Mission Statement
As a Christian liberal arts university, Milligan University seeks to honor God by educating men and women to be servant-leaders.

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Introduction
The Student Handbook is maintained for the Milligan University community by the Student Development Office and is available online at www.milligan.edu/student-handbook/. The information described in this document is subject to change by the university at any time. All changes, corrections, or additions should be reported to the Student Development Office for the following year’s handbook.

The information in this Handbook applies to all students – both undergraduate and graduate – of Milligan University. Graduate, Professional Studies, and Seminary students should also refer to any program specific handbooks provided by the faculty.

A student’s matriculation and enrollment at Milligan University is their pledge to uphold the policies and expectations outlined in the Student Handbook and Catalog.

Definition of Traditional & Nontraditional Students

TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
Students who are 24 years old and younger are considered traditional. Policies for this student population are applicable to both residential and commuter students, regardless of their academic program enrollment.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
Students who are 25 years old and older OR enrolled in a graduate level program (as their primary program of enrollment) are considered non-traditional.

General Info

Staff Directory
The staff directory provides information to connect to Milligan faculty and staff. Phone numbers, emails, and job title information is found in the online directory at www.milligan.edu/people.

Academic Calendar
The academic calendar for the current year and other academic calendars and schedules can be viewed at www.milligan.edu/academics/#schedules.
Inclement Weather Schedule
Change in schedule due to weather-related or other unforeseen circumstances will be sent out via the RAVE alert system as well as campus email. The schedule can be viewed at www.milligan.edu/academics/#schedules.

Campus Hours
Unless otherwise indicated, most main campus office hours are open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 p.m. Campus hours for most facilities can be viewed at www.milligan.edu/student-life/campus-hours/.

Lost and Found
All articles found on the campus are to be turned in at the Registrar’s Office.

Center for Calling & Career Development
A comprehensive approach that spans the entire student experience, the Center for Calling and Career Development is a place where students can seek answers to questions of vocation and find opportunities to work and serve. Career services are available to all undergraduate and graduate students. You may make an appointment for individualized services or visit our offices located on the top level of the McMahan Student Center (SUB). Learn more at www.milligan.edu/career/.

General Policies

Disability Services
Information about disability services can be viewed in the Catalog or at https://www.milligan.edu/disabilities/. This includes the Process of Establishing Accommodations, the Establishment of Academic Experiences for Students Seeking Accommodations and Determining Essentialness, and the Appeal and Formal Grievance Procedure for Individuals with Disabilities.

FERPA
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law which affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. Students can authorize access for their parent(s) to their education records and allow oral and written communication with university personnel by completing an authorization form and submitting it to the Registrar’s Office. View full information about FERPA in the Catalog or at www.milligan.edu/FERPA.

Photograph Release
From time to time our students and employees may be identified or photographed for publication, broadcast, transmission and/or electronic display by the news media or university public relations officials. Unless a written statement to the contrary is filed with the Office of Student Development at the beginning of the semester, students and employees of Milligan University waive their model rights to be photographed for the university’s print and online publications without prior notice.
Postal Mailing Address Policy

All students are responsible for keeping their permanent home mailing address and current local postal mailing address up-to-date with the university. Students must go to the Registrar’s Office to notify the university if their address changes.

To receive mail on-campus, each individual student must rent a PO Box online. Boxes may not be shared by multiple students. Any mail sent to students at any university address other than a post office box rented by the student will not be delivered. Student mail is not delivered to residence halls or any other locations on campus. All mail sent through the US Postal Service should be addressed to:

Student’s Name
PO Box # (for the post office box rented by the student)
Milligan, TN 37682

Packages sent U.P.S. or other ground service should be addressed to:
Student’s Name, C/O Milligan University Physical Plant
Student’s Residence Hall and Room Number
130 Richardson Road
Milligan, TN 37682

As mentioned above, this address is for the delivery of packages only. Any regular student mail such as letters, cards, magazines, bills, etc. received at this or any other Milligan address will not be delivered.

Academic Policies

Catalog

The Milligan University Catalog is the official source of academic policies and information about the university and its academic programs. It may be viewed at www.milligan.edu/catalog/

Student Conduct & Expectations

Please refer to the Milligan Returns Home plan for up-to-date expectations and policies with regards to Covid-19 safety

Expectations & Responsibilities for Students

All students at Milligan are expected to uphold the expectations and responsibilities for student lifestyles at Milligan University as described in this handbook. Milligan University adopts specific rules on the basis of the belief that God’s Word, as the final rule of faith and practice, speaks on many matters pertaining to personal conduct. Therefore, behavior that conflicts with Scripture is unacceptable. Historically, communities also have developed guidelines that help put into practice basic moral and
social principles. Such standards serve as a guide toward worthwhile goals relevant to one’s academic, spiritual, social, and physical well-being.

Students should consult the Student Handbook for further guidance regarding acceptable conduct while enrolled at Milligan University. A student’s matriculation and enrollment at Milligan University is their pledge to uphold the policies and expectations outlined in the Student Handbook and Catalog.

A Christian Academic Community

Membership in an academic community of Christians carries with it certain responsibilities. Because Milligan University seeks to provide a quality education in an appropriate Christian setting, by virtue of their enrollment, students agree to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Milligan community.

Historically, individuals, groups, and communities have developed rules as a guide toward their goals. Rules also help us to put into practice our basic moral and social principles. They help us provide order and structure in relationships with others in the community. What basis is there for Milligan rules?

We at Milligan adopt specific rules on the basis of our belief that God’s Word, as final rule of faith and practice, speaks specifically on many matters. Behavior that conflicts with Scripture is unacceptable at Milligan.

In addition, Scripture condemns such attitudes as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, bitterness, needless anger, an unforgiving spirit and harmful discrimination. The Milligan community is obliged to renounce these behaviors and attitudes and seek God’s forgiveness and help so that we may grow in grace and righteousness.

Other rules are based on civil law. As Christians, we do not normally disobey the government, except in rare instances where obedience to civil authorities would conflict with Scriptural teachings. Even then, each individual would submit to the consequences of such behavior. Members of the Milligan community are expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state of Tennessee, and the nation.

We acknowledge that our behavior can have an influence on our University community, and the city and larger society of which we are a part. Many of these rules reflect our concern of not giving unnecessary offense to others who find some things spiritually and morally questionable. This spirit is reflected in the individual’s personal and academic integrity; respect for the dignity, rights, and property of others; discouragement of bigotry while learning from differences in people and their ideas; and demonstrations of caring and concern for others. Members of the Milligan community are expected to subject themselves to the self-discipline necessary to conform to these standards.

These rules apply to students while they are under the jurisdiction of the University, that is, while enrolled in a University program or residing in University-approved housing; and are expected to exercise restraint in these matters even when not under University jurisdiction.

We do not pretend that our rules are perfect. Neither do we expect everyone to agree about all our rules. We do ask an understanding of why we have rules, integrity in keeping them, a positive attitude, and the use of proper procedures in improving them.
Our rules, then, are not to be viewed as legalistic degrading impositions, but an attempt to do what is Biblically and morally right, to act out of love, to consider the effects of what we do on ourselves and the community, and to pursue our goals in an orderly, structured fashion.

Those who for some reason refuse to accept these responsibilities forfeit their privilege of membership in the Milligan community.

Those who accept the challenge of community living here at Milligan will not only realize academic growth, but satisfying personal relationships with others, and continuing spiritual growth and development.

**Student Conduct Guidelines**

1. Milligan students are expected to select clothing which is suitable for the various activities of the University. Faculty has the prerogative to determine appropriate attire for their classes and dismiss from class students who are not appropriately attired.

2. A Christian community is built upon respect for truth, for others, and for their personal property. Lying, cheating, stealing, and plagiarism are not consistent with the standards of a Christian institution and are therefore unacceptable at Milligan University. Academic dishonesty (the intentional misrepresentation of all or part of one’s work to deceive for personal gain, or assisting another to do the same) is a serious offense which undermines the bonds of trust and honesty between members of the university community and defrauds those who may eventually depend upon our knowledge and integrity. Since academic dishonesty is related to a student’s class work, the appropriate response is vested in the professor or academic administrator, as follows. Depending upon the nature and extent of the offense, the student may receive a failing grade on the work in progress, or a failing grade in the course. Incidents of flagrant academic dishonesty may be referred to the University Discipline Committee for resolution. In all cases, the professor will notify the student, in writing, of the offense and the sanction. A copy of the notification will be provided to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will inform the Dean of Students. With the exception of cases referred to the Discipline Committee, the student may request further hearing via the Academic Grievance Procedure.

3. In accordance with the university’s “Statement Concerning Human Sexuality,” any form of sexual immorality is prohibited. Milligan University expects and challenges all members of its community to fulfill God’s intention for appropriate sexual expression. The University provides appropriate guidance and support in encouraging persons to achieve this ideal, considering all circumstances relevant to a particular situation and responding in a manner that is most consistent with its mission as a Christian institution.

4. All on and off campus social dancing functions must be pre-approved by the Campus Activities office. All functions must be sponsored by an existing, recognized campus organization. All functions must be scheduled through the Campus Activities office and coordinated with the master calendar. All functions must have a minimum of 1 staff members present to supervise activities. All set-up and clean-up functions are the
responsibility of the sponsoring organization with supervision from the campus activities office.

5. Students tempted to engage in pranks are urged to consider carefully such possible implications as property damage, disruption of individual rights and privacy, infringement of an orderly campus environment, unusual hardship to the University maintenance staff, and interruption of the normal functioning of the campus schedule.

6. Tampering with fire equipment on campus constitutes a serious threat to the safety and welfare of the community and may be sufficient grounds for expulsion. Fire regulations require that passageways and fire exits remain clear at all times. During a fire or fire drill, no student shall knowingly refuse to evacuate a building. No student shall set off a false alarm.

7. The possession and/or use of weapons is strictly prohibited on property, facilities or vehicles owned, leased, rented, or used by Milligan University, or otherwise under the control of Milligan University.

A weapon is defined as an instrument, substance, or object which is or may be used to threaten or cause actual bodily harm, and includes but is not limited to the following: firearm, ammunition, explosives, explosive weapon, slingshot, switchblade knife, blackjack, knuckles, martial arts equipment, stun guns, paintball guns, BB guns, air rifles, crossbows, bows and arrows, knives with a blade length exceeding 4 inches, items manufactured, altered, or used as a weapon or which cause another item to become a weapon, or any instrument, substance or object which might reasonably under the circumstances be used or perceived as a weapon. This is not meant to include accessories, tools, and objects normally used solely for preparation of food, instruction, personal grooming, and maintenance.

The carrying of, possession, or use of a weapon is a violation of the rules, regulations, and policy of Milligan University, and will result in campus discipline. The offender also may be referred to local law enforcement for criminal charges.

Nothing in this section shall apply to law enforcement officers or to security officers approved by Milligan University in compliance with state and federal law. This Weapons Policy DOES apply to weapons used for educational purposes unless the weapon used for educational purpose has been approved by either the Dean of Students or the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

8. Milligan University prohibits the use, possession, and influence of alcohol or illegal drugs on campus and at any university functions on or off campus.

Milligan is committed to the intellectual and personal development and Christian discipleship of all students and seeks to emphasize education about the choices, risks, and personal responsibility regarding the use of alcohol.

Alcohol misuse inhibits students' development and is negatively correlated with academic success and personal safety. The vitality of the academic community relies on each member taking personal responsibility for his or her actions, including the use of alcohol and for safeguarding the well-being of others. Therefore, Milligan University expects students to
observe state laws regarding alcohol use, particularly those that address underage drinking, and the university holds students accountable for their choices regarding alcohol.

Students may not possess alcoholic beverages or empty alcohol containers on campus, on university property, in personal vehicles on university property, when participating in school sponsored functions/activities, or in on-campus student living areas. Students present in a residence hall room or in an on-campus apartment where alcohol is present and/or being consumed may face disciplinary action for complicity with an alcohol violation.

Milligan students who are 21 or older and who make a decision to consume alcohol are expected to do so responsibly and to honor the biblical expectations of moderation. Milligan students are expected to observe scriptural instructions which caution against intoxication. Intoxication can occur when consuming alcoholic beverages and also with a variety of other intoxicants, some of which are legal and some of which are not. Students whose drinking creates a risk of danger to the health and safety of themselves or others are subject to disciplinary action.

Students, regardless of age, present in an off-campus setting where alcohol is consumed by an underage student may face disciplinary action for complicity with an alcohol violation. Students who host off campus gatherings are responsible for ensuring the safety, well-being, and conduct of their guests, whether the guests are invited or uninvited. Hosts are responsible to ensure that all guests who choose to consume alcohol do so according to the biblical standard of moderation and university policy.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

A. Possession of alcohol or empty alcohol containers on campus.
B. Underage possession and/or consumption of alcohol
C. Complicity in an alcohol violation
   Definition: A student who is present and fails to intervene in a situation where another student(s) violate(s) the Milligan University drug or alcohol policy.

