



Gamma Lambda, Sigma Delta Tau Sorority
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House Rules & Information
2026-2027

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Violation of these rules will result in the Member being sent to Standards. Violation of these policies could result in losing your deposit. Any policies or rules concerning alcohol, drugs and smoking could result in dismissal from the chapter.

A. Live-In Rules

- a. The house will have 33 Members living in this academic year.
- b. All In-House Members will be required to sign a one year housing agreement before moving into the house.
- c. Room preferences are based on chapter points and are assigned by the Director of Housing, Chapter Advisor and House Corporation Advisor.

B. Formal Room

- a. All furniture shall remain in the formal room, unless approved by the House Mother, Director of Housing, Chapter Advisor and/or House Corporation Advisor.
- b. Any furniture that is moved for an event shall be picked up to move, and then must be placed in its original location at the conclusion of the event.

C. Kitchen And Dining Room

- a. The kitchen will be closed and no Members will have access to the main kitchen for cooking purposes. If a Member has requested a late plate, it will be in the dining room refrigerator.



- b. All food and drinks will be eaten in the dining room. Food may not be eaten in other rooms (TV room, formal room, basement, study room, chapter room, or bedrooms) with the exception of the upstairs party kitchen and approved meetings/events.
- c. Each Member is responsible for cleaning up after themselves following meals. No plates, silverware, cups, etc. are to be taken out of the dining room.
- d. Shoes must be worn in the dining room and appropriate attire must be worn after 10:00 am. (No pajamas, boxers, bathing suits, or undergarments showing i.e. shirts with large armholes)
- e. Computers may not be used in the dining room during meal times on the main two center tables; these two locations will remain 'device free' during meal times.
- f. The dining room will be closed from 2:00-3:00 pm and from 7:30-8:30 pm so that the staff may clean up and prepare the room for the next meal.
- g. The House Mother and Director of Housing, at any time, have the authority from House Corporation to close the party kitchens if they are not kept up in a respectable manner.

D. Meal Times and Guest Meals

- a. Meal Times:
 - Breakfast – 7:00 am-10:30 am ****(In-House Members only)
 - Lunch – 11:30 am-1:00 pm
 - Dinner - 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
- b. If a Member arrives 15 minutes before the meal ends, there will not be a refill of food if an item is out.
- c. It is suggested that Members order a late plate to guarantee all items are available.
- d. Animals are not permitted in the dining room or kitchen areas. Only approved pets may visit the chapter facility as guests.
- e. Guest Meals
 - i. Members must escort guests at **all** times.
 - ii. Guests are not allowed to attend Sunday or Monday night dinner when a Chapter meeting is scheduled that night.
 - iii. All guests must be paid for **before** entering the chapter facility for meal times.
 - iv. Venmo @sdt-fsu-finance \$7.50 for each guest, per meal (Prior to their entry).

E. Late Plates

- a. Members may request a 'late plate' option for meals, prior to the beginning of the meal times (window for ordering online closes in advance).
- b. Late Plates will be available for pick-up, following each meal time.



- c. Boxes will be assigned to specific Members and their requests with their individual name on them; please only take items assigned to you.
 - i. **Late Plate Pick-Up; 3 Strike System**
 - 1. Lunch Late Plates **must** be picked up within the following 24 hour window, they will be thrown away before lunch on the following day.
 - 2. Dinner Late Plates **must** be picked up within the following 24 hour window, they will be thrown away before dinner on the following day.
 - 3. If a Member does not pick-up or throw away their requested Late Plate before the 24 hour window, the House Mother will note the Member's name. If this occurs three times in a semester, the Member will not be able to order any more late plates until the following semester.

F. House Hours

- a. Monday to Thursday: 10:30 am - 8pm
- b. Friday: 10:30 am - 1 pm
- c. Sunday: 5:00 pm - after chapter

*unless invited by an In-House Member or for an approved meeting/event

G. TV Rooms

- a. All Members may use the TV rooms located on the main floor and basement during the day.
- b. The TV rooms will be for In-House Members only after 8:00 pm Monday to Thursday, unless invited by an In-House Member.
- c. The TV rooms will be for In-House Members only after 1:00 pm Friday to Sunday 5:00 pm, unless invited by an In-House Member.
- d. It is Members personal responsibility to clean up after themselves.
- e. The last Member in the room shall turn off all lights and electronics.

