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History 217: The Road to the American Revolution

History 218: The Road to the United States Civil War

History 219: American Independence



Course Handbook
for Students & Parents

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Welcome

We are excited to welcome you to the National Institute of American History & Democracy's Pre-College Program in American History! This summer, you will spend 3 weeks reading about American History, taking in-person visits to museums and historic sites, participating in discussions, and writing about what you have learned. At the end of the 3 weeks, you will have thought critically about key ideas in American History, made new friends, and earned 4 college credits from William & Mary for your work in a college-level class.

Site visits will give you a chance to see places where key events in American History took place. You will learn about the people – male and female; Indian, Black, and White; enslaved and free; young and old – who shaped and experienced these events. You will also be able to see material objects that these people made and used.

Afterwards, discussions with your Instructor and the members of your seminar group will connect your readings with the information you learned during the morning's visit.

Please contact NIAHD if you have any questions.

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Important Links

Academic Resources:

myW&M

<http://my.wm.edu>

This page contains links to W&M's online networks including Banner (for accessing grades and transcripts), Blackboard (for accessing course content and submitting assignments), and Outlook (for accessing your W&M student email).

Technology Support Center

<https://www.wm.edu/offices/it/services/support/tsc/>

W&M's Technology Support Center houses a staff of full-time and student experts who are available to help with all your tech-related issues in-person, on the phone, via email or live chat.

Student Accessibility Services

<https://www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/services/studentaccessibilityservices/>

Student Accessibility is committed to creating a barrier-free environment for students with diagnosed conditions by designing and implementing reasonable accommodations upon request on an individual and flexible basis.

William & Mary Policy:

Honor Code

<https://www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/services/communityvalues/honorcodeandcouncils/honorcode/>

By agreeing to follow the Honor Code, all W&M students promise to demonstrate honesty and integrity in their academic performance and personal conduct. Pre-College students are required to follow the Honor Code.

Student Code of Conduct

https://www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/services/communityvalues/student_code_of_conduct/

As registered students at W&M, Pre-College students must follow the W&M Student Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of everyone at the College - the administration, faculty, staff, students - to maintain a campus that is conducive to learning and sharing ideas.

Reporting of Concerns or Violations

<https://www.wm.edu/report/>

In the event a student, parent, or staff member needs to file a formal, written complaint, NIAHD follows W&M policy. This includes complaints regarding free speech; discrimination or harassment; sexual misconduct/Title IX; crimes, threats, or acts of violence; hazing; faculty misconduct; and Honor Code violations as well as formal Care Concerns about a student's mental, physical, or social health.

Emergency Information

<https://www.wm.edu/about/administration/emergency/>

W&M is committed to providing a safe and secure environment. Information provided here will help you familiarize yourself with W&M's emergency planning and prepare yourself in case of an emergency.

Class Expectations & Requirements

All participants in NIAHD's Pre-College Program in American History must follow the expectations and requirements listed below. Students who do not meet NIAHD's expectations and requirements for residential classes may face disciplinary action including, but not limited to, expulsion from the program.

- Students must always sign-out before leaving the dorm and sign-in when they return.
- All activities done outside the dorm, including exercising and sightseeing, must be done in groups of 3 or more.
- Curfew hours are designated as follows: In-Dorm Curfew – 9:00 PM
In-Room Curfew – 11:00 PM
- Students are not permitted to leave the dorm before 7:00 AM unless it is to attend a class-related activity supervised by NIAHD faculty/staff.
- Students may visit other floors from 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM.
- Students should use the restroom on their own floor.
- Students must be respectful of other students studying in lounges / public areas.
- Students must clean up after themselves (trash, dishes, laundry, etc.) and empty all trash bins in outside dumpsters. W&M housekeepers clean only communal areas such as the kitchen and bathrooms.
- Cell phones are not permitted during seminar discussions. Cell phones may be used during site visits for class-related activities, such as taking pictures and notes.
 - Students should not talk/text during site visits but may do so during van rides.
- Parents/guardians are welcome to visit during students' free time but are not permitted to spend time in the dorm. Please contact the NIAHD Office 24 hours prior to your visit and make sure that they sign-out and back in properly.
- No visitation is permitted by anyone other than immediate family without special permission from the student's parents/guardians and the NIAHD Office.
- No smoking, drinking, or illegal use of controlled substances will be permitted by any program participants.