D. Under the influence of alcoholic beverages/intoxication
E. Misuse of alcohol: rapid consumption of alcohol, binge drinking, or actions that may endanger the well-being of self or others
F. Provision and/or distribution of alcohol to students under 21 years of age
G. Irresponsible hosting of event at which alcohol is present
H. Alcohol-related vehicular violations

Violations will result in disciplinary options outlined below:

The student may choose which option listed under the disciplinary sanctions he/she prefers for a first offense. If a second offense occurs, the student may be dismissed. In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226), the University prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students on University property or as any part of University activities. Possession, use and/or distribution of any illegal drug are serious offenses. Consequently, any offender
is subject to immediate dismissal. Sanctions imposed for violation of these guidelines shall be consistent with local, state, and federal law and may include expulsion from the University. Incidents may be reported to proper legal authorities for prosecution by government officials.

9. If a student is convicted of any criminal offense(s) other than minor traffic violations subsequent to admission, the student is required within three (3) days after such conviction to report to the Dean of Students the date and nature of the conviction and the court location. The Dean of Students, in consultation with university counsel, will determine whether disciplinary action is warranted, possibly including dismissal from the university. Students who fail to report a new criminal conviction may be dismissed.

10. No student shall fail to comply with a reasonable and lawful request or direction by members of the faculty, administrative staff members, residence hall staff, or other University employees acting in the performance of their duties. Students must be prepared to provide proper identification upon request of a University official.

11. Harassment, threats, or intimidation, whether verbal or physical, of any member of the University community is considered a very serious offense and will be dealt with accordingly. Bullying is defined as repeated inappropriate behavior, direct or indirect and by one or more persons which undermines an individual’s rights to dignity. Hazing of students is an unacceptable activity and will result in strict disciplinary action. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created on or off campus which causes or is likely to cause mental or physical danger or harm. Any activity which can be termed unsanitary, dangerous, or degrading, or potentially so is unacceptable. Acts that fall under harassment include verbal acts and name-calling; bullying, repeated inappropriate behavior, direct or indirect and by one or more persons which undermines an individual’s rights to dignity; graphic and written statements, which may include use of cell phones or the Internet; or other conduct that may be physically threatening, harmful, or humiliating. Harassment does not have to include intent to harm, be directed at a specific target, or involve repeated incidents. Harassment creates a hostile environment when the conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent so as to interfere with or limit a student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or opportunities offered by the school. Harassment, threats, or intimidation, whether verbal or physical, of any member of the University community, including, but not limited to, such actions based on race, religion, gender, disability, age, economic status, ethnicity, national origin, or sexual orientation is considered a very serious offense and will be dealt with accordingly.

12. Sexual harassment and racial harassment have been held to constitute forms of discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972.

Sexual harassment is defined by Title IX and its implementing regulations as conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

(1) An employee of the recipient conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the recipient on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
(2) Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the recipient’s education program or activity; or


13. Smoking or the use of tobacco or tobacco related products OR products which stimulate the use of tobacco (i.e. mechanical/electronic cigarettes/cigars) in any form is not permitted on the campus of Milligan University. Violation of this policy will result in: 1st Offense: Warning; 2nd Offense: $25 fine; 3rd Offense: Referral to Dean of Students.

14. In accordance with Tennessee Law, students are forbidden to engage in any form of organized raffles or gambling.

15. No one, including faculty, staff members, as well as outsiders, is permitted to sell, solicit, or conduct any business operation or distribute literature in the residence halls or on campus without written permission from the Student Development Office.

Disciplinary Guidelines

Disciplinary action at Milligan University is viewed as a means of guiding students toward developing Christian responsibility and maturity. This disciplinary action is effected at the discretion of the Dean of Students subject to the Disciplinary Committee, if a formal hearing is requested.

The University reserves the right to refuse, suspend, or dismiss any student without assignment of reasons, if such action is deemed to be in the interest of the University. Public disclosure of reasons shall be at the discretion of the President. Incidents of sexual harassment including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking will be addressed though the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Notification of disciplinary charges, or any ensuing correspondence, may be sent to the parents/guardians of any financially dependent student. Persons on Social Probation may have specific restrictions or sanctions imposed.

I. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

A. Composition

The Discipline Committee shall consist of seven (7) members composed of three (3) students, three (3) faculty members and a voting Chairperson who shall be a member of the faculty. The Committee members shall be appointed by the President of the University as early as possible following nominations submitted to him by or no later than the first ten (10) days of the Fall Semester. The President of the student body, shall nominate the three (3) student members. The Dean of Students, in consultation with the Academic Dean, shall nominate two (2) faculty members and the Academic
Dean, in consultation with the Dean of Students, shall nominate one (1) faculty member. The Chairperson shall be nominated and appointed by the President of the University. Additional nominations shall be made as aforesaid if any nomination is rejected by the President of the University. Student members of the committee will not participate when cases of potential violations of the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy are heard by the committee.

B. Term of Service
The faculty members, including the Chairperson, shall serve for a one year term, which shall conclude at the end of Summer session. The student members shall serve for one (1) year term unless a student member will not be attending both Summer School sessions, in which case, his or her service will end with the close of the Spring Semester. Summer Session student member(s) will be nominated by the President of the student body, elected in the Spring Semester with the advice and consent of the Student Government Association and shall be appointed by the President of the University for the Summer Sessions.

C. Vacancies
Vacancies, for any unexpired term, shall be filled by the President of the University following the nomination procedures above. Vacancies shall be filled as soon as possible following notice to the President of the University of such vacancy and upon submission of nominations, such notice being made by the Chairperson of the Discipline Committee. The members of the Discipline Committee may be reappointed for additional terms.

D. Quorum
A quorum shall consist of five (5) members to always include the Chairperson, two (2) faculty members. When potential violations of the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy are heard, a quorum will consist of three (3) members, always to include the committee chair and two (2) faculty members.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Notice of Charge
Upon receiving notification of a potential violation to the Student Code of Conduct, the Dean of Students shall conduct an investigation and, when warranted, cause a written charge to be made setting forth the person charged, the specific nature of the alleged offense, the time of the alleged offense, if known, and the disciplinary action recommended by the Dean of Students or Academic Dean. The student may choose to accept the disciplinary action recommended by the Dean of Students or Academic Dean.

B. Hearing
Should the accused student desire a hearing regarding the charge, he/she shall request such hearing in writing to the Chairperson within three (3) business days to the receipt of the charge. The Chairperson, upon receipt of a written hearing request, shall set a hearing date within three (3) business days following such hearing request, providing at least twelve (12) hours’ notice of the time of the hearing to the accused student and the members of the Discipline Committee.
C. Conduct of Hearing
The Dean of Students or his or her designee shall first present such evidence as desired to support or prove the charge. Thereafter, the accused student may present any evidence in defense or mitigating evidence. The accused student may be supported by anyone from the Milligan University community, including a fellow student, faculty member, staff, administrator, or parent. Witnesses are limited to individuals bringing evidence or eye witness accounts. The Chairperson may limit the number of witnesses giving repetitious evidence. The Discipline Committee Chairperson may reschedule such hearing, from time to time, to receive any additional evidence.

The Chairperson shall rule on the admissibility of all evidence. The accused student shall not be required to give evidence against himself but if the accused student does testify he/she may be required to answer any question touching on the inquiry and the refusal to respond may be considered by the Discipline Committee.

The Chairperson shall permit the presentation of all relevant testimony by the accused student, subject to the restriction set forth above.

D. Decision
The Discipline Committee shall adjourn to Executive Session to make its decision, which shall be made by a majority vote. The Executive Session shall be closed to the public. The Discipline Committee, in Executive Session, may call the Dean of Students and/or the accused student into the Executive Session for any purpose. The Discipline Committee shall render its written decision within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the testimony and transmit same forthwith to the accused student, the student’s faculty advisor, Dean of Students, Academic Dean, and the President of the University, together with its recommended disciplinary action, which action may be that proposed by the Dean of Students or any other Disciplinary Sanction it deems appropriate, if any.

E. Appeal After Formal Hearing Occurs
Should the accused student or the Dean of Students desire to appeal the decision, or recommended disciplinary action of the Discipline Committee, the appeal shall be made in writing to the President within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of the decision of the Discipline Committee by the appealing party. Said appeal shall set forth, specifically, the reason the appealing party believes the decision is erroneous, what witnesses or evidence is believed to support the appealing party, and shall be signed by the appealing party. Copies of said appeal shall be delivered to the Chairperson of the Discipline Committee, the Academic Dean (if appropriate), the Dean of Students, or the accused student (if appropriate) and the President. The Chairperson of the Discipline Committee, upon receipt of an appeal, shall deliver the signed appeal, the record of the hearing (if any) together with any other evidence to the President.

F. Appeal to the President
The President of the University may decide the appeal on the record developed in the Discipline Committee hearing or may request a further hearing or private conference with the accused student and/or the Dean of Students. The President shall render a decision on the appeal within a reasonable time following receipt of same. The President may affirm the Discipline Committee’s decision, reverse the decision, modify
the same, including the disciplinary action, or may send the matter back to the Discipline Committee for further hearing and/or decision.

G. Support Persons
All parties to a the investigation, hearing, appeal, and resolution of a potential violation of the student conduct policy shall be provided with the same opportunities to have others present during interviews and/or any further proceedings, including the opportunity to be accompanied by the support person of their choice. Support persons serve the roles of support, guidance and advice to complainants and respondents. While support persons are permitted to attend any meeting, interview, or other proceedings, their participation is limited to the roles listed above and support persons are not permitted to represent, speak for, or actively participate in any proceedings or disciplinary process. Support persons who are disruptive or do not comply with this policy may be removed or dismissed.

III. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS
The student receiving one or more of the following sanctions shall be considered to be on social probation. The Dean of Students shall enforce all sanctions and keep all other affected offices and persons informed. The following sanctions may be imposed:

A. General
The student may be compelled to either do or avoid doing action specified which shall be commensurate with the offense(s).

B. Warning
Notice in writing may go to the student warning that continuation and/or repetition of this conduct will be cause for more serious disciplinary action. This warning shall expire in a specified length of time (no more than the length of one semester).

C. Counseling
The student may be required to submit to prescribed counseling, including those of a social, redemptive, or educative nature. Any related costs will be borne by the student.

D. Reprimand
A written reprimand for violation of any specified disciplinary rule may be sent to the student. The reprimand will inform the student that continued violation of this rule or citation of this student to the Dean of Students for any other rule infraction, will be the cause for more serious action. The written reprimand will remain in the student’s file during his tenure at the University, and will be removed at his departure in good standing from the University.

E. Campusing
The student may be directed to stay within the confines of the student’s dorm room from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for a period of time to be specified by the Discipline Committee, the Dean of Students, or the President of the University up to a maximum of three (3) weeks. The student is limited to class, study activities and meals in the cafeteria on campus during the normal class day. When not scheduled to participate in
classes and lab activities, the student will be in the residence hall. From 7 PM to 7 AM, the student is to remain in his or her suite. This will be monitored by the residence hall staff, the RAs under the supervision of the RD.

F. Work on Campus
The type and duration of work to be performed and the person to supervise the work may be specified in writing by the Disciplinary Committee or the Dean of Students within two (2) working days. A deadline for completion of the work will be assigned. It will be the responsibility of the person performing the work to contact the designated supervisor, gather the necessary materials and perform to all specifications. Completion of the assigned work will be reported by the supervisor to the Dean of Students’ office. Failure to complete the assignment will result in further disciplinary action by the Dean of Students.

G. Restitution/Apology
The student may be directed to make restitution and/or appropriate apologies to the affected parties under the supervision of the Dean of Students.

H. Exclusion from Extra-Curricular Activities
The student may be prohibited for a designated period of time from participation in extra-curricular activities or organizations which represent the student body of the University.

I. Options for Alcohol Infractions
The student may choose which option he/she prefers for first offense. If a second offense occurs, the student may be dismissed for the remainder of the semester and possibly the following semester.

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J. Suspension
The student may be suspended from the University for a specified period of time. At the end of this time, student status would resume under conditions determined by the Dean of Students, or the President of the University, with any unexpired sanctions remaining in effect.

K. Expulsion
The Dean of Students may recommend to the President of the University that the student be expelled from the University for a specified period of time. Readmission would be considered, upon a Petition for Readmission filed by the accused student with the President of the University and the conditions for readmission shall be determined by the President of the University at the time of Petition for the readmission.

L. Interim Suspension
If, in the opinion of the Dean of Students and/or the President of the University, the presence of a student, pending a hearing, poses a serious threat to either the students, faculty, staff, administration, property, or the integrity of the University, the Dean of Students may recommend to the President or the President may affect an immediate suspension. In such a situation, a hearing shall be held at the earliest reasonable time.