H. Study Room

- a. All Members may use the study room located in the basement during the day.
- b. The study room will be for In-House Members only after 8:00 pm Monday to Thursday, unless invited by an In-House Member.
- c. The study room will be for In-House Members only after 1:00 pm Friday to Sunday 5:00 pm, unless invited by an In-House Member.
- d. The study room will be for In-House Members exclusively during finals week.
- e. It is Members personal responsibility to clean up after themselves.
- f. The last Member in the room shall turn off all lights and electronics.



I. Art Room

- a. All arts and craft projects may only be done in the designated art room and must be cleaned up (not in the laundry area or any floor surface).
- b. All materials (brushes, paint, etc.) must be cleaned when work is over each day.
- c. There will be no use of spray paint or glitter in the basement.
- d. The last Member in the room shall turn off all lights.

i. Banners

1. Banners for approved events, functions, and philanthropies may be hung on the front porch of the chapter facility with approval from an Executive Board Member or Chapter Advisor.
2. Permission and scheduling to hang banners will be determined by an Executive Board Member or Director of Housing and must be within allotted event times.
3. External banners may not be stored in the house and are to be removed by the event's assigned Director or Coordinator at the conclusion of the event, again with the permission of an Executive Board Member or Director of Housing.

J. Smoking, Vaping, E-Cigarettes

- a. There is to be no smoking, vaping or e-cigarettes allowed inside or outside the Sigma Delta Tau property.
- b. There is to be no smoking, vaping or e-cigarettes allowed on property that is owned, sponsored or endorsed by Sigma Delta Tau. This policy also applies to guests.

K. Alcohol, Drugs, Narcotics

- a. Personal storage and consumption or storage of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on Sigma Delta Tau property.
- b. No Member or guest may possess, use, provide, distribute, sell and/or manufacture illegal drugs or narcotics on property that is owned, sponsored or endorsed by Sigma Delta Tau.
- c. Violation of these policies is subjected to national supervision and the violator(s) to dismissal (In-House Members will automatically lose their \$300 room deposit).

L. Quiet Hours

- a. Quiet hours are Sunday through Thursday 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. Friday through Saturday 12:00 am to 10:00 am. They are to be observed in all areas of the house, by guests and Members, alike.
- b. Never scream or yell up and down the stairwell or anywhere else in the house; at any hour.



M. Visitation

- a. Overnight Guests
 - i. An In-House Member may host one guest based on the approval of their roommate(s).
 - ii. The In-House Member must notify the Director of House 48 hours in advance of guest arrival.
 - iii. Overnight guests may visit for a maximum of 3 nights in the house. Any additional nights will need to be approved by the Director of Housing and House Mother.
 - iv. Overnight guest requests will not be considered during midterm week, final exam week, scheduled chapter meeting or rituals, or family weekend, unless approved by the Director of Housing and House Mother.
 - v. Members must escort guests at **all** times.
 - vi. All guests are expected to abide by the house rules.
 - vii. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a loss of overnight guest privileges.
- b. Male Guests
 - i. Male guests may not be in the house at all between the hours of 11:00 pm and 10:00 am.
 - ii. Male guests are only allowed upstairs, at the discretion of the House Mother or Director of Housing, on move-in and move-out days.
 - iii. Males guests may not be in the house after an event (socials, date functions, or formals).
 - iv. Members must escort male guests at **all** times.
 - v. All male guests are expected to abide by the house rules.

N. House Mother; Director of Housing

- a. All questions, comments and concerns regarding the house should be directed to the Director of Housing first, then to the House Mother.
- b. Members are to not disturb the House Mother after 9:30 pm, unless an emergency.

O. Parking

- a. The designated parking spaces are for specific Members who pay a parking fee to have that space. If a Member is found to have parked up a space without approval, the vehicle will be towed.
- b. Open spaces around the dumpster are reserved for kitchen staff and handicapped registered guests, at all times; do not park or block these spaces. Violators will be subject to towing and a fine.
- c. There is never any parking in the House Mother's spot. Violators will be subject to towing and a fine.



P. Security

- a. Members must be conscious to gently close the front double doors and side door to prevent slamming, at all times.
- b. Doors with key fob entry will set off a **loud** alarm when open more than 10 seconds between the hours of 11:00 pm-6:00 am. **Please** be careful not to set the alarm off during these hours.
- c. Do not carry any keys (i.e. room key or key fob) on a Sigma Delta Tau keychain.
- d. If a Member loses their key fob, notify the House Mother as soon as possible. The Member will be charged \$25 and can Venmo @fsu-sdt-finance. Should a Member lose their room key, a fine will be charged for having the locks changed.
- e. No outside door may be propped open – especially the front door and the door at the bottom of the fire stairwell.
- f. Fire drills will be conducted each semester. Everyone must leave the house.
- g. Never unlock the front door.
- h. Members must escort guests at **all** times.
- i. Members are not allowed to use the back door by the stairwell (the one with the “Employee Only” sign).