Important

Expectations and requirements may be changed or modified at the discretion of NIAHD faculty/staff at any time. We will do our best to promptly inform you of changes.

Academics

Attendance

Each session of NIAHD's Residential Pre-College Program in American History is 3 weeks in length and carries 4 hours of college credit. While 3 weeks may seem like a long time, it is not a lot of time to learn a semester's-worth of history. All Pre-College Program participants are expected to attend every site visit and seminar discussion. Absences should only be for emergencies, either medical or personal.

Schedule

Classes will be held on weekdays. On most class days, classes will visit a historic site in the morning, have time to eat lunch back on campus, and then individual seminar groups will meet in the afternoon. Class schedule examples can be found on [Page 6](#).

NIAHD will organize special programs and activities which will give students a chance to form closer connections to other students and to build upon key ideas and concepts introduced in class. These activities will take place after site visits, seminar discussions, and dinner.

Any time that is not scheduled for site visits, class meetings, meals, and special programs will be free for you to study, exercise, watch TV, explore campus, etc. In addition, you will have free time on weekends.

Time Management

Time management is a key part of the college experience. Though the Residential Program Assistants (RPAs) will provide wake-up calls and remind you about events throughout the day, students will be responsible for managing their time and making sure that they complete reading assignments and submit written work when it is due.

Site Visits

Students will use a variety of approaches to learn about history in locations where key events took place. These locations will include museums, historic sites, battlefields, and archaeological excavations. Each place has been chosen both for its role in the larger context of American history and for its significance to one of the course's themes. The cost of admissions to all locations is included in the program cost.

Seminars

Students will be divided into small seminar groups of no more than 12 people for the purpose of discussing site visits, course readings, and historical interpretation of ideas. Discussions will last approximately 1.5 hours and will be led by a NIAHD Instructor. Instructors either have a doctorate in History, American Studies, or Anthropology or are writing their doctoral dissertation. Instructors lead discussion and ensure that all students have an opportunity to speak. In addition, Instructors evaluate your written assignments, participation in seminar discussions, and comprehension of the course material.

The classroom should be a place where you feel free to express your ideas and perspectives on the readings and topics, and a place where students can respectfully disagree and politely challenge one another in honest debate. In the study of history, we often discuss emotionally charged topics, and you may not always agree with your classmates or Instructor, but within the rules of polite society, you are encouraged to analyze and question historical ideas and information. NIAHD does not tolerate personal attacks and offensive language. When challenging another's arguments, do so in a way that shows civility and respect.

Course Readings

There will be a reading assignment each night that will vary in length from 30 – 60 pages. Your reading assignments will include articles from academic journals, book chapters, and primary documents that will provide background information for each day's site visit and seminar discussion. Occasionally, there will also be podcasts and videos assigned.

All reading materials have been included in the cost of tuition and you will get a hard copy of the readings when you arrive on campus. Additionally, reading materials will be available on Blackboard, a secure W&M network, before the class begins. Students are not required to do any advance reading or academic preparation before the start of the program.

Written Assignments

NIAHD does not administer tests or quizzes during the Pre-College Program. Instead, evaluation of a student's understanding of the course material comes from written work. Students are required to submit 3 written assignments during the program that draw on information from site visits, course readings, and discussion seminars.

Instructors will discuss written assignments during seminar meetings and post information on Blackboard, where students will submit their assignments. The length and evaluation of each assignment will be determined by the student's seminar Instructor.

Schedule

Students will be able to view their entire schedule on move-in day. The schedules listed here are examples of what a student's day might look like.