The University, through the Dean of Students, reserves the right to publish data pertaining to disciplinary hearings.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Intent of Disciplinary Procedures
It is the intent of these procedures to afford the accused student a fair and adequate hearing while, at the same time, protecting the University community from conduct which may be inappropriate or unacceptable as set forth in the Catalog and/or Student Handbook.

B. Waiver of Time Requirements
Nothing, herein, shall prevent the President of the University or the Discipline Committee from waiving any of the time requirements imposed upon any accused student.

C. Modification of Rules
The University may, from time to time, modify these procedures and shall publish such modifications or procedures in writing. The University shall seek input and involvement from the faculty, students, and administration in the modification process.

D. Confidentiality
The confidentiality of the evidence, hearing, and procedures taken, other than the decision, shall be maintained. Members of the Discipline committee who fail to keep such matters confidential shall be subject to removal from the Discipline Committee by the President of the University.
E. Informal Resolution
Nothing, herein, shall prevent the informal resolution of disciplinary action through conference by the Dean of Students, and/or the Residence Hall Director, and/or Resident Assistant with the accused student. If informal resolution cannot be effected, the disciplinary sanctions, other than interim suspension, will be imposed only following a formal disciplinary hearing.

F. Offenses
Disciplinary action may be taken regarding, but not limited to, any offense set forth in the current catalog and/or Student Handbook.

G. Guests of Students
Guests of students who have permission to stay in student housing shall be subject to these disciplinary procedures as part of such permission being granted. Guests of students who do not have permission to stay in student housing shall not be entitled to the protection of any of these procedures.

H. Delegation of Authority
Nothing, herein, shall prevent the President of the University from designating a Vice President of the University to act in his stead and to carry out the duties incumbent hereunder on behalf of the University.

I. Service of Committee Personnel
The members of the Discipline Committee shall serve at the discretion of the President.

J. Confidential Disclosures
Information disclosed during counseling session shall be privileged and may not be admitted for consideration unless American Psychological Association Standards require such disclosure or the accused student has given permission.

K. Referral to Committee
The Dean of Students may refer disciplinary matters directly to the Discipline Committee to review the charges against the accused student and to determine appropriate disciplinary action, if any.

Student Complaint Policy

ON CAMPUS AUTHORITIES
After students have exhausted appropriate appeals processes by communicating with faculty and staff directly involved in the issue at hand, students may lodge formal complaints, in writing, using the Student Complaint Form available on the website and in the Student Development Office.

Student Affairs Issues (e.g. housing, food service, student activities, athletics, intramurals, spiritual life, and parking): Complaints should be directed to the Vice President for Student Development and Athletics.
**Academic Affairs Issues** (e.g., faculty, courses, schedules, transcripts, information technology, and registration): Complaints should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Business Affairs Issues** (e.g. financial aid, student accounts complaints, work-study, bookstore, physical facilities, housekeeping or landscaping/grounds): Complaints should be directed to the Vice President for Business and Finance.

The Vice President will respond to complaints within a reasonable time.

Should the response be unsatisfactory, or should a complaint arise for an area not listed above, a formal written complaint may be submitted to the Office of the President.

**COMPLAINT RESOLUTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR NON-TENNESSEE RESIDENT STUDENTS IN STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT STATES, COMMONLY KNOWN AS SARA.**

Student complaints relating to consumer protection laws that involve distance learning education offered under the terms and conditions of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), must first be filed with the institution to seek resolution.

Complainants not satisfied with the outcome of the institution’s internal process may appeal, within two years of the incident about which the complaint is made, to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (https://www.tn.gov/thec/bureaus/student-aid-and-compliance/postsecondary-state-authorization/request-for-complaint-review.html).

For purposes of the process, a complaint shall be defined as a formal assertion in writing that the terms of SARA or the laws, standards or regulations incorporated by the SARA Policies and Standards (https://www.nc-sara.org/resources/guides) have been violated by the institution operating under the terms of SARA.

For a list of SARA member States, please visit the NC-SARA website (http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions). Students residing in non-SARA states should consult their respective State of residence for further instruction for filing a complaint.

**OFF CAMPUS AUTHORITIES**

Complaints relating to quality of education or accreditation requirements shall be referred to the Southern Association of Universities and Secondary Schools (SACS), (www.sacscoc.org/pdf/081705/complaintpolicy.pdf)

Complaints related to the application of state laws or rules related to approval to operate or licensure of a particular professional program within a postsecondary institution shall be referred to the appropriate State Board (i.e., State Boards of Health, State Board of Education, and so on) within the Tennessee State Government and shall be reviewed and handled by that licensing board (www.tn.gov), and then search for the appropriate division).
Health Services

Health Clinic

Health services include health and physical assessment, health teaching, health counseling, treatment of minor injuries and problems, and referral to local physicians or other appropriate health care providers. Every case of illness, accident or other medical emergency should be reported at once to the Health Clinic located in Wellness Center (extension 8667 or 423-461-8667).

Students requiring special diets may contact the Food Services Director at 423-461-8439 for the necessary arrangements.

All students are encouraged to maintain health insurance coverage on themselves at their own expense. However, the university does provide information on health insurance coverage that can be purchased individually. This information can be obtained through the Student development office.

Assistance with Emotional Disabilities

Assessment and referral services for students who are having difficulties which are emotional in nature are available on campus. Students who are feeling overwhelmed by issues which prevent them from fully functioning in an academic or social way should seek direction from the counseling service.

Appointments with the counseling service can be arranged through the health clinic. The number to the health clinic is 461-8667 or simply dial ext. 8667 if on campus. The counseling service is able to assess, make recommendations, and provide short-term counseling for interpersonal and personal issues. Referral services for more serious issues are provided as well. Referral services include assisting students in making contact with a local clinician and an appointment, if a student wishes to do so. Students may also contact local mental health providers directly. These services may be obtained in the Frontier Health system which provides counseling and evaluation in the Charlotte Taylor Center in Elizabethton (423-547-5950), the Watauga Mental Health Center in Johnson City (423-232-2600) or the Fairview Associates Center in Johnson City (423-232-2670). In each center is a multi-disciplinary team able to provide counseling and other services. Numerous professionals in the medical, psychiatric, psychological and spiritual realms also might be consulted for help with emotional issues. Contact information is available in the phone book yellow pages under one of the following headings: Counselors, Physicians-Psychiatry, Psychologists, or Social Workers.

SUICIDE THREATS/ATTEMPTS AND IDEATION

In cases in which a student is or perceived a threat to self or others, the University will respond in a way which is significant and immediate and in a way designed to be quick and ensuring reduction of the risk to everyone involved and threatened. The University has limited resources to provide care to an individual displaying threatening behavior, so resources are obtained from other agencies and the threatening student is removed from the campus until an assessment of the severity of risk can be ascertained.

Any member of the Milligan University community who is concerned that another community member may be considering suicide, either through that person’s language or behaviors, should immediately notify a staff member from one of the following areas: the Milligan University Counseling Center,
Student Development Staff, and/or Residence Life Staff. The notified staff member(s) will make a determination about the next step needed. Possible next steps include, but are not limited to:

- A safety assessment completed by mental health workers either at the campus Counseling Center or Frontier Health
- A call to triage at Frontier Health for help in making the determination of next steps
- Transportation to the Crisis Stabilization Unit or appropriate facility off campus for a crisis evaluation
- A short-term stay at the Crisis Stabilization Unit or CALM Center
- Admission to the local hospital or psychiatric hospital

The University will rely on clinical staff to determine the extent and duration of treatment and the course of after-care following discharge.

In the event of admission to a local medical facility, medical clearance to resume academic activity must be provided to the Director of Student Success and Disability Services before the student may resume class attendance and staying in the residence halls.

The University, through the Dean of Students, the Director of Student Success, the Residence Hall Director, and others with a direct responsibility for/to the student, will determine the advisability of the student’s return to the academic and residence hall setting. If the decision is that the student’s enrollment should be discontinued due to safety reasons, an administrative withdrawal will be imposed and the student must leave the campus within 24 hours. Refunds of tuition, room and board costs and fees will not be made in accordance with the policy as stated in the University Catalog.

If counseling is required as a part of the long-term adjustment, this service is to be obtained by the student and paid for by the student, the student’s family or insurance carrier. The University assumes no financial obligation for any expenses for medical or continuing care related to these types of medical emergencies.

To return to or continue in school after hospitalization for a suicide attempt or threat, a dependent child must have a written statement of parent/guardian acknowledging awareness of the incident and indicating a desire for the student to continue enrollment.

**CONCERNING BEHAVIOR**

When evidence such as:

- a student’s changed, unusual, uncharacteristic or inappropriate behavior,
- a student’s subtle but damaging influences on others,
- other students being emotionally drained or overwhelmed by an individual,
- other students providing support or reinforcement for emotionally dependent, needy, attention-seeking behavior, is observed or reported, the University will act in a manner along a continuum which could include:

1. guidance or direction to community help providers,
2. disciplinary action,
3. termination of enrollment,
4. parental involvement, and/or
5. medical intervention.
Community Life

McMahan Student Center
The McMahan Student Center, dedicated in 1987, provides a focal point of campus fellowship and includes the grill, SUB 7 room, bookstore, and open common space. In addition, this is also where you will find various members of the Student Development staff, including the Dean of Students. If you are interested in getting involved on campus, contact the Director of Campus Activities at 423-461-8335.

Student Government
The Student Government Association (SGA) exists to formulate and execute a Christian student government whose duties are to stimulate communication and cooperation among students, faculty, and administration. To learn more, visit www.milligan.edu/student-life/#student-activities.

Clubs & Organizations
The mission of Campus Activities is to enhance the student educational experience through challenge and support in mentor relationships, active-learning opportunities and purposeful programming. To learn more about various opportunities for involvement on campus including student organizations, clubs, and campus ministries, visit www.milligan.edu/student-life/#student-activities.

Scheduling Events
All planned events by any Milligan student organization or club should be placed on the master calendar in the Campus Activities Office. The Director of Campus Activities will assist in reserving rooms and equipment and will give checklists to follow to ensure success of both annual and new events.

Music Groups
To learn more about Milligan’s various music groups, visit www.milligan.edu/student-life/#student-activities. For a schedule of activities and events, visit Milligan Today at http://today.milligan.edu/.

Publications
The Stampede is the Milligan student-run newspaper published both in print and online, to provide news and information about the university community as well as serve as an open forum. Students from all disciplines are welcome to contribute or to join the staff. The Stampede includes a weekly “bulletin board” of events and announcements. Send items for the bulletin board to thestampede@milligan.edu.
Food Service

**MCCORMICK DINING CENTER**

The goal of the dining service is to meet the needs of students by offering a nutritionally well-balanced meal through multiple food selections, served in a comfortable atmosphere, as expedient as possible while allowing time for fellowship and meeting schedule requirements. To further meet the needs of schedules and meal choices, Meal Transfers will allow board students to take 25 meals per semester at the Grill. Application for meal plan exemptions should be made in the Student Development office before the drop/add period ends. To enter the dining center, boarding students must present their student ID to be scanned by computers at the door. Board plan information is recorded using bar codes on each ID, thus it is critical to have your ID to enter. Those with lost/misplaced ID’s must pay per meal to enter until they have an ID. A refund of meals paid for will be made upon the presentation of the ID. The board plan program is designed for “all you can eat” per meal while in the dining center. No food or beverages are permitted to be taken out of the dining center other than those that have been approved (sick trays, sack lunches, etc.) Please do not remove any dining center service ware. Dishes and silverware are to remain in the dining room. Each person must wear shoes and a shirt while in the dining room for health and sanitary reasons.

**SNACKBAR ACCOUNT**

Students may also use the option of the SnackBar Plus Account to provide a credit line at the Student Union Grill. Plus Account may be purchased at registration or at any time throughout the semester from the Snack Bar manager. Commuters or non-board students living in the MSA Suites may also purchase SnackBar Plus accounts, entitling a student to a 10% bonus credit to eat at the McCormick Dining Center as well as the Grill. Any unused Plus Account balance remaining at the end of the Fall Semester will be transferred to the Spring Semester. Any unused balance remaining at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters will be transferable as long as a student is still enrolled at Milligan University. Any balance remaining after a student is no longer enrolled will be forfeited.

Spiritual Life

**Church Involvement**

Members of the Milligan community are expected to use the Lord’s Day to give primary attention to worship, rest, fellowship, and Christian service. Milligan University strongly encourages students to get involved in a local congregation. Finding a church home is an important component of spiritual growth as it opens up opportunities for service, worship, and intergenerational connection beyond campus. Area congregations consistently welcome Milligan students and appreciate the contribution they make to the life of the church. Need help connecting with a local church? Contact the Church Relations Office for assistance 423-461-8708.

