I. Policy

Visitation is defined as those times during which residents may have guests in their rooms, suites, apartments or in the public areas of residential floors. A guest is defined as a person not assigned to that space. Specific visitation plans outline the maximum hours during which visitors or guests may visit. Within these plans, the shared concerns and wishes of the roommates are of paramount importance and determine acceptable or unacceptable visitation privileges within a specific room. Visitation is a privilege that is subordinate to a resident’s right of privacy within her or his room. Residents may not exercise their visitation privileges if doing so interferes with the rights of the roommate or of other residents.

USC’s residence halls differ in their visitation hour plans. Each of the four plans outlined below show when members of the opposite gender are allowed in the halls under that plan.

A. Plan A

1. Opposite gender visitation in this facility is restricted 24 hours/day, seven days/week.

2. No buildings fall under this policy

B. Plan B

1. Opposite gender visitation in these facilities will be from 9 a.m. – 2 a.m. seven days/week.

   a. Bates House

   b. Capstone
c. Columbia Hall
d. Maxcy
e. McClintock
f. Patterson Hall
g. Sims
h. The Roost
i. South Tower
j. Wade Hampton

2. At the conclusion of the fall semester, each Plan B floor may, if they choose, vote to adjust their visitation to Plan C if the majority of students favor such a change. Roommate Contracts, however, always supersede visitation guidelines.

C. Plan C

Opposite gender visitation in these facilities will be from 9 a.m. – 2 a.m., Monday through Thursday; and 9 a.m. Friday – 2 a.m. Monday.

D. Plan D

Visitation in these facilities will be self-regulated by residents of each living unit due to the nature, population and construction of these facilities.

1. 820 Henderson St
2. Bates West
3. Carolina Gardens
4. Cliff Apartments
5. East Quad
6. Green Quad
7. Honors Residence
8. Horseshoe Apartments (Pinckney/Legare, Rutledge, Harper/Elliott, DeSaussure, Woodrow, Thornwell)
II. Procedures

Staff members are available to assist residents in signing in their guests. It is the resident’s responsibility to register their guests.

Within the approved visitation hours, all guests must be signed in at the entrance of each residence hall desk and escorted by the host at all times. Each guest and host must present picture ID’s to the staff member working at the main entrance. The staff member at the desk will enter the name of the guest in the sign-in log and will retain the guest ID. The guest ID will be returned when the host and guest sign out at the desk. A resident is permitted to sign-in a maximum of four (4) guests but only if the resident has approval from the roommate(s) for all guests. At all times, residents must have their student ID.

Plans C and D only: For late night visitation (between 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.), on days and at times when visitation is permitted, a resident must have the approval of all roommates. Any time a resident prefers to have no guest in their room, that preference supersedes any visitation privileges. Additional regulations may be implemented by residence hall governments or staff. Residents will be advised of such additions or changes.

Certain residence halls are exceptions in which residents are not expected to sign in their guests (820 Henderson, Carolina Gardens, Cliff Apartments, East Quad, Green Quad, Honors Residence, Horseshoe Apartments (Pinckney/Legare, Rutledge, Harper /Elliott, DeSaussure, Woodrow, Thornwell), McBryde, and South Quad). Visitation privileges in no way alter other residence hall regulations, including quiet hours.

A. Undergraduate Student Housing Restrictions

1. The hosting resident will be responsible for the conduct of his/her guest(s) at all times and must be present with the guest(s) at all times. Guests and hosts alike are responsible for knowing and abiding by all regulations and either or both may be subject to disciplinary action for violations. Please note that cohabitation is strictly prohibited within all single student residence halls.

2. Residents may be permitted to have overnight same gender guests for a maximum of two consecutive nights provided that approval is given by all roommates and that the guest is appropriately registered. No guest may stay more than two nights by changing hosts. Roommate Contract supersedes visitation plan.
3. Persons between 12 and 16 years of age may not be overnight guests at any time without the written permission of the Director of Residence Life or designee. Guests and residents must be of the same gender. Requests must be received 72 hours prior to the desired visitation date. Persons under 16 years of age visiting at any time must be registered at the desk with the host’s ID and escorted at all times by the host. In cases of special events, all requests may be denied. No babysitting is allowed in the residence halls. Residents who are parents and have their children visiting the residence hall will need prior approval from their roommate and the Director of Residence Life.

4. Failure to gain the approval of roommates or to register the guest will result in the guest being asked to leave and referral of the resident student for disciplinary action. A resident’s visitation privileges may be suspended until the case is resolved.

B. Family and Graduate Student Housing Restrictions

1. The hosting resident will be responsible for the conduct of his/her guest(s) at all times and must be present with the guest(s) at all times. Guests and hosts alike are responsible for knowing and abiding by all regulations and either or both may be subject to disciplinary action for violations. Please note that cohabitation is strictly prohibited within all single graduate apartments.

2. Guests, including family members not on the lease, are not permitted to occupy an apartment beyond a five (5) day period without prior approval from the Assignment Coordinator of Family and Graduate Housing. Current and specific information regarding the registering of guests can be received from the Family and Graduate Housing Office.

3. Failure to gain the approval of roommates or to register the guest will result in the guest being asked to leave and referral of the resident student for disciplinary action. A resident’s visitation privileges may be suspended until the case is resolved.

This policy is not intended for the safety and security of any residents, but is designed to address the privacy of roommates.

III. Reason for Revision

Policy revised to reflect current visitation plans and consolidate different floor visitation plans so that the entire building has the same plan.