Q. Other House Rules

- a. No purchases of furniture, furnishings or accessories for use in a common area may be made without permission of the House Mother, Director of Housing and House Corporation. A detailed written proposal must be submitted to the Housing Director for consideration. Should the Member be interested in purchasing something for the house, please discuss the ideas with the Director of Housing.
- b. There will be absolutely no alterations or improvements made to common areas without the permission of the House Mother, Director of Housing and House Corporation.
- c. PG-PDA. This includes in front of the house, as well as all areas downstairs in the house.
- d. No personal belongings are to be stored/left in any downstairs area or in the upstairs TV room.
- e. Should large messes be left around the house, the House Mother will refer the Director of Housing for action, which may include sending the Member to Standards. Housing Corporation will be notified of repeat offenders and the Chapter may be charged for any damage.
- f. Be mindful of any language, activities, and conversation in the downstairs common areas and at all meals. Never degrade any other organization or chapter Member. Profanity is offensive and is prohibited downstairs.
- g. There is no running through the house.
- h. The white folding chairs may not be lent to anyone or removed from the house.



- i. All skit or dance tryouts and rehearsals may only be held in the basement and formal living room. Any furniture moved shall be picked up to move, and must be placed in its original location afterwards.
- j. If anyone interferes with or disrespects the computer service (television, wireless connection, etc.), the cost of a service call will be charged to that Member.
- k. No items, including, but not limited to, food, furniture, paper goods, and other supplies, may be removed from the house by a Member or guest for consumption or use in another location, unless specifically authorized by an Executive Board Member or the Director of Housing.
- l. The staff works for the House Mother and House Corporation. If Members need anything, ask the House Mother and she will relay the request to the staff.
- m. It is Members personal responsibility to clean up after themselves. The staff will not clean up any personal items.

R. Rooms

- a. There will absolutely be no alterations or improvements (painting, wall-to-wall carpet, etc.) made to individual rooms without the permission of the House Mother, Director of Housing and House Corporation.
- b. No furniture may be decorated or painted without the permission of the House Mother, Director of Housing and House Corporation.
- c. Each In-House Member is responsible for the cleanliness of their own room and the disposal of their own trash. Do not throw personal trash in the bathroom trash cans. Members must take their trash to the dumpster.
- d. No nails, sticky tape or contact paper are allowed in the room or on the doors. Use only push pins, tacks, or command removable strips which will need to be removed and the wall spackled at the end of the school year by occupants of the room. \$25 will be deducted from the room deposit if nail holes were put in the wall.
- e. No hooks backed with sticky tape or other adhesive may be used.
- f. Each In-House Member will check the condition of their room prior to moving in. A fine will be assessed at the end of the lease for any damage done to that room. If an In-House Member switches rooms during the year, they will be responsible to complete a damage assessment for that room prior to leaving. No furniture is to be moved room to room or to any other place in the house.
- g. There is no use of extension cords, only surge protectors will be used to plug into outlets.
- h. No closet doors may be removed.
- i. Items prohibited in rooms include, but are not limited to, string lights, burning of candles, toasters, and plug in scents (per fire inspector), etc.



- j. Do not hang anything from the fire sprinklers in the bedrooms. The In-House Member will be responsible for the cost of repair and damage if the fire sprinkler is tampered with.

S. Laundry

- a. Only In-House Members may use the washer and dryers. In-House Members are prohibited to do others' laundry such as boyfriends, friends, etc.
- b. Members who leave detergents unattended are at the Member's own risk.
- c. If there is something wrong with a machine, a note should be given to the Director of Housing.
- d. Do not overload machines. Do not put comforters or heavy blankets in the washing machine and/or dryer. Doing so will cause the machines to go unbalanced and could cause damage.
- e. Please use the hangers to hang wet clothes on white wire racks hanging above the counter, not over rolling racks. There are hangers provided, once clothes are dry remove from racks and leave the hangers downstairs for the next use.
- f. There will be laundry rolling carts in the laundry area to use to move wet clothes from wash to the dryer. These carts shall not be removed from the laundry area.



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I have reviewed and will follow the Gamma Lambda house rules for the 2026-2027 school year.

Member Signature

Member Name (Printed)

Date