**Campus Ministry**

Spiritual formation – the development of personal faith, Christ-like character, and a vision of God’s Kingdom in the world – lies at the heart of the Milligan experience. The process of Christian spiritual formation happens as we intentionally exercise, in community, those practices that the church has long identified as nurturing to faith: prayer, corporate worship, reflection on Scripture, cross-cultural
engagement, and service to others. These disciplines feed the life of the Spirit in the growing disciple, forming in him or her the character of Jesus, and the result is a life increasingly marked by servant-leadership.

Creating opportunities for students to experience and grow in spiritually forming practices is the responsibility of the Campus Ministry. Working with various extensions of the Campus Ministry Team (Vespers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, SGA Spiritual Life Branch, Chapel Planning Team), the Campus Minister oversees programs aimed at faith development and provides pastoral care to the campus community.

**Spiritual Formation Program**

In support of its mission of educating men and women to become servant-leaders, Milligan University requires undergraduate students under age 23 to participate in its Spiritual Formation Program. Students are required to accumulate 150 Spiritual Formation Program (SFP) credits in order to graduate. SFP credits are earned by participating in Chapel and Convocation services, approved community service projects, and other events geared toward spiritual formation. A calendar of qualifying SFP events is published at the beginning of each semester and maintained on the University website. Only activities listed on the SFP calendar, or additional events approved by the Campus Ministry Office, will qualify for SFP credit.

**CHAPEL AND CONVOCATION**

Chapel has been a central feature of life at Milligan from its very beginning. Chapel and Convocation provide the opportunity to come together to worship, pray, learn, and share our stories. Chapel services (Thursdays at 11:00am) typically consist of times of corporate worship and teaching, and aim to be inclusive by reflecting the diversity and giftedness of the entire campus community. Convocation services (Tuesdays at 11:00am) follow a different format, focusing on the integration of faith and learning. Convo services may include such elements as panel discussions, arts/cultural presentations, guest lectures, films, concerts, and community-building events.

Chapel/Convo is a time for the campus community to come together in worship and learning. To honor God and allow His Spirit to form us, each of us must do our part. Students should bring open hearts and minds, a willingness to engage with the service, and a respectful attitude for both those around them and those leading the service. Portable electronic devices, homework, and other distractions should be set aside during Chapel in order to allow you and those around you to focus and participate.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAMS**

In addition to Chapel and Convo, other Campus Ministry programs can qualify for SFP credit. These include Diversity Forums, Campus Conversations, devotional breakfasts, select FCA events, and programming during special emphases such as Justice Week or Spiritual Renewal Week. Local service opportunities through LINC may qualify for credit as well as certain community events approved by the Campus Ministry Office.

**EXEMPTION**

Exemption from SFP attendance is not granted for:
- Athletes with schedule conflicts due to team events and responsibilities
- Commuters without classes on Tuesday & Thursday
• Schedule conflicts due to job or internship responsibilities
• Schedule conflicts due to classes at other educational institutions (e.g. ETSU, ECS)
• Academic major field experience (e.g. nursing clinicals, student teaching, required internships, study abroad programs).

CCCU Semester Abroad Study Programs and the Mountain Christian Church Semester In Ministry program can qualify for 10 SFP, pending pre-approval by the Campus Minister and completion of a two-page reflection paper.

All traditional undergraduate students are required to accumulate 150 SFP credits in order to graduate. Students anticipating a semester during which Chapel attendance will be difficult need to plan ahead in order to stay on track with the SFP requirement. As the SFP requirement applies only to students under age 23, students falling outside this guideline can apply for SFP Exemption By Age. There are two types of exemption by age: Full Exemption and Partial Exemption.

FULL EXEMPTION BY AGE

Students who have already reached age 23 by the start of their first semester at Milligan, or who have previously completed a bachelor’s degree, can qualify for Full Exempt status. Full Exempt status means that the student is not required to participate in SFP. Students seeking Full Exempt status must fill out a form in the Campus Ministry Office and be approved by the Dean of Students.

PARTIAL EXEMPTION (REDUCED REQUIREMENT) BY AGE

Students who turn 23 while enrolled at Milligan can qualify for Partial Exempt status. Partial Exemption status operates differently from Full Exemption, in that Partial Exemption does not mean that the student is no longer required to participate in SFP. Instead, Partial Exemption reduces the number of SFP credits required in order to graduate. The student qualifying for Partial Exempt status is still responsible for fulfilling this reduced requirement, which is calculated on the basis of how many full-time semesters the student has completed before qualifying for Partial Exempt status. For example, a student who completes three years of school and then turns 23 during the summer before the start of his senior year may qualify for Partial Exemption. Partial Exempt status would apply from that point forward, so his SFP requirement would be reduced by one year’s worth (38 SFP), from 150 credits to 112. He would therefore be required to accumulate 112 credits in order to graduate, and may complete these during the senior year if necessary.

NOTE: Students who have completed 8 full-time semesters of university before reaching age 23, whether at Milligan or in combination with attendance at another institution, will not be granted Partial Exempt status. Students in this scenario will be responsible for the full 4-year requirement of 150 SFP.

Partial Exemption by Age operates on a full academic year basis. Students may apply for Partial Exempt status at the start of the first fall semester following their 23rd birthday. Students turning 23 during the school year must wait until the following fall semester to apply.

Students seeking Partial Exempt status must fill out an application through the Campus Ministry Office, meet with the Campus Minister. A student is not considered exempt until this process is complete and his/her application is approved by the Dean of Students.
**PRORATING**

First year and transfer students who bring at least 13 credit hours in to Milligan will be prorated SFP credits according to their class standing (see chart below).

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Students who begin at Milligan, transfer to another institution, and are then readmitted to Milligan will receive prorated credits for semesters enrolled elsewhere. These will be added to the actual credits accumulated during their previous semesters at Milligan.

**POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- The schedule of approved SFP events is available online at [www.milligan.edu/student-life/faith-worship](http://www.milligan.edu/student-life/faith-worship). As additional events are added through the semester, they are publicized through campus email and at [www.today.milligan.edu](http://www.today.milligan.edu).
- Students need to earn an average of 19 SFP credits per semester in order to reach the graduation requirement of 150. A detailed record of your SFP account including credits earned is available online at [www.infotoday.milligan.edu](http://www.infotoday.milligan.edu).
- Milligan University does not grant degrees to students who fail to satisfy the SFP graduation requirement. Students who complete their coursework but do not reach 150 SFP before graduation may be allowed to return the following semester to earn the needed credits. Seniors who are deficient in SFP will not be offered alternative means of earning credits.
- Attendance at Chapel/Convo and most other SFP events is tracked by scanning student ID cards. In order to receive credit you must present your ID to be scanned by an authorized person – “no card, no credit” (email or visual verification is not sufficient to document your attendance). Your card must be scanned no later than 10 minutes after the start of the event, and you must remain until the conclusion of the event. If you scan in, you must remain for the duration of the event order to receive credit.
- Students who scan in and then leave prior to the conclusion of an SFP event are assumed to be falsifying their attendance. Students caught falsifying SFP attendance or assisting others in falsification (scanning another student’s card) will lose all credits earned during the semester and forfeit the right to earn additional credits for the remainder of that semester.
Questions regarding SFP should be directed to the Campus Ministry Office.

CHECK YOUR SFP TOTALS
Student status and history of SFP credits may be checked at [www.milligan.edu/sfpcheck/](http://www.milligan.edu/sfpcheck/).

Residence Life

Undergraduate Housing
Community is a central focus at Milligan, and we believe that living in close proximity to your friends and classmates is a big part of what it means to join the Milligan family. So, we require that all traditional students at Milligan live on campus (see Housing Policy below) in one of 11 residence halls. Information about each residence hall can be found online at [https://www.milligan.edu/student-life/#student-housing](https://www.milligan.edu/student-life/#student-housing).

Graduate Housing
**MILLIGAN STUDENT APARTMENTS**
A limited number of university-owned apartments are available for married and/or non-traditional/graduate students. Additional information and application forms may be obtained from the Student Development Office. All residents of Milligan student apartments must follow the guidelines outlined in their lease contract.

**EMMANUEL VILLAGE – GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING**
Apartments at the Emmanuel Village are reserved with a priority for seminary students and graduate students. Space is limited so you must apply early. All residents of the Emmanuel Village must follow the guidelines outlined in their lease contract.

Housing Policy
**ON-CAMPUS HOUSING REQUIRED FOR UNDERGRADUATES**
Milligan University has traditionally been a residential university and continues to support the concept that community living as part of University life complements the academic experience and contributes to holistic development of the student. Consequently, all traditional undergraduate students are expected to take room and board on campus. Exceptions to this policy are:

1. Any student who is married
2. Any student who is living with a member of his/her own immediate family (parents, grandparents, married brother or sister)
3. Any student who has completed 128 semester hours or eight semesters of full-time academic work
4. Any student whose total load for a given semester is less than 9 hours
5. Any student who is a veteran of more than one year
6. Any student who will be 23 years or older prior to the start of the fall semester
**OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING REQUEST: COMMUTERS**

Students must meet the housing exemptions outlined under Housing Policy and request off-campus approval from the Student Development Office if planning to live off campus. Off-Campus forms are available in the Student Development Office and should be completed before room sign-ups. Any student living off campus without the Dean of Student’s prior knowledge and approval will be at risk of dismissal.

**Residence Life Mission**

The goal of the residence staff at Milligan University is to provide the physical environment and professional services to help students have an effective educational living/learning experience which will contribute to every aspect of student life – spiritual, social, academic, and physical. Interaction and cooperation are essential to personal growth in the residence hall. To this end, students and staff work together to communicate clearly, to encourage one another, and to uphold fairly the standards of communal living.

Membership in an academic community of Christians carries with it certain responsibilities. Residents are expected to abide to the Expectations & Responsibilities for Students and conform to all rules of the University, as well as local, state, and federal laws. The Milligan community is obliged to renounce behaviors and attitudes that do not follow these guidelines and seek God’s forgiveness and help so that we may grow in grace and righteousness.

The University affirms the right of each student to a degree of privacy. Rooms, apartments, and furnishings are the property of the University, and the University has the obligation to prevent the use of the University rooms for purposes that are either illegal or in violation of campus regulations. Therefore, the University administration (or its authorized personnel) reserves the right to enter rooms and units at any time for inspection and search purposes. Any such room inspections or searches will be conducted with valid reasons and discretion. Inspections and searches may be conducted without the presence of the resident. All rooms and units are subject to spot checks by the Resident Director who is required to approve the use and condition of each room. Students agree to take care of rooms and furnishings in a satisfactory manner and pay for damages (beyond normal wear) which occur while they are assigned to that room.

**Residence Life Staff & Student Leadership**

**DEAN OF STUDENTS**

The Dean of Students oversees all aspects of the residence life program and works with other University staff on special programs and projects such as student leadership development and other areas of service to students.

**RESIDENT DIRECTORS**

Resident Directors (RD’s) are members of the student development staff. Each Resident Director is responsible for administering and operating a residence hall and supervising resident assistants to ensure the general welfare of residents and the University. Resident Directors and their staff are officials of the university and they operate under the jurisdiction of the University administration. Each RD resides in their respective Residence Halls.
RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Resident Assistants (RA’s) are students who assist the Resident Director in the supervision, counsel, and direction of life and activities in the residence hall. They are resource people, liaisons, and informal counselors. By close contact with their peers, RA’s challenge students to make the most of their University experience.

Housing Assignments

ROOM SIGN-UPS

In the spring, returning students may reserve a room for the upcoming academic year (Fall and Spring Semester) during specified Room Sign-Up Days as communicated by the Student Development office. All returning students must sign up for a room at that time unless they have received prior permission for off-campus housing from the Dean of Students. All residents must sign up with a roommate. No singles are permitted at the time of room sign-ups (see ‘Single Rooms”). Room sign-ups are done through a lottery process based on seniority. Students who reserve a room and then decide to cancel their reservation must notify the Residence Life and Housing Office as soon as possible.

SINGLE ROOMS

Due to space limitations, single rooms are granted on an availability basis and are usually not available for the Fall Semester. As single rooms become available, priority is given to those who have seniority by classification number of credits earned and who placed their name on the Single Room Waiting List during room sign-ups held in the spring. Ranking within class will be done by total credit hours. No single rooms will be guaranteed. All single rooms will be charged the single-room rate regardless of circumstance. Students signing up for a single should sign up with a roommate for the fall.

ROOM CHANGES

Guidelines for room change may be obtained from your RA. Approval must be received from both your present and future RA and RD before any change can be made. Upon approval, students must complete all required paperwork prior to moving and complete a room check-out with your RA (see Room Check-out Procedure below). Students who move to another room without permission may incur a fine and may be required to return to the originally assigned space. Room changes will be made during the first week of each semester, at the discretion of the RD. Room changes for Spring Semester must be requested prior to Fall Finals Week and all room changes must be completed the last day students are required to leave for Christmas Break. Your RA and RD will provide guidelines for this transition time.