Standard Travel Day

7:00 AM	Wake-up Call
7:30 AM	Breakfast at the Commons
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Site Visit; about 30 – 60 minutes of travel time in each direction Example: HIST 217 to Historic Jamestowne HIST 218 to John Marshall House HIST 219 to Colonial Williamsburg
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch at the Commons
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Seminar Discussion
2:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Free Time - for studying, recreational activities, doing laundry, etc.
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner at the Commons
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	NIAHD will schedule either an optional or required activity Example of optional activity: English Country Dance Lessons Example of required activity: Guest Lecturer
9:00 PM	In-Dorm Curfew and study hours; all students must be in the residence hall but may use lounge/common areas
11:00 PM	In-Room Curfew and quiet hours; all students must be in their room

Extended Travel Day

6:30 AM	Wake-up Call
7:00 AM	Breakfast at the Commons
7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Site Visit; about 1 – 3 hours of travel time in each direction Example: HIST 219 to Monticello in Charlottesville HIST 217 to Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton HIST 218 to James Monroe's Highland in Charlottesville
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Picnic lunch on site
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Seminar discussion on site
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner at the Commons
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Free Time – for studying, recreational activities, doing laundry, etc.
9:00 PM	In-Dorm Curfew and study hours
11:00 PM	In-Room Curfew and quiet hours

Weekend or Non-Travel Day

6:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast at the Commons at your leisure
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Optional activity or Free Time: Saturdays – Archaeology at Fairfield Sundays – Religious services
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch at the Commons at your leisure
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Free Time – RPAs will often use this time to organize Target runs, ice-cream socials, movies, games, or other events
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner at the Commons at your leisure
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Free Time
9:00 PM	In-Dorm Curfew and study hours
11:00 PM	In-Room Curfew and quiet hours

Free Time is a block of time with no required activities. Students should use their free time and study hours to finish reading assignments, prepare for the next day's class, and complete writing assignments before doing other activities.

Computers & Technology

W&M Student Accounts & Email

All students will be given a Student ID to access W&M's online networks (i.e., Banner, Blackboard, and Outlook). Students will be prompted to activate their user ID before the first day of class. Instructions will be emailed directly to the student's preferred email address.

Internet Accessibility

The W&M campus is equipped with a reliable and convenient wireless network accessible in and around all academic buildings and dormitories. The [eduroam](#) (education roaming) wireless network provides secure Internet service for the academic community.

Eduroam is available in thousands of institutions across 90 countries and territories worldwide. Once eduroam is set up on your device, it will connect automatically as you move from one eduroam institution to another.

Computers & Tablets

Students will need to bring either a laptop computer or a tablet to complete assignments during the Pre-College Program. Any laptop device with wireless capabilities is acceptable, although we have found that school-issued Chrome Books do not connect well to W&M's wireless network. All operating systems are acceptable, including Windows OS, Mac OS, and Chrome OS. Tablets, such as Apple iPad or Microsoft Surface, are also acceptable computing devices.

Mobile Phone Use

NIAHD encourages you to bring a cell phone so you can stay in touch with your friends and family during the program. You can bring your phone with you on site visits, and you are welcome to use your phone while traveling to and from museums and historic sites. If your phone has a camera, you will be able to take pictures on many of your site visits. However, you should not use your phone to talk or text while you are on site or during your seminar discussion.

Student Life

Living in the Dorm - Landrum Hall

You will live in an air-conditioned dorm named [Landrum Hall](#) with other Pre-College students and NIAHD's Residential Program Assistants (RPAs). The dorm has a kitchen (with a refrigerator and microwave) and laundry, as well as lounge and study areas and a soundproof music room.

Students will live in double rooms or suite-style rooms, which are double rooms that share a bathroom. The dorm is convenient to the dining hall, classrooms, and NIAHD's office in Blair Hall. The nearby [Sunken Garden](#) is a great outdoor space to relax with friends.

Rooms – You will swipe your Tribe Card to get into your dorm building and you will have a key to open the door to your room. There will be a thermostat that you and your roommate can use to adjust the fan speed on the AC and to turn the AC on or off.

