside for those students who desire this option.

If you wish to live in the 17-hour visitation area (Oak Ridge for women, Horan for men) please note this under Residence Hall Preference on the On-Campus Housing Application.

- **Quiet Hours**
  During quiet hours there should be very little visiting in the corridors and no TV or stereos heard outside the doors of the rooms. Doors should be closed and students should refrain from loud talk and noisy activity in the hallways.

  Quiet hours are observed from 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. (to be voted on by residents in the fall) Sunday through Thursday and begin later on the weekends. Courtesy hours are observed when quiet hours are not in effect as a courtesy to students wishing to study or sleep.

- **Weapons**
  An objective of the residence halls is to ensure the safety of students living in these facilities. Therefore, possession of dangerous weapons of any kind (including, but not limited to firearms of any type, illegal chemical sprays, swords, sling shots, paintball guns, BB guns, Airsoft guns, toy guns that appear to be real firearms, bow and arrows, illegal knives, and knives used to threaten and/or cause harm or whose primary purpose is that of a weapon), and ammunition are not permitted. All firearms, air guns, ammunition, bows and arrows, and swords must be stored with University Police unless an exemption is granted by the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

- **Pets**
  For many reasons, including health and sanitation, pets are not permitted in the residence halls. Small fish are the only exception.

- **Room Damage**
  Each student signs a room inventory card shortly after checking in at the residence hall. All damages in the room upon arrival will be noted on the form. When damage occurs or repairs are needed, they should be reported to the resident assistant as soon as possible. Costs for damage to any hall property will be charged to the person responsible.

  Students should not give out their combination and should shut their doors when leaving their rooms since they are responsible for the contents of their rooms, even in their absence. Nails, tacks and tape of any kind can be particularly damaging to the furnishings and must not be used. Screens must not be unfastened in any way at any time. A service charge will be made to replace damaged screens and windows.

- **Cooking**
  Cooking is NOT permitted in the residence halls except in kitchens. Due to fire and safety concerns, heating and cooking appliances such as toasters, frying pans, space heaters, hot plates, waffle irons and grills are prohibited. The only appliances permitted are irons, coffee makers, corn poppers, personal computers, small refrigerators, and small microwave ovens. The Housing and Residence Life Office reserves the right to remove unauthorized or dangerous appliances.