ROOM CHARGES

Room charges are made according to the number of occupants per room and will vary depending upon the residence hall in which the student resides. Occasionally due to an early withdrawal or a “no show,” students have a single room that was not anticipated. Persons who do not desire to pay for a single room will be assigned a roommate during the room change week at the first of each semester. It is left to the parties involved to arrive at a mutual agreement regarding which room they will occupy. If a decision cannot be reached in the matter, it will be determined by the Residence Hall Director. All single rooms (including those in Kegley, Quillen, Williams, and the Suites) will pay the single room rate regardless of circumstances. Final charges are made in the Business Office.
Students living in housing without central air may request consideration for a room air conditioner. In order to be considered the student must have their physician complete a medical necessity form (obtained from the Student Development Office) and then have the request approved by the Dean of Students. Students must get these approvals each school year and are responsible for providing their own room air conditioner. The student receiving the approval will be charged an additional $100/semester. Residents in rooms with unapproved units will be subject to disciplinary action and fines.

**ROOM CONSOLIDATION AND ROOMMATE PLACEMENTS**

Residents who do not have a roommate may be assigned one at any time during the semester given a 24-hour notice. Students who have a vacant space in their rooms when the residence halls close for break must prepare their room before they leave in the anticipation of a new roommate. If a student does not sign up with a roommate during spring room sign-ups, one will be assigned to them by the Residence Hall Staff by May 1 or sometime during the summer. This is for the purpose of consolidating for new student room assignments made in the summer. All single rooms (including those in Kegley, Quillen, Williams, and the Suites) will pay the single room rate regardless of circumstances. It is the resident’s responsibility to notify the Residence Life Staff if they do not want a single.

**ROOM CONTRACT / HOUSING LEASE AGREEMENT**

The contract period is for the Fall and Spring Semesters. Priority for University housing is given to students enrolled for nine credits or more each semester. Students enrolled part-time may request housing as space permits. A student contracts for a space on campus, but not for a specific residence hall, room/apartment, or roommate assignment. The University reserves the right to:

1. Assign roommates unilaterally
2. Reassign students who are without roommates
3. Use a room when it is not occupied
4. Assign single rooms
5. Reassign students to different rooms or residence halls in the event such reassignments are determined necessary.

Upon signing the Room Contract, the student (and his or her parents or legal guardian, as the case may be) agree to accept responsibility and the legal obligation to pay all room and meal plan charges and other fees incurred. Although the student’s parents or legal guardian may serve as co-signer, the student remains primarily responsible and legally obligated to Milligan University.

**HALL MEETINGS**

Meetings are held throughout the semester to inform you of university policy and events and to receive feedback from residents on how the living environment may be improved. Each resident is required to attend mandatory meetings.

**KEYS**

Keys will be issued at the completion of check-in both in fall and spring. Students must promptly return the keys to the Residence Hall Staff at check-out (for both withdrawal from housing and room change during the year). Students changing rooms or withdrawing must return the key directly to the Residence Hall Staff. Room keys may not be duplicated or given to other students. Anyone who illegally possesses, uses or duplicates a University key will be subject to a fine and/or judicial action. A resident may not be let into someone else’s room without that person’s consent.
Lost Keys: Any resident who loses a key to his or her room will have 24 hours to notify the Residence Hall Staff that the key is lost. After this 24-hour period, the Residence Hall Staff will turn in a Maintenance Request Form to have the lock changed and the student will be billed for the cost of the lock change and labor.

Lock Outs: If a resident is locked out, he/she should find an RA. Appropriate university ID may be requested before entry to a residence hall room. Resident may be charged if occurs frequently.

Community Guidelines and Safety Policies

ROOM PERSONALIZATION GUIDELINES
Rooms and units may not be painted.

Tacks, drilling, staples, and nails are not permitted in walls, wood trim, furniture, or doors. Contact paper, tape, wallpaper, stenciling, or paneling are not permitted. The use of white plasti-tak and removable adhesive is permitted. 3M command strips are permitted but must be left behind for housekeeping staff to remove.

All personal decorations must remain inside the student’s room or apartment and must not be displayed in the hallways or windows.

LOFTS
The university has a limited number of lofts available for students in residence halls. These lofts will be placed randomly throughout Webb, Sutton, and Hart. No outside lofts, either bought or made, are allowed to be utilized in the residence halls.

APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS
The electrical service in the rooms will allow for small appliances, such as hairdryers, electric razors, computers, stereos, TVs and radios. You are permitted to have a small dorm-size refrigerator (4 cu ft.) and small microwave oven (700 watts max.) in your room, with a limit of one each per room (2 total in Kegley/Quillen/Williams.) Such appliances must be connected to a power strip with a self-contained circuit breaker.

UNIVERSITY FURNITURE
University furniture, including lounge and study room furnishings, signs, and decor must not be taken to student rooms, shifted from one room to another, or taken from the buildings for any purpose. Furniture will remain in the student room in which it has been placed unless written permission has been given by the Dean of Students. Waterbeds are not allowed. Dismantling or reconstructing beds or other furniture provided in the room is prohibited unless authorized by the Director of Residence Life and Housing. This includes the unbolting of brackets, standing of beds on end, stacking of furniture, etc.

COMMUNITY AREAS, STUDY ROOMS, LOBBIES, AND LOUNGE AREAS
The Residence Hall staff will discuss the management of areas shared by students in your hall. Although community areas are cleaned several times each week by the housekeeping staff, residents are expected to participate in keeping their residence hall a clean and livable environment. Community
furnishings are not to be removed. For a group activity, residents may reserve their floor lounge or dorm lobby through their RA or RD.

**HALLWAYS AND COMMON AREAS**

Hallways should remain clear at all times. No personal items such as trash, drying racks, furniture, shoes, etc. are permitted in the hallways at any time. No personal belongings should be kept or hung outside the room including the door.

**WINDOWS, ROOF, STAIRWELLS, BALCONIES**

No objects or substances may be dropped, thrown, or poured from a stairwell, out of a window, or off a balcony or roof. Climbing on the outside of any building is prohibited and no student shall be allowed on any roof or balcony at any time. Such acts are extremely dangerous and will be considered a discipline matter in addition to being subjected to a fine. No personal items are to be hung in windows.

**BICYCLES**

To comply with State Fire Codes, bicycles may not be parked in walkways, hallways, stairways or entrances. Residents must store bicycles in their rooms or designated areas. This guideline is also applicable to all resident and academic buildings.

**INSURANCE**

Residents may wish to consider personal insurance for their belongings. The University carries no insurance on student property and accepts no responsibility or liability for its security.

**RESIDENCE HALL HOURS**

Guests may be entertained in the lobby of the residence hall from 9:00 a.m. until closing time (1a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, 12a.m. all other nights.) Both men and women visiting other residence halls should always use the main entrance. Members of the opposite sex are not permitted beyond the main lobby except during specified Open Hall Nights.

Students are expected to be away from the campus during designated all-school holidays. Students should be out of their residence hall at the time set by the Residence Life and Housing Office and should not return more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of classes. Any student finding it an absolute necessity to remain after official holiday closing must receive permission to stay from the Residence Life and Housing Office three days before the holiday begins. (See Holiday/Break Housing Policy)

Residents are requested to inform their Resident Assistant when leaving campus overnight so they may be contacted in case of emergency. A location and phone number where they are staying is recommended. When leaving the campus due to an emergency and the Resident Assistant is not available, contact the Resident Director.

The Residence Halls are locked at all times except for during open hall hours (Sutton Hall doors are open during cafeteria hours, but doors to the residential floors are locked at all times other than open dorm hours). Your room key will open the doors of your residence hall. Carry your key with you whenever you leave your room and keep your room locked at all times. Keys will be returned at the end of each semester at check-out.
OPEN HALL HOURS
Specific open hall days are outlined in the Student Handbook Planner and Milligan Today, please check to make sure of the dates, the hours are posted below... Students may open their rooms and guests of the opposite sex may come to visit. This tradition provides excellent fellowship and encourages students to take greater pride in their living areas. The door to the room must remain completely open with a light source on at all times visitors are present. Students and visitors must comply with any reasonable requests by Resident Life Staff.

• Hart, Sutton, Webb:
  Wednesday: 7p-11p  
  Friday: 7p-12a  
  Saturday: 7p-12a  

• Kegley, Quillen, Williams
  Wednesday: 7p-11p  
  Thursday: 7p-11p  
  Friday: 7p-12a  
  Saturday: 7p-12a  

• The Milligan Village
  Wednesday: 7p-11p  
  Thursday: 7p-11p  
  Friday: 5p-12a  
  Saturday: 5p-12a  
  Sunday: 1p-7p

QUIET HOURS
Respect should be paid to all other residence hall students. Reasonable quiet levels should be maintained in the residence hall at all times and a study time will be from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Residence Halls may decide on their own to alter quiet times, however a minimum of 11p.m. to 8:00a.m. is required. Instruments, radios, stereos, TV sets, etc. must be played on low volume in order not to disturb other students, staff or neighbors and to help create a good study environment.

HOLIDAY/BREAK HOUSING POLICY
With the exception of Fall Break and Easter Break, all residence halls will be closed during all school holidays. Students are expected to be away from campus during the all-school holidays and should be out of their residence hall or suite at the time set by the Dean of Students. A student finding it necessary to remain in his/her residence hall or suite after official holiday closing times must receive permission from the Residence Life and Housing office and will be charged a daily fee. Permission must be given and the fee must be paid three days prior to the start of the break. This fee can be paid in the form of cash, check or charged to the student’s account. No students will be allowed to remain in the residence halls or suites during Christmas Break. A student who has a pre-approved, school related commitment that requires him/her to remain in the residence hall/suite will not be expected to pay. However, he/she will need to notify the Residence Life and Housing Office 1) what nights he/she will be in the residence hall/suite and 2) what school commitment he/she will be involved in. Students who have not been given permission to stay are to return to campus no earlier than 24 hours before classes begin. If a student not approved to stay is found in the residence hall/suite, he/she will be charged for each night he/she stayed in the residence hall/suite and fined an additional $40.
PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED
Activities such as biking, soccer, basketball, roller-blading, skateboarding, wearing of cleats, wall climbing, Frisbees, paint guns, water fights, etc. are not permitted in the residence halls or apartments. No hoverboards are permitted on campus property. Also review the institutional policy on pranks.

AIR CONDITIONERS
Room air conditioners (110 volt max per room) are not permitted without a physician completed medical necessity form and subsequent approval by the Dean of Students. In these cases, the student must provide their own room air conditioner and an additional charge of $100 per semester will be added to the account of the requesting student. Medical necessity and approval must be obtained each year by the student. All room air conditioners must be installed by a member of the Milligan University maintenance staff. Communicate installation needs with your RA.

ALCOHOL ADVERTISEMENTS
Advertisements advocating the use of beer, liquor, and wine as well as paraphernalia showing the trademarks or slogans of these beverages are not permitted on University property.

ANTENNAS
Students are not permitted to affix antennas to the building or to attach leads to University antennas or existing cables. There is a $50 fine for attaching leads to the TV cables. Infractions will also be dealt with by the local cable company.

CANDLES, LANTERNS, POTPOURRI, INCENSE
Candles, Lanterns, Potpourri Candles, Simmering Potpourri, Plug-In Deodorizers, or other flammable items are strictly forbidden in the residence halls. Violation can result in fines and disciplinary sanctions.

HEATING APPLIANCES
No open coil heating units, hot plates, indoor grills, toasters or ovens.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE/PICTURES
Obscene language, literature, or pictures are not tolerated in and around the residence hall. The University reserves the right to remove questionable posters or material.

PETS
Pets are strictly forbidden. Residents may have one 25 gallon (max.) aquarium for fish only. Any other animals or pets in the residence halls should be reported immediately to an RA or RD. The first violation will result in a $50.00 fine.

WATER GAMES
Use of water balloons, water guns, etc. is forbidden inside buildings.
DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES
If residents violate the Milligan University code of conduct or university policies, they face the possibility of disciplinary action. Disciplinary action in the residence halls and at Milligan University is viewed as a means of guiding students toward developing Christian responsibility and maturity. See the University’s full Disciplinary Guidelines in this Student Handbook.

DAMAGES
Conduct within the residence halls that deprives the rights of others or damages University property is subject to disciplinary action.

FINES
All fines handed out are charged to the student’s account within two weeks. Disciplinary fines are separate from making restitution for direct damages (see below in Room/Hall Damage Charges). Fines can be paid at the business office or online through Self-Service.

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<td>Refusal to leave residence hall during official holidays/breaks</td>
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**INSPECTIONS**

Regular room inspections are held monthly as outlined by Residence Life Staff to assure the health, cleanliness and safety conditions of student occupied rooms. Refusal to comply with requests to clean a room may result in a fine assessed, and required passing of room inspection within 24 hours of violation, or the fine doubles and is submitted to the Dean of Students. Unannounced room inspections can be held at any time.

