



# MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

## STUDENTS ACCOMODATION POLICY

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## **1.0 PREAMBLE**

Maasai Mara University recognizes the significance of providing suitable accommodation to its students. In managing and supporting accommodation, the University has developed few hostels for use by the students and is still to construct more. However, there is a greater demand for accommodation by the students than the available rooms. This means not all students will be accorded accommodation at any given time and they must seek alternative outside the University. Due to the limited accommodation space, it's important that clear guidelines are provided on those who wish to get accommodation in the University

## **2.0 UNIVERSITY BACKGROUND**

Maasai Mara University was established with a mission to provide quality University education through innovative teaching, research and consultancy service for development. The University's operations are geared towards realizing its core functions namely; Training, Research and Community Service. In terms of community service, the University has so far been able to provide job and business opportunities to community members. It has also been actively involved in environmental conservation and cultural activities among others. However, there is still need for more effort in the area of Community Service which entails development and provision of educational, cultural, professional, technical and vocational services to the community. An effective approach to achieve this goal would be increased access to university education by the community's youth and other age groups. This is due to the fact that by accessing university education, these groups, will in the long run be able to participate more effectively in promoting economic activities, locally or beyond.

MMU will also endeavor to increase equity in the provision of university education particularly for the Maasai Community in Narok County and other disadvantaged people in the country in general. This will be done through affirmative action programmes in admission of students, setting up of university campuses and mounting of bridging

courses for school leavers who fail to attain the entry requirements for university admission. Maasai Mara University will aim at producing graduates who are socially responsible and have skills, attitudes and entrepreneurial spirit necessary in the development of this country as outlined in Vision 2030 and beyond

### **3.0 UNIVERSITY VISION**

To be a world class University committed to academic excellence for development.

### **4.0 UNIVERSITY MISSION**

To provide quality University education through innovative teaching, research and consultancy services for development

### **5.0 POLICY OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this policy is to provide guidelines on provision of accommodation to students on campus and how they are to conduct themselves in the Hostels

### **6.0 POLICY STATEMENT**

Maasai Mara University shall:

- 1) Give priority to students with disabilities in room allocation
- 2) Ensure the rooms are allocated on the basis of first come first served and those allocated must have met fee requirement for the semester as per the fee payment policy
- 3) Ensure the priority in room allocation is given to first year students
- 4) Ensure the students maintain the rooms for the period specified and paid for
- 5) Ensure that change of rooms is not allowed except with written permission of Dean of students or the Accommodation officer
- 6) Provide separate hostels for male and female students
- 7) Ensure safety and security of students in the hostels
- 8) Ensure that all students abide by the policy

## **7.0 REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE STUDENTS STAY IN THE HOSTELS**

### **1. REGISTRATION AND ROOM ALLOCATION PROCEDURE**

- i. Students shall pay the required fees for the semester before they can be registered
- ii. Only duly registered students shall be eligible for allocation of rooms in the hostels
- iii. Only students allocated rooms in the hostels shall reside in such rooms
- iv. A student who has not been allocated a room in a hostel shall not spend a night in any room except with express permission of the Accommodation officer or Janitor

### **2. CODE OF CONDUCT IN THE HOSTELS**

The Students shall

- i. Maintain the Hostel infrastructural facilities in good order
- ii. Not act in any way that will disturb or inconvenience other Hostel users
- iii. Ensure the safety and the general wellbeing of other hostel users
- iv. Not cook in the halls of residence
- v. Not threaten, intimidate, bully or harass other hostel users
- vi. Ensure there is no noise in the halls of residence
- vii. Not hold parties in the halls of residence. The student's groups and individuals may book classroom or common rooms for parties
- viii. Ensure that the use of video tapes, DVD's, CD's, Radios or any musical instruments in the halls of residence shall not cause any disturbances to other residents and that they will be played only between 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- ix. Entertain visitors to their rooms only between 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. After 10.00 p.m, nobody shall be in a room which is not theirs whether they are of the same gender or not.

- x. The halls of residence doors shall be closed at midnight for the students
- xi. Take full responsibility for their visitor's behavior while at the hostel
- xii. Report to the housekeeper any intended absence from the halls of residence and shall leave his/her contact address. Any student absent from the halls of residence for a continuous period of two weeks without prior permission shall be deemed to have vacated the residence
- xiii. Forfeit any monies paid to the university upon vacating his/her room during the semester with the exception of vacating on medical grounds as advised by the University Doctor
- xiv. Vacate the rooms during vacation except with written permission of the Dean of students
- xv. Be required to vacate the halls of residence if his/her continued occupation poses serious risk to health and safety of other occupants or any other person, or damages property. This can also be as a result of drunkardness or engaging in abortion activities
- xvi. Not to sublet the room during the tenancy period
- xvii. Not to make any alteration or additions or to drive nails, screws or fasteners into the walls, floors or to write or stick materials on the walls using glue or cello tape. Only masking tape can be used
- xviii. Use the room for accommodation purposes only and not to carry out any form of business
- xix. Will be responsible for any damages in their rooms and will bear their full costs
- xx. Ensure the room is clean at all times and avoid defacement

## **8.0 PREGNANCY WHILE IN HALLS OF RESIDENCE**

In an event of pregnancy either before or after taking residence in the halls, a student shall vacate the halls of residence at least 3 months before confinement or earlier if the pregnancy has complications that requires special attention

### **8.1 PRIVACY**

The University shall respect the right to privacy for students residing in its halls of residence. However, the University has a right to enter any student room under the following conditions:

- a) For maintenance, inventory and housekeeping purposes
- b) Upon suspicion of illegal activities
- c) Violation of the student's code of conduct in the hostel
- d) In case the health and safety of the hostel user(s) is at risk

## **9.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

Implementation of this policy shall be vested in the office of Dean of students

## **10.0 REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed regularly from time to time as the circumstance change