The possession of weapons is prohibited within residence halls at all times. A weapon is a dangerous instrument if it is used, attempted, or threatened to be used, or is readily capable of being used to cause death or serious physical injury. The weapons prohibited under this policy include, but are not limited to the following: any gun, shotgun, rifle, pistol or other firearm, any device from which a shot, projectile, or other object may be discharged by force (whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded), nooses, sticks, poles, pipes, “nun-chucks,” blackjacks, leaded canes, brass or metallic knuckles, bowie knives, dirk knives, butcher knives, switchblade knives, daggers, blades, machetes, swords, hatchets, metal spikes, bow and arrows, slingshots, metal darts, razors and razor blades (except as used for personal grooming), “BB guns,” “air rifles,” “air pistols,” pellet guns, paint ball guns, laser pointers, fire, dynamite, dynamite cartridges, bombs, grenades, torches, gun powder, firecrackers, fireworks, mines or powerful explosives, and any other pyrotechnic, incendiary or explosive devices.

To ensure the safety of all persons on its campus, to protect University property and to ensure no disruption of its educational mission, the University also prohibits the wearing of masks, disguises and other means of concealing one’s identity. The wearing of protective gear, such as body armor, shields and chainmail, is likewise prohibited.

Students found in possession of the above weapons will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include immediate removal from the residence halls and loss of all housing privileges. Students removed from the residence halls for disciplinary reasons will be responsible for the entire rental cost of the housing agreement period, both fall and spring semesters. Having a weapon in the residence halls may subject a student to criminal liability as well as the University conduct system.