**Room Entry** - The entry by University officials into an occupied room in order to ascertain the general welfare of students, to determine health and safety conditions in the room, to check the physical condition of the room to make repairs on facilities, or to perform cleaning and janitorial operations. Inspection is not necessarily conducted in the presence of the room occupant.

**Search** - The entry by University officials into an occupied room for the purpose of (1) investigating suspected violations of campus regulations and/or city, state or federal law and (2) investigating circumstances which require immediate attention. In order to enforce University policies, University officials upon “reasonable cause to believe” may enter an individual room, make a search and seizure of illegal or otherwise forbidden items which may be used as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings. Searches may be in the presence of the student concerned. Searches are not necessarily conducted in the presence of the room occupant. Searches will be conducted by a University official, accompanied by at least one other person. Searches conducted by local, state or federal police without a University official’s request to do so will require a valid search warrant or consent of the party whose person or property is to be searched.
Emergency - The entry by University authorities into an occupied room when there is imminent danger to persons, properties or buildings. Emergency entry is not necessarily conducted in the presence of the room occupant.

Entrance policy for staff members includes knocking on the door, stating who they are and why they are entering the room, and allowing approximately 30 seconds for a response before keying into the room/apartment.

OVERNIGHT GUEST POLICY
No overnight guest of the opposite gender is permitted at any time in student housing. All guests should be the student’s peers. Parents and others are not to be invited to stay in University housing. Guests are limited to a three-day visit and must be registered with the Resident Assistant. Milligan University commuter students and guests are prohibited from being routine overnight guests in University housing. Exceptions must be cleared with the Resident Director, or the Dean of Students. The Student Development Office has information regarding nearby hotels and rooms for rent.

TRASH
All residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their own room and bathroom. All trash must be taken out weekly and deposited in a university trash dumpster. Residents may not deposit personal trash in lobby trash cans or place trash in the hallway. Room inspections are held monthly by the Residence Hall Staff to ensure proper health, cleanliness, and safety standards are being maintained throughout the residence halls.

VISITATION POLICY
Men and women may visit each other’s residence hall rooms only during specified hours for Open House. Any visitors of the opposite sex at any other time is deemed as a Visitation Violation and is subject to disciplinary action. All incidents of sexual misconduct are automatically referred to the Dean of Students. Please note: All visitation violations will have an adverse effect on the entire Residence Hall which may lead to the loss of all visitation rights for all the residents. Your behavior directly affects the privileges of all.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES
Fall
When you are ready to leave for the semester, you must follow this procedure in order to be sure you are not assessed damage or cleaning charges for which you are not responsible. Failure to check out before leaving campus results in a $40 charge for each infraction to your student account.

1. Sign-Up for a designated check-out time with your RA.
2. Thoroughly clean your room and bathroom. Defrost your refrigerator and remove all perishables from the room. Unplug all items.
3. Do not leave trash in the hallway at any time. It must be taken to the outside location for collection.
4. With a Residence Hall staff member, review the condition of your room and confirm the room is ready for the Holiday Break.
5. Lock windows and door, including bathroom suite doors.

If you leave without following the above procedure, you accept full liability for damages as assessed by the residence hall staff. All residents must be completely moved out by 5:00 p.m. of the day following
the last day of final exams. Students participating in graduation may remain until 2pm the following day. There is a daily charge to any exception which must first be approved by the Residence Life and Housing Office.

**Spring and Final**

When you are ready to leave for the year, you must follow this procedure in order to be sure you are not assessed damage or cleaning charges for which you are not responsible. Failure to check out or return your key before leaving campus results in a $40 charge to your student account for each infraction.

1. Sign-Up for a check-out time as directed by Residence Life. Consult the instructions provided on how to check-out of your room.
2. Remove ALL personal items from room.
3. Thoroughly clean your room and bathroom. If one person accepts a responsibility and leaves without completing it, the charge is assessed to all occupants equally. Sweep all the floors and dust every surface.
4. Do not leave trash in the hallway at any time. It must be taken to the outside location for collection.
5. With a Residence Life staff member, review the condition of your room using the Inventory Sheet which was filled out when you moved in this year. It is on file with Residence Life. Sign the inventory sheet and the damage/cleaning memorandum.
6. Return your room key to the Residence Life Staff member.

While Resident Assistants do an initial walk through with students checking out, a final assessment of the room is done by the Resident Director and Dean of Students. If damages have occurred or the room was not sufficiently cleaned a fine will be assessed to both residents that occupy the space. It is not the responsibility of the RA to assess fines, however they will help guide students to what issues need attention and could result in check out fines.

If you leave without following the above procedure, you accept full liability for damages as assessed by the Residence Life staff. All residents must be completely moved out by 5 p.m. of the day following the last day of final exams. Students participating in graduation may remain until 2pm the following day. Students that are moving into summer housing will inform their current RA of their summer room. Summer residents will move into the summer room the day after graduates are required to be out or as instructed by Housekeeping. There is daily charge to individuals staying late. Any exception must first be approved by the Residence Life and Housing Office.

When leaving school at the end of each semester, the student must check out with Residence Life (see check-out procedure). Any damage or cleaning charges will be assessed to the student’s account. Keys will be returned at the end of each year.

**ROOM/HALL DAMAGE CHARGES**

Below is a listing of the charges for various damages to the residence hall room and its furnishings. Complete your check-in form fully so you will not be charged for the damages caused by another student. Students are responsible for the damages in their room and will share the cost of repairs with their roommate.
Doors
1. Repair: $100 for parts and labor
2. Replacement: $350 (This includes doors kicked in or damaged from abuse.)
3. If lock, door knob, hardware, etc., must be replaced: $100
4. Damaged door frame: $50

Walls
1. Holes, nails darts, etc.
   a. 5 or less: $75 with painting
   b. 6 or more: $150 with painting
2. Cork and glue on walls. if four or more places: $150 in room; $50 in bathroom.
3. Repainting due to unacceptable painting done by students, $200 in room; $75 in bathroom

Furniture
1. If damage to furniture cannot be repaired: 80% of replacement will be charged.
2. Handles broken off, loose legs, etc. are considered normal wear and tear.
   - New chair: $125
   - New chair seat: $45
   - New chair back: $45
   - New bed frame: $150
   - Broken window: $55
   - Broken light fixture covers: $30
   - Furniture left in storage rooms: $50
   - Broken bathroom hangers, soap dish, etc: $50
   - Broken fixture in toilet or sink: $50
   - Damage to floor sufficient to require more than stripping & waxing: $100
   - New desk: $300
   - New desk top: $100
   - New desk drawer: $65
   - New chest: $200
   - Broken Smoke Detector: $20
   - Broken mirror: $30
   - Lost/damaged screen: $70

ROOM CLEANING CHARGE
Assessed at checkout if not acceptable: $50. Milligan reserves the right to assess final room damages/cleaning charges if room is deemed unacceptable after time of check-out.

Residence Services

CAMPUS SECURITY
Security is available on campus as outlined in this Student Handbook.

Thefts - Any crimes and/or thefts should be reported immediately to Security and your RA or RD and a report will be taken. If desired, the student may notify the police department. The University makes a reasonable effort to protect the personal property of residents, however the university will not be liable for articles that are lost, stolen, or damaged by fire, water, heat, and/or natural disasters. Students are strongly encouraged to lock room doors and car doors. Students are also strongly encouraged to purchase insurance to cover loss or damage to personal property or extend parents’ insurance for this purpose. Please follow the security guidelines as outlined in this handbook.
Suspicious Persons/Activity - Any suspicious persons/activity should be reported immediately to Security and your RA or RD and a report will be taken. The residence halls are private property and therefore are not open to businessmen, solicitors or other outside persons.

HEALTH SERVICES
The Health Clinic is located in the Gilliam Wellness Center (423.461.8667). Health services include health and physical assessment, treatment of minor injuries and problems, and referral to local physicians or other appropriate health care providers. The University recommends all students have basic insurance protection for medical expenses.

Every case of illness, accident, or other medical emergency should be reported to the RA or RD immediately and stay with the person until otherwise instructed. If the medical emergency is imminent call 911 immediately. If you are ill and confined to your room, your RA may bring you a meal from the cafeteria. You must send your campus ID card with your RA in order to receive a meal. Residence Hall Staff cannot get you excused from any classes or academic requirements, but can relay your illness and resulting absence to the Director of Disability Services who will then relay the information on to your professors. The University is not responsible for providing emergency medical transport. The local rescue squad will be notified and the student may be transported via their medic units or by private ambulance, depending on the circumstances. In less critical situations, students may opt to be transported by friends or family in a private car.

INTERNET & TV
See the Information Technology section of the Handbook for information.

LAUNDRY
Laundry facilities are located on the lower levels of Hart, Sutton, Webb, Pardee, and Williams Halls. All washers and dryers ($1.25 each) use both coins and special debit cards that may be purchased from the Wash Card machines in Sutton and Webb laundry rooms. Value may also be added to the cards at these machines. If a machine malfunctions, put an out-of-order sign on it and notify the Physical Plant (423-461-8734) of the machine location and nature of problem.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS
All maintenance requests from individual students are to be directed to the Physical Plant Department through a Resident Assistant or the Resident Director.

STORAGE
Sutton and Hart Halls are the only Residence Halls with storage space available. Residents may utilize the limited residence hall storage rooms during the academic year and summer on a space-available basis in designated areas only. Contact your RA or RD for gaining access into storage. Any item stored must be boxed and have the student’s name, home address, phone number and the date it was stored. Students placing items in storage at the University do so at their own risk. Carpets, lofts and furniture may not be stored on campus.

Your RA will post specific dates and times for cleaning. Items must be removed at those times, and may be returned to storage the following weekend. Unclaimed items will be given away or thrown out.
Graduating seniors and non-returning students will not be allowed to use residence hall facilities for personal storage. Residents who have stored items and do not return are responsible for making arrangements to remove his/her belongings from the residence hall before the next school semester begins or the items will be thrown out.

**TELEPHONE SERVICES**

Milligan University maintains its own phone network. Each room has its own private phone connection with voice mail. Phones, however, are not provided. For more information about phone service, contact the Information Technology department at 423.461.8704 or HelpDesk@milligan.edu.

**Safety & Security**

*Note:* The information following is provided in accordance with the Tennessee “University and University Security Information Act” of 1989, and the Federal “Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act” of 1990. Statistics on campus crimes are available online.

The Milligan University campus is a very safe campus and maintaining a secure campus environment is a university priority. The campus security phone number is extension 8911 (423-461-8911). After hours, this number will forward directly to the campus security cell phone, which can also be contacted by dialing 423-791-4292. It is important to note that the 8911 extension is for the campus security office—not Carter County 911 emergency services, which can be accessed by simply dialing 911.

Campus security is everyone’s responsibility, and it is necessary to maintain sound and sensible precautions. It is therefore important for members of the university community to report any and all questionable incidents. Crimes which constitute an emergency situation and/or severe danger to the campus should be reported to local authorities by dialing 911. Whenever possible, campus security should be notified immediately after dialing 911.

All other crimes, persons behaving suspiciously, or security concerns which occur on campus should be reported immediately to Campus Security. Student Development, Residence Hall, and Physical Plant staff can provide assistance to those wishing to make reports.

In regard to campus security, each student has certain individual responsibilities which lend themselves to an orderly campus environment. These responsibilities include the following:

1. Students are prohibited from entering rooms, buildings, and other restricted areas of the campus after their normal closing hours.
2. No student shall fail to comply with a reasonable and lawful request or direction by members of the faculty, administrative staff members, residence hall staff, or other University employees acting in the performance of their duties. Students must be prepared to provide proper identification upon request of a University official.
3. No student shall intentionally provide false information to a University faculty member or staff member acting in the performance of his/her duties.
4. It is against the law for adults to wear masks in public. Therefore, students are prohibited from wearing masks on campus or otherwise concealing their identity. The only exception to
this is when officially sanctioned University activities call for the participants to come in
costume.
5. Guests are welcome on campus and are expected to abide by the University’s security
procedures.

In case of severe disruptive or threatening behavior on campus or where the security of any campus
personnel or the wellbeing of University property is potentially in danger, the Dean of Students (or an
official representative acting for the administration) is authorized to immediately remove a student
from the campus to provide necessary campus security. Obviously, the student in such a situation will be
informed of the reason for his removal which is subject to review.

In accordance with the Tennessee University and University Security Information Act of 1989, the
Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), and the
Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the university each year produces an Annual Security
Report (ASR). The ASR contains important information related to security policies and procedures and
specific statistics for criminal incidents, arrests, and disciplinary referrals occurring on campus, on public
property adjacent to the campus, and at non-campus locations controlled by the university. The ASR
also includes the Annual Fire Safety Report. The ASR is available on the Safety and Security page of the
university website. A printed copy of the report can be requested from the director of security at 423-
461-8740.