Laundry – Laundry at Landrum Hall is \$2.00 for a load of wash and \$2.00 to dry, so please remember to bring a roll of quarters. The washers and the dryers are on the lower level of Landrum, so you will not have to go far.

Location – [Landrum Hall](#) is in a great location because you will be close to [the Commons](#) where you will eat and to the buildings ([James Blair Hall](#) and [Tucker Hall](#)) where you will have your seminar discussions. Also, [Colonial Williamsburg](#) is less than 10 minutes from your dorm room.

Campus Map: <https://www.wm.edu/about/visiting/campusmap/>

Roommates

When you fill out your [Roommate Questionnaire](#), please take your time and be unabashedly honest about the information you tell us. We assign roommates based on the information in the Roommate Questionnaires. You will learn the name of your roommate when you check-in on Move-In Day.

Exploring Campus & Visiting Colonial Williamsburg

As part of the experience of living at W&M, NIAHD encourages you to explore the campus and Colonial Williamsburg during your free time. While Williamsburg is a safe community, it is not free of crime and your safety is very important to us. When you leave your dorm, RPAs (Residential Program Assistants) will ask you to sign-out, note where you plan to go and who is in your group, and indicate when you expect to return to the dorm.

Reminder: Students can explore W&M's central campus, Colonial Williamsburg, and Merchants Square without an RPA in groups of 3 or more.

Residential Program Assistants (RPAs)

NIAHD's RPAs will live in the dorm with you and other Pre-College students. Your RPAs will help you get settled in your dorm when you arrive on campus, go on site visits, answer questions about being in college, supervise the dorm, and make sure that no one violates W&M's Student Code of Conduct or NIAHD's Pre-College Program Rules. The RPAs in your dorm may plan and supervise late afternoon and evening activities, evening study sessions, movie nights, and trips to get ice cream on the weekends.

Packing for the Pre-College Program

Your dorm room in Landrum Hall will have a bed with a Twin-XL mattress, a chest of drawers, a desk, and a chair. Your room will also have a closet/wardrobe that you will share with your roommate. Overhead lighting is provided. You will need to bring pillows, sheets, towels, and blankets (yes, it can get cold in W&M dorms during the summer!). You can also bring a clock, clothes hangers, and a desk lamp. Please do not bring a mini-fridge or a microwave; you can use the refrigerator and microwave in Landrum's kitchen. On Page 16, we have provided a [Suggested Packing List](#).

Prohibited Items

See page 18 for examples of [Prohibited Items](#) that you cannot have in your dorm or on W&M's campus during the Pre-College Program. This list is not all-inclusive, and some items not listed may also be prohibited. Possessing any prohibited items may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, expulsion.

Curfew

Because the Pre-College Program is academically challenging and includes busy days, you will have 2 curfews each night (including weekends): In-Dorm Curfew – 9:00 PM, when you will need to be in your dorm and In-Room Curfew – 11:00 PM, when you will need to be in your room.

Tribe Card

Your Tribe Card is not just your Student ID; it is a secure and reliable single card system that makes it easy for you to access services all over campus. You will need a Tribe Card to access your dorm building and eat meals at the Commons.

RPA's will hand out Tribe Cards before dinner on Move-In Day, so please make sure you set-up your new Tribe Card prior to your arrival on campus. Instructions regarding how to create your Tribe Card will be emailed in mid-May.

Your Tribe Card is covered in your Pre-College Program payment; however, the cost to replace a lost Tribe Card is \$23.

Housekeeping & Cleanliness

NIAHD expects you to keep your room clean and to take all of your trash to an outside dumpster near Landrum Hall. It is important to keep your room clean throughout the program as a courtesy to your roommate, suitemates, and other residents on the floor.

Members of the W&M Housekeeping Staff are only responsible for routine cleaning of public areas such as hallways, stairwells, public bathrooms, and lounges. They are not permitted to enter your room.

