



# ABAC Housing Two-Semester Contract

Academic Year 2010-11

## Student Life and Housing

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**PLEASE READ. WHEN CHECKING INTO YOUR HOUSING ASSIGNMENT, YOU WILL SIGN THE HOUSING CONTRACT IN THE PRESENCE OF HOUSING REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE ROOM KEY. PLEASE REALIZE THIS IS OUR STANDARD TWO SEMESTER (FALL & SPRING) CONTRACT.**

**NOTE: Execution of this contract does not guarantee that space will be available in on-campus housing. Students for whom space is not available will be assigned to a waiting list and will be notified when space becomes available.**

This contract, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by and between Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, herein identified as ABAC, and (Name of resident, please print): Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_, Middle \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter identified as Student.

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, in signing this contract the Student has made application for living accommodations, room and board included, in the College residence hall and whereas, the College has assigned such accommodations to the student in the College residence hall for the 2010-2011 academic term, unless otherwise stated, exempting Acts of God, Strike, Natural Disasters and/or occurrences not under the control of ABAC. Now therefore the College and Student agree as follows:

1. **Conditions of the Contract.** Student must be officially admitted and enrolled full time at ABAC to live on campus and must check out of Residence Hall within 24 hours if he/she withdraws from classes at ABAC. Student who drops below "full-time" during the academic year should not assume he/she will be released from obligations of the Contract. Student agrees to comply with terms and conditions contained in Contract, all ABAC rules regulating the conduct of Student, and any policies or regulations which may be adopted and/or published by ABAC during the term of the Contract.
2. **Freshmen Residency Requirement:** ABAC requires all new students to live on campus unless they meet one of the following criteria:
  - Living with and commuting daily from the legal residence of a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent within a 50-mile radius of Tifton
  - Married
  - Single parent
  - 21 years of age prior to September 1, of the academic year
  - Earned 24 hours of collegiate level credit at another college or university.
3. **Term of Occupancy.** This contract is effective for a complete academic year (fall and spring semesters unless accepted into a 12-month room assignment). The effective dates for the academic year are determined by the official ABAC calendar as published.
  - A. **Fall and Spring Semesters:** Student agrees to reside on campus for both fall and spring semesters, provided Student enrolls in ABAC for both terms. Fall housing fees are due and must be paid during the fee payment period at the beginning of fall semester. Spring housing fees are due and must be paid during the fee payment period at the beginning of spring semester.
  - B. If Student fails to enroll at ABAC spring semester of the contract period, he/she will be required to vacate his/her room but **will be liable for payment per section 14 of this housing contract.**  
Student Initials \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. **Other Circumstances:** Agreements entered into at any time after the beginning of fall term will continue in effect until the close of the effective dates under the same conditions as expressed in (A) and (B) above.
  - D. **Semester Break:** The residence hall is closed during the break between fall and spring semesters; however, a Student who has been accepted into a 12-month room assignment may remain in the residence hall during the break. Residents do not need to move their belongings out during the break; however, they are responsible for their own housing during the break. ABAC assumes no responsibility for theft, destruction or loss of money, valuables, or other property during this period. In addition, ABAC cannot supply storage for Student's personal belongings.
  - E. **Summer Semester:** Summer term is a separate contract period, unless Student has been accepted into a 12-month room assignment. Residents desiring housing during the summer term must complete an additional contract.
4. **Mandatory Meal Plan.** Student living on campus agrees to purchase a required meal plan, unless Student meets established criteria for exemption. The fee for the plan is due and must be paid during the fee payment period at the beginning of fall term. Spring fees are due and must be paid during the fee payment period at the beginning of spring term.
  - A. **Special Dietary Needs.** Student participating in the mandatory meal plan who has medical conditions requiring special dietary consideration must provide appropriate medical documents to the Dining Hall Services.
  - B. Refunds or reduced rates based on dietary needs are not available.
  - C. Dining services are not available during holidays or breaks.
5. **Premise Assignments.** ABAC reserves the right to make all housing assignments and to make any changes or transfer at ABAC's discretion. Student also understands and agrees that:
  - A. ABAC does not make assignments based on ethnicity, religion, sexual preference, or national origin.
  - B. ABAC does not guarantee assignments to a particular room or building, type of accommodations, or specific roommate(s).
  - C. Student may not change accommodation without written authorization from ABAC. Administrative fees may be charged.
  - D. ABAC housing may not be sublet, and only persons assigned by ABAC may reside on campus.
  - E. Student shall use and occupy the room in ABAC housing to which he or she has been assigned exclusively as a residence for him/her.
  - F. ABAC residence halls are drug, alcohol, tobacco free facilities. Smoking is permitted only in outside areas designated by ABAC. For additional information, see the *Guide to Residential Living*.
  - G. Student agrees to accept accommodations assigned, including assignment to overflow housing.
6. **Furnishings.**
  - A. Suites and apartments will be furnished. Other furniture will be permitted in assigned living space provided furniture meets restriction guidelines. Furnishings cannot be removed from assignment location.
  - B. Deep freezers, mini refrigerators, water-filled furniture, and other heavy furniture or appliances are not permitted in any residence. ABAC Lakeside and Place reserve the right to remove any unauthorized or dangerous items.
7. **Utilities.** All utilities are provided at all assignment locations. Excessive usage fees will be charged.
8. **Telephone Access/Use.** ABAC will provide one telephone jack in each suite or apartment, but will not furnish telephone service. Only one telephone device may be attached to this jack. Student must contact local provider to arrange service and billing. ABAC assumes no liability for charges assessed to Student. Telephones for emergency use are located throughout the housing buildings.
9. **Right of Entry.** Student agrees to permit ABAC to inspect premises for purposes of inventory, fire protection, sanitation, safety, maintenance, and enforcement of ABAC rules in accordance with the search and entry procedures of ABAC as they now exist or may be hereafter amended during the term of this contract.
10. **Responsibility for Personal Property.** ABAC assumes no responsibility for theft, destruction, or loss of money, valuables, or other property belonging to, or in custody of, Student for any cause whatsoever, whether such losses occur in living spaces, vehicles, public areas, elsewhere in accommodation, or in baggage related to shipment. Student is encouraged to carry personal property insurance.
11. **Mail Service.** Students living on campus may request a mail box on campus. See ABAC Mail Center for details.
12. **Security Precautions.** Although security precautions are taken, ABAC does not assume any legal obligation to pay for injury to person (including death) or loss or damage to items of personal property which occurs in its buildings or on its grounds prior to, during, or subsequent to the period of this contract. Residents or their parents are encouraged to carry appropriate insurance to cover such losses. Student is responsible for taking or refraining from the following actions in the interests of safety and security of building residents:
  - A. **Fire Safety.** Student will not tamper with fire alarms, smoke detectors, extinguishers, hoses, or exit signs. Student will evacuate residence hall immediately upon sounding of an alarm or as otherwise directed by housing staff.
  - B. **Visitors.** Student agrees to the following conditions with regards to guests or visitors:
    1. Guests of the opposite gender are permitted to visit only during hours designated for such visitation and must adhere to all ABAC rules and policies regulating visitation.