Incident Reports
Victims or witnesses of potentially criminal activities should complete an Incident Report which details
the facts surrounding the incident. Report forms are available from the offices named above. University
security personnel will review the incident report and recommend further action. In cases involving
violation of local, state, or federal laws, the Elizabethton Police Department will be notified for the
appropriate follow up. The University cooperates fully with any investigations conducted by the
appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Security Service
The University contracts with a professional guard service to provide after-hours security. Between 8:00
am and 5:00 pm weekdays, the Director of Campus Security and designated employees are on duty to
assist with campus security issues. Between 5:00 pm and 8:00 am weekdays, and 24 hours per day on
weekends at least one security officer is on duty. Campus security officers patrol the campus, respond
to reported incidents on campus, conduct inspections of campus buildings, enforce campus traffic
policies, contact law enforcement and university authorities about incidents when necessary, and
identify and remove unauthorized persons from campus. Officers or other campus officials are
authorized to request identification from anyone acting in a suspicious manner to determine if they
have a legitimate reason to be on campus. All students and university personnel are required to provide
identification upon request. Individuals acting in a suspicious manner determined not to have a
legitimate reason to be on campus will be asked to leave and may be removed from campus.

Crime Prevention
During new student orientation, Crime prevention is addressed through review of precautions necessary
to provide for one’s personal safety and well-being. Information is available on the university website
regarding ways to protect one’s self and his or her belongings. Residence hall programs also cover the
topic of crime prevention as it relates to campus housing and safety procedures.

All residential students should report to their Resident Assistant (RA) or Resident Director (RD)
whenever they are to be away from their housing unit overnight. This report should include their
destination and expected time of return. The purpose of these reports is to help assure the safety of
students by having knowledge of their whereabouts.

In case of a missing person or potential missing person, the university will make every effort to contact
the person directly. If the university is unable to contact the person and no other individuals on campus
have knowledge or communication with the person then the university will contact the emergency
contact of the suspected missing person and the appropriate authorities within 24 hours of the
university’s determination that the student is deemed missing.

**Sexual Assault**

Sexual Harassment (including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking)

In cases of sexual harassment including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking,
victims are encouraged to report the incident to the following campus authorities: The Dean of
Students, Director of Security/Title IX Coordinator, or Residence Life Staff. Reporting to these University
officials is encouraged but victims have the option to decline to report to any of the above. When one of
these University officials receives a report of sexual harassment including sexual assault, domestic
violence, dating violence and stalking, The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to
discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant’s wishes with respect to
supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without
the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.
Campus authorities will also assist victims in reporting to local law enforcement, if the victims choose to
report. Victims are encouraged to seek medical attention at a local hospital to identify any injuries
and/or health concerns and to preserve evidence, which may assist in the investigation of the incident
and/or the obtaining of an order of protection. Counseling services for victims are available at the
college counseling center (423-461-8500) and/or the campus minister (423-461-8760). Advocacy
services are also available through Safe Passage (24-hour hotline 423-926-7233). More information
about sexual misconduct policies, procedures and prevention efforts is available from the Title IX
Coordinator (423-461-8740).

When it is determined a sexual harassment including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence
and stalking has occurred and a formal complaint is filed, the complaint will be addressed through the
grievance procedures found in the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy. If found responsible, the
alleged perpetrator will face sanctions in accordance with the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy. Possible sanctions include those listed in this handbook under Disciplinary Guidelines: III. Disciplinary
Sanctions: A-L. The College will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies in any investigation and
prosecution of offenders who will be subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or
federal laws.
Emergency Preparedness

Signs with basic information about procedures that should be followed in the event of various types of emergency situations (fire, severe weather etc.) are posted in the main academic, residential, and student activities facilities on campus. These signs can be found inside the front entrance of each building, in most cases near fire alarm pull stations. A PDF version of the emergency procedures sign can be found here. Additional information about being prepared for emergencies can be found here. In the event of an emergency determined to be a threat to the campus community, a variety of measures will be used to provide information to the campus community, including the emergency alert system, email messages, the activation of the campus emergency broadcast system, and other appropriate media. All Milligan faculty, staff and students are encouraged to register for the RAVE emergency alert system. RAVE is used to text and email alerts about emergency and crisis situations, including weather-related schedule changes. You can register for RAVE emergency alerts online at https://www.getrave.com/login/milligan.

Fire Safety

If you find or suspect a fire and don’t hear an alarm, activate a fire alarm immediately.

- If smoke is present in the room you are in, keep close to the floor and move to the door. If the door is hot, do not open it. Seal the cracks with available cloth and call 911 and campus security at 423-461-8911 to report your location. If the phone isn’t working, open the window and hang a sheet or other material out of the window to attract attention.

In case of fire:

- Close your windows and open the draperies; turn on all lights.
- Take a coat or blanket and a towel with you; wear shoes.
- Unlock and close your door when you leave.
- Go to the nearest exit.
- Walk rapidly, but do not run; keep to the right; go quietly, PREVENT PANIC.
- Stay with the group and away from the building until a signal is given to re-enter the hall.
- Never re-enter the building during a fire. Your personal belongings are not worth your life.

If you hear an alarm and your door is not hot, close the windows, open the curtains/blinds, turn the lights on, leave the room and close the door leaving it unlocked. Proceed to the nearest exit, checking to see if the rooms next to you are empty. (Each dorm/apartment building has posted evacuation routes which are designed to eliminate confusion.) Proceed to the nearest evacuation location. Do not return to the building until you receive approval from the residence hall staff, the Physical Plant Director or the Fire Department.

Students who knowingly refuse to vacate a hall during a fire or fire drill will be fined $100 and are subject to disciplinary action.

Do not tamper with smoke alarms. Any tampering with fire equipment is a $100 fine by the University and may be prosecuted by the State Fire Marshal as a misdemeanor. Individually starting false alarms will be prosecuted by the Fire Marshal.
The Tennessee Code Annotated section pertaining to false fire alarms reads as follows: “39-2215 FALSE FIRE ALARM PENALTY - Any person who willfully and maliciously gives or causes to be given, by any means, a false alarm of fire, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten dollars ($10) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500), or imprisoned in the county jail or workhouse for a period of not more than six months (6) or both.”

Student Financial Services

Student Financial Services assists students with all aspects of financing their education. As you apply for financial aid, register for classes, and receive your student account statement, your financial services counselor can guide you through all the processes necessary to pay for your education.

In order to attend classes, you must make financial arrangements for payment of your bill prior to the first day of class. Milligan University accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover. Credit card payments and e-check payments may be made online at www.milligan.edu/sfs. We also offer a tuition payment plan for students and families to finance a portion of their education expenses over several months.

Students are responsible for all financial policies and procedures outline in the Catalog at:
- Graduate: https://www.milligan.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/catalog.pdf#page=212

If you have questions regarding your financial aid award or your student account, please contact Student Financial Services for assistance. You may visit us in McCown Cottage or on our website at www.milligan.edu/sfs, or contact our office by phone or email if you have questions. We can be reached by phone at 800-447-4880 or 423-461-8949, and our email address is sfs@milligan.edu.

Vehicle Registration/Parking Guidelines

Parking spaces on campus are limited, and it is necessary to limit parking privileges to the parking lots appropriate to the driver’s needs (residential student, commuter student, faculty/staff etc.). Vehicles parked in a lot other than that designated by the parking sticker displayed in the window of the vehicle will be ticketed. This policy is not intended to inconvenience members of the campus community, but rather to provide adequate parking nearest each residence hall and building for those who live or work there.

Vehicle Registration

All students, faculty, and staff must register each motorized vehicle to be driven and parked on campus. Vehicles may be registered online through Milligan Today, under Resources, then Vehicle Registration. Vehicles brought to campus at any time during the year must be registered immediately, including new, borrowed, temporary, or rental vehicles.

A color-coded parking sticker will be issued by the Student Development Office for each vehicle. The parking sticker or a temporary pass must be displayed in each vehicle at all times.
For each vehicle registered, the following information must be provided: the vehicle’s license plate number and the make, model, year, and color of the vehicle.

**PARKING STICKER PLACEMENT**
The parking sticker must be placed on the outside, upper driver’s side of the back window. To avoid receiving a parking ticket, a current, appropriately displayed parking sticker must be displayed at all times. The parking sticker must be displayed immediately after a vehicle is registered and may not be moved from one vehicle to another. Parking stickers for additional vehicles are provided at no charge.

**TEMPORARY PARKING PASSES**
Temporary passes are available in the student development office for individuals registering a rental car or requiring access to handicapped spaces or spaces closer to buildings due to injuries or other medical conditions.

To obtain a temporary pass for an injury or other medical condition, a signed statement from the attending doctor noting the problem and length of time he or she recommends a parking pass be issued must be provided to the Student Development Office.

**Parking Tickets**
- Fines for parking violations range from $20 to $100.
- $100 fines will be issued for unregistered vehicles OR for vehicles not appropriately displaying a current parking sticker.
- Parking tickets are written beginning on the first day of classes. No warning tickets will be issued.
- If a parking lot is full or a driver is unsure of where to park, open parking is available in the “canyon” parking lot at the Physical Plant.
- Tickets will be paid in the McCown Cottage Business Office or online through Self-Service. Appeals may be made in the Student Development Office (upper SUB).
- Receiving more than ten tickets in one semester will result in the loss of driving privileges and/or referral to the Dean of Students office for disciplinary action.

**TIPS FOR AVOIDING PARKING TICKETS:**
- Register your vehicle(s).
- Only park in the lot designated for the color of your parking sticker or open parking areas.
- Do not park in handicap spaces, fire lanes, yellow marked areas, visitor spaces, bus spaces, service vehicle spaces, the Milligan Village loop, RD spaces, or in any area in parking lots not marked as parking spaces at any time.
- Do not park on or along any campus roads, including Richardson Road from the physical plant to post office, in front of the steps at Hopwood Church, along Derthick Loop Road behind Derthick and the Science Building, the road around the Mathes Tennis Center, areas in front of residence halls, the flagpole side entrance of Sutton, and the center of the upper parking lot at Steve Lacy Fieldhouse, and Milligan Village loopat any time.
- Do not park in loading zones, including the white marked loading zone in front of Hart Hall, for more than 15 minutes, and only when loading or unloading from your vehicle.
• Do not drive to the cafeteria for meals. Any vehicle parked in the Hart/Sutton parking lot not
displaying the appropriate sticker or parked in the Hart loading zone at meal times will be
ticketed.
• Do not park in the Gilliam Wellness Center parking lot unless you have an orange, gree, or
faculty/staff or faculty/staff parking sticker AND are using the wellness facilities. This lot is not
for residence hall parking.

Parking Lot Designations
• YELLOW STICKERS: Parking is allowed in residence hall lots (Hart, Sutton, and Williams only) and
the Milligan married/grad apartments parking area. Overflow parking is available in the canyon
lot at the physical plant.
• GRAY STICKERS: Parking is allowed in the lots behind the Milligan Village only. Overflow parking
is available in the canyon lot at the physical plant.
• BLUE STICKERS: Parking is allowed in residence hall parking lots (Webb, Kegley and Quillen only)
and the parking lots across from the McMahan Student Center (upper level) and along the
Pardee Wall (the brick wall to the left of Kegley). Overflow parking is available in the canyon lot
at the physical plant.
• ORANGE STICKERS: Off-campus commuter students not residing on Milligan’s campus can park
behind the McMahan Student Center, at the Baker Faculty Office Building, along the right side of
Hopwood Church, in the lot behind the church at Anglin Field, and in the canyon lot at the
physical plant. The parking area on the west (library side) of the B.D. Phillips Building. The east
(chapel) side parking area of the Phillips Building is designated for faculty and staff parking only.
• GREEN STICKERS: Parking for Emmanuel Village residents is allowed in the parking areas around
the Emmanuel Village cottages. Parking is not allowed in the Thompson Center or Phillips
Building parking areas. Parking on the main campus is only allowed in the commuter (orange)
lots.
• FACULTY/STAFF STICKERS: Faculty/Staff parking is available in the Lower Hardin, Upper Hardin,
McCown Cottage, Hopwood Church, Welshimer Library, Seeger Chapel, Hyder House, Science
Building, Baker Faculty Office Building (FOB), Clark Education Center, Lacy Fieldhouse, Phillips
Building, and Physical Plant parking lots. Parking is also available in the parking lot behind the
McMahan Student Center and certain other designated spots.
• Student with blue, gray, and yellow parking stickers may park in the Phillips Building student
parking lots (library side of building) when attending classes in the building.
• Open parking hours on the academic/business side of campus (west of Blowers Blvd.) and the
Phillips Building student parking areas (library side of building) are from 3:00 pm each day until
7:00 am the following morning.

Parking maps are available at registration and in the Student Development Office located on the
lower level of the McMahan Student Center.