Care of William & Mary Property

As part of the W&M community, you are expected to take care of all property on campus. You will be responsible for any damages to your room as well as any damage and/or loss of any of the furnishings and fixtures in your room. If you cause damage to any W&M property, you will be responsible for the cost to repair or replace such property.

William & Mary Liability

W&M is not responsible or liable for any loss or damage to property resulting from fire, theft, casualty, or any other cause, or for personal injury occurring within the leased premises, except as may be required by Virginia law.

Security

W&M Campus Police patrol the campus, respond to emergencies, and provide general security 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They can be reached by calling 757-221-4596 or by dialing 911 in the event of an emergency.

During the Pre-College Program, access to Landrum Hall (your dorm) will be restricted to Pre-College students and NIAHD staff who will use their Tribe Card to enter the buildings. Security, maintenance, and housekeeping staff will enter only on an as needed basis. Individual dorm rooms will have their own locks and you and your roommate will each have a key to your room. NIAHD recommends that you and your roommate leave your dorm room locked throughout the day.

Lost Room Keys

If you do not return your room key at Check-out, you will be charged a \$60 replacement fee. If you find your room key when you get home, you will still be required to pay the replacement fee because the Office of Residence Life will change the lock as soon as a key is reported lost or missing.

Dining & Meals

Meals at Commons Dining Hall

You will eat most of your meals at the Commons, a W&M dining center that is a short distance from Landrum Hall. Your first meal will be dinner on the night you arrive at W&M and your last meal will be breakfast on the morning you leave campus. In addition to offering vegetarian options at every meal and pizza and salads at lunch and dinner every day, the Commons has stations that offer food without gluten or seven of the most common allergens: milk, eggs, soy, tree nuts, peanuts, shellfish, and wheat.

Meals During Extended Site Visits

You will have several site visits that will last all day and NIAHD will provide sandwiches or pizza for lunch with chips, fruit, and dessert on the side. If you have food allergies or dietary restrictions, we will make sure that you will have a lunch that you can eat during your site visit.

Snacks & Meals in Williamsburg

While you will not need to buy meals at the restaurants near campus, you will have opportunities to eat at local restaurants. There is also a convenience store where you can get snacks and to-go meals. Vending machines for snacks are located throughout campus. Your NIAHD meal plan will not cover snacks or meals that you buy at Williamsburg restaurants or from vending machines on campus. NIAHD will not reimburse you or your or parents/guardians for these expenses.

Food Allergies & Dietary Restrictions

If you have food allergies and/or dietary restrictions, please include this information on your [Student Health Form](#) and contact NIAHD before you get to campus if you have any concerns. The more you tell us about your food allergies, the more we can do to find safe options for on- and off-campus meals and in the dorm if necessary.

You are your own best advocate when it comes to avoiding food allergies. NIAHD will notify the dining staff of any known dietary restrictions ahead of time so the staff at the Commons can prepare. In addition, we encourage you to talk with a chef or a server at the Commons when you arrive on campus about your food allergies and/or dietary restrictions. The servers often keep safe alternatives in the kitchen and only bring them out to the dining area when asked so the food does not become contaminated.

Additional Services

Student Health

If you get sick or hurt during the Pre-College Program, NIAHD will make sure that you receive any medical care that you need and that we keep your parents/guardians informed about your health. The City of Williamsburg has several urgent care facilities (including M.D. Express and Velocity Urgent Care) that are close to the W&M campus. There are also 2 hospitals, Riverside Doctors' Hospital and Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center, that are open 24 hours a day. Your parents/guardians will be responsible for any charges for medical treatment and for filing any claims with their insurance company.

Religious Services

You will be able to attend worship services if you choose to do so. There are several places of worship within walking distance of campus and the RPAs can help get you to your place of worship if it is not close to the W&M campus. The Wren Chapel is W&M's non-denominational chapel and is open to all.

Earl Gregg Swem Library

You will have access to W&M's main library, the [Earl Gregg Swem Library](#), located a short distance from Landrum Hall. You may use the library to study, and you can set up an affiliate account if you want to check-out any books. Use of the library's collections is optional and you will not need information from Swem's collections or reference section for your coursework.