Update of Information
The Student Development Office must be informed of any changes to license plate numbers, and if a
different vehicle is to be used on campus; even if the second vehicle is only used for a short time. Any
changes in housing status (from residential to commuter, or vice versa) must also be reported so the
appropriate parking sticker can be provided for each vehicle.
Updates to parking information should be provided to the Student Development Secretary at 423-461-8760.

**Traffic Safety**

- The use of a vehicle on campus is a privilege extended to the university community and may be revoked for operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner or excessive violation of the university parking policy.
- The speed limit on campus is 20 miles per hour.
- Pedestrians and persons on bicycles have the right-of-way.
- Vehicles must be operated in a safe and cautious manner at all times, avoiding excessive speed.
- Operators of vehicles on campus are expected to learn and follow the driving/parking policies.
- Violators of the above will immediately lose all driving privileges on campus and/or face disciplinary action.

**Assignment of Liability**

Milligan University will not be responsible for any personal or public liability resulting from use or possession of a vehicle on or off campus.

Students, faculty, staff, and visitors should be aware that in the event of an auto accident involving their personal vehicles, the personal auto insurance for the vehicle is responsible for any claims that might arise, even when driving to university activities and events.

Any liability that may arise as a result of having a passenger(s) in the vehicle will also be covered by the personal auto insurance for the vehicle. As is often stated in the insurance industry - a vehicle’s insurance follows the vehicle.

Milligan University reserves the right to have towed any vehicle blocking access to, preventing the use of, or inhibiting the operation of a facility, structure, or activity; any vehicle causing damage or presenting a safety hazard; any vehicle that is inoperable, derelict, or abandoned; and any vehicle not in compliance with local parking regulations and/or the university parking policy.

Milligan University assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to a vehicle or its contents while parked on or towed from campus.

**Information Technology**

Milligan University provides a local area computer network that links residence halls, classrooms, and faculty and staff offices in addition to providing access to the internet, applications, and library services.

Milligan students may connect personal computing devices in their residence hall rooms to the network for access to the internet and other Milligan resources. Wireless network access is available in all dorms, as well as the Student Union Building, Library, Cafeteria and Academic Areas. To connect to the network you must be an active Student with an established Milligan ID obtained from the Office of Information Technology.
For official communication, including any communication from Milligan offices or Milligan faculty to students, the email address issued by Milligan University will be the only email address used. Notices sent by official Milligan email will be considered adequate and appropriate communication. It is incumbent on students to check their official Milligan email regularly.

The Milligan University Computer Use Policy outlines expected behavior when using the computer network. Students are expected to conform to provisions outlined in the policy, a copy of which is available on the Milligan University Information Technology Website here: [IT.milligan.edu](http://IT.milligan.edu).

For further information or answers to questions, contact the Information Technology Help Desk by calling 423.461.8704, emailing HelpDesk@milligan.edu or visiting the Milligan University Information Technology Website, [IT.milligan.edu](http://IT.milligan.edu).

**Computer Labs**

A variety of networked computer labs and accessories (letter-quality printers, scanners, etc.) are located on campus, some exclusively for public student use and some for specific instructional purposes. In addition, there is a mixture of fixed and mobile units, which enable both instructors and students to address a variety of educational configurations. Assistance from the IT Help Desk is available by calling 423.461.8704 or emailing HelpDesk@milligan.edu.

**Milligan’s Network in the Residence Hall Rooms**

Each residence hall room has a network connection for each bed to provide access from the students’ own computers to the campus network. Wireless access is also available in the residence halls. Students are responsible for installation of network adapters and protocols on their personal devices, however, students are not permitted to install or use any unauthorized network device.

The Information Technology Department will furnish the necessary infrastructure and network access to provide a robust end-user experience. Unauthorized or ‘rogue’ wireless network devices can hinder the overall network performance for all users, and are therefore prohibited.

For the recommended minimum computer configuration for connecting to the network, call 423.461.8704 or visit the Milligan University Information Technology Website at [IT.milligan.edu](http://IT.milligan.edu).

**Cable TV in the Residence Hall Rooms**

Milligan University provides access to over 60 cable TV channels, including some that are operated by the Milligan University Communications Department. Each residence hall room has one cable TV outlet. For more information about the cable TV network, contact the Information Technology department at 423.461.8704 or HelpDesk@milligan.edu.

**Computer Use Policy**

**INTRODUCTION**

Access to computer systems and networks owned or operated by Milligan University imposes certain responsibilities and obligations and is granted subject to university policies, and local, state, and federal laws. Acceptable use always is ethical, reflects academic honesty, and shows restraint in the consumption of shared resources. It demonstrates respect for intellectual property, ownership of data,
system security mechanisms, and individuals’ rights to privacy and to freedom from intimidation, harassment, and unwanted solicitations.

Milligan University is a guest on the Internet, and use of the Internet through Milligan University facilities reflects upon the University. Accordingly, each user is expected to behave in a manner that reflects our commitment to be a premier Christian liberal arts university where Jesus Christ is exalted and excellence is the standard.

The computing facilities at Milligan University are provided for the students, faculty, and staff of the University and all such individuals are expected to abide by this policy whether they are considered full-time or part-time. In special circumstances, guests of Milligan University may be afforded the use of the technology resources and are expected to abide by this policy.

Use of the network and computing facilities at Milligan University implies consent to abide by this policy and other relevant policies and regulations relating to the use of these facilities.

**GUIDELINES**

In making acceptable use of resources, you should follow the guidelines:

1. Access only files and data and resources that you own, that are publicly available, or to which you have been given authorized access. You should not use another person’s system, user ID, password, files, or data without permission.
2. Take all reasonable precautions to safeguard your password. You are responsible for all activities on your user ID or that originate from your system.
3. Use only legal versions of copyrighted material in compliance with vendor license requirements.
4. Be considerate in your use of shared resources. You should refrain from monopolizing systems, overloading networks with excessive data, degrading services, or wasting computer time, disk space, printer paper, or other resources.
5. Improper use of the Internet and campus network will be dealt with on an individual basis.
   a. Students should note that any file put on the network may be routinely checked for compliance to the Milligan University Code of Conduct. Additionally, any public online material in a violation of the Milligan University Code of Conduct or university policies may be subject to disciplinary action.

Expressly forbidden are:

1. Attempting to use computer programs or other means to decode passwords or access control information.
2. Attempting to circumvent or subvert system or network security measures, including creating and/or running programs that are designed to identify security loopholes and/or decrypt intentionally secure data.
3. Connecting unauthorized equipment to the campus network, including routers and switches.
4. Engaging in any activity that might be purposefully harmful to systems or to any information stored thereon, such as creating or propagating viruses, worms, or “Trojan horse” programs; disrupting services; damaging files; or making unauthorized modifications to University data.
5. Making or using illegal copies of copyrighted materials or software, store such copies on University systems, or transmit them over the University network.

6. Using mail or messaging services to harass, offend, or intimidate another person, for example, by broadcasting unsolicited messages, by repeatedly sending unwanted mail, or by using someone else’s name or User ID.

7. Wasting computing resources or network resources, for example, by intentionally placing a program in an endless loop, printing excessive amounts of paper, or by sending chain letters or unsolicited mass mailings. Multiple copies of printouts should be made on copy machines rather than on computer printers.

8. Removing supplies provided in computer laboratories for use on personal computers in dormitories. Students are responsible for providing for their own supplies for in-room use.

9. Using the University’s systems or networks for commercial purposes; for example, by selling access to your User ID or to University systems or networks, or by performing work for profit with University resources in a manner not authorized by the University.

10. Storing games and other large non-academic related files (e.g., mp3, video) on shared computing facilities (e.g., lab computers and personal network directories).

11. Peer-to-peer sharing of copyrighted materials, movies, music files, etc.

12. Engaging in any other activity that does not comply with the General Principles presented above.

SAFETY TIPS FOR ONLINE INFORMATION

The internet is considered public domain; therefore, revealing a large amount of personal information online can have harmful consequences. Posting information online, such as phone numbers and home and school addresses could lead to identity theft, unwanted personal contact, and even stalking. Additionally, future employment can also be affected by profiles and blogs. Safety should be your first priority; use common sense. Do not list personal information and disregard emails from unknown senders. Remember, the information provided on your profile can project an unintended bad image about you, your family, and Milligan University as well as present a bad first impression to future employers.

Just as you can browse other online profiles, your personal information can be accessed by anyone, and you do not know who is looking at your profile. Therefore, edit, restrict and protect your private information. Here are some general guidelines to follow:

- Be aware of the scope of the web. Even secure sites can be hacked, so your information may be open to the public.
- Create passwords that others can’t easily figure out. Use complex alphanumeric passwords, unrelated to any of the information you have already posted (e.g., not your birthday).
- Consider posting only information already available in the public domain. Just because there is a field on the site does not mean you have to fill it in. True “friends” can always email you to ask for more contact information.
- Post general rather than specific information. For example:
  - Birthday – Sept. 19 (leave out the year).
  - Address – Johnson City, Tennessee (leave off name of residence hall or address).
  - Don’t post information such as phone number, address, social security number, or schedule of activities.
• Consider the impact of what you post. Be aware of the image your profile and information projects about you, your family, and Milligan University, as well as the image it may send to future employers.
• Change privacy settings to keep your identity safe.
• Know what you’re agreeing to: Review online terms to understand what you are agreeing to when you log on.

When you do not restrict and edit information, wrong and unintended individuals can gain access to your private information exposing you to any number of cyber stalking venues: identity theft, obscene phone calls and voicemails, threatening emails, and mysterious online messages.

**PRIVACY**

As a matter of general policy, the University respects a user’s right to privacy. All user files and directories stored on shared computing systems are considered to be private and confidential. Only files which a user has explicitly made public (e.g., by placing in a “public” directory or made available as a shared public resource) should be considered open for general access.

Users should not assume that email messages are private since most are transmitted unencrypted.

It is the policy of the University not to monitor individual usage of any general facility. However, the University reserves the right to monitor and record the usage of all facilities if it has reason to believe that activities are taking place that are contrary to this policy or state or federal law or regulation and as necessary to evaluate and maintain system efficiency. The University has the right to use information gained in this way in disciplinary or criminal proceedings.

Hosting Web Pages and/or Discussion Lists Members of the University community may post personal web pages on the University’s web site provided they follow general University guidelines concerning such postings and reflect positively upon the University.

Milligan University will consider requests for hosting web pages or discussion lists (listservs) for off-campus non-commercial professional organizations for a fee. Such organizations must have current active participation by a Milligan employee (faculty or staff) or student organization. National student organizations seeking such services must have a current active affiliate chapter on campus.

The Milligan University employee (faculty or staff) or student organization faculty advisor will assume the responsibility and accountability of maintaining and monitoring changes in web pages and ongoing discussions. Therefore, maintenance of these services is a privilege contingent upon Milligan University employee involvement.

All web site pages must be developed and submitted in advance for approval to the Milligan Technology Applications Committee. All web pages will conform to the Milligan University standards. Milligan reserves the right to terminate web page or discussion list services at any time.

**NETWORK USER STORAGE**

Milligan University provides a personal folder on the network server for storage of user files. A limit on the amount of storage used by an individual will be enforced. Milligan University reserves the right to discontinue providing this privilege for any reason including disciplinary action or limited resources.
The University maintains a backup schedule of most user areas, however Milligan University disclaims any and all liability resulting from any and all situations in which we are unable to recover data in user storage areas for reasons such as, but not limited to, system crashes and technical failures of any type. Users are cautioned to keep a copy of any data posted in user storage areas. Milligan University assumes no liability for data and loss of data in any and all areas.

ENFORCEMENT

It is the policy of Milligan University that all members of its community act in accordance with these responsibilities, relevant laws, and contractual obligations, and the highest standards of ethics. The University considers any violation of acceptable use principles or guidelines to be a serious offense and reserves the right to copy and examine any files or information resident on University systems allegedly related to unacceptable use, and to protect its network from systems and events that threaten or degrade operations. All users of the University’s computing facilities are responsible for understanding the principles set forth above.

Failure to comply with the guidelines above may result in suspension of privilege, or civil or criminal action under state or federal law. Students discovered to be in violation of these principles will be referred to the University’s judicial system; faculty and staff discovered to be in violation of these principles will be referred to the appropriate Vice President for hearing and possible disciplinary action, which may involve having system privileges revoked.

The intent of these guidelines is to ensure a productive and economical computing environment for all users, while abiding by laws governing copyrights and computer access. The examples do not constitute a complete list but are intended to convey the intent of the code. Questions and suggestions regarding these policies should be directed to the Director of Information Technology.

TERMINATION OF SERVICES

Upon ceasing enrollment or employment at Milligan University, a student or employee will no longer have access to Milligan University network accounts. Milligan email will be available as long as it is being utilized. Your my.milligan.edu email account will be deleted after 6 months of inactivity.