Reves Center for International Studies

The [Reves Center for International Studies](#) is a resource for our non-resident students who are attending the program from abroad. Reves will help NIAHD and our International Students with the immigration process before arriving to campus.

William & Mary Spirit Shop & Bookstore

The [William & Mary Spirit Shop & Bookstore](#) is located 601 Prince George Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187. This shop carries a variety of books and dormitory needs. It is a place where you can buy official W&M merchandise, including t-shirts, jerseys, hats, lanyards, and other souvenirs.

Information for Family & Friends

Visits

Parents and guardians are always welcome to visit their child during the program. If you wish to come for a visit during the program, please contact the NIAHD office at least 24 hours before your visit to let us know you are coming and if you plan to take your student off campus. You may contact us by email (precol@wm.edu) or phone (757-221-7652).

For security reasons, we discourage visitors who are not immediate family or grandparents. We require written permission from parents/guardians for any visitors who are not family members. If a parent/guardian of another student wishes to take your child off campus for any reason, NIAHD will require your written permission.

Phone Calls

Students should bring their own mobile phones to stay in touch with family and friends. If you call your children and they do not answer, they are probably immersed in the program (mobile phone use will not be permitted during class time except for emergencies). Please try again later and feel free to contact the NIAHD office if you have serious concerns.

Email

Students will be fully connected to the W&M Wi-Fi, so they will have ready access to their personal email accounts throughout the program. Students will also have W&M email addresses that they can share with you.

Mailing Letters & Packages

Mail will be delivered to the NIAHD office, and the RPAs will take letters and packages to Landrum Hall. The NIAHD Office is closed on weekends so try to avoid Saturday/Sunday delivery dates whenever possible. Letters and packages should be sent to the addresses below:

U.S. Postal Service	Independent Parcel Carrier (FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.)
NIAHD William & Mary PO Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187	NIAHD William & Mary James Blair, Room 327 250 James Blair Dr. Williamsburg, VA 23185

Suggested Packing List

Below is a list of items that you may need during your 3-week stay at W&M. While comprehensive, this list is not exhaustive. If you have any questions about this, or the Prohibited Items List, please feel free to reach out to the NIAHD Office.

Some families find it helpful to ship their student's dorm room items to NIAHD ahead of Move-In Day. If this is something you are interested in, you may ship items to the [Independent Parcel Carrier](#) address provided on the prior page.

Important: Virginia is in a convergence of Temperate and Humid Subtropical Climates. Summer days can be extremely bright, sunny, hot, and dusty, and then stormy, muddy, and occasionally cool. There will be bugs and humidity every day. Please plan accordingly.

Tech & Classroom Supplies

- Laptop or Tablet (required for essays)
- Charger
- Cell Phone
- Charger
- Notebook
- Writing Utensil(s)

Other:

- _____
- _____

Field Supplies (for Site Visits & Archaeology)

- Backpack / Purse / Tote Bag
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Baseball Cap / Wide Brim Hat
- Umbrella
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Walking Shoes / Tennis Shoes
- Breathable Clothing
- "Work Clothes" (for Fairfield Archaeology)
- Refillable Water Bottle
(W&M is committed to reducing its dependence on single use plastics.)

Other:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Dorm Supplies

- Pillows
- Pillowcases
- Twin-XL Mattress Pad
- Twin-XL Fitted & Flat Sheets (39"x 80")
- Warm Blanket / Bedspread
- Towels & Washcloths
- Wastebasket / Garbage Bags
- Alarm Clock
- Clothes Hangers
- Laundry Detergent
- Laundry Basket / Duffel
- Surge Protector

Other:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Other Clothing & Personal Items

- "Dressy Casual" Clothes
(for Closing Ceremonies)
- Activewear
- Sandals / Flip-Flops
- Shower Soap
- Deodorant
- Moisturizer
- Shaving Products
- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Hairbrush / Comb
- Hair Dryer
- Hair Ties / Headbands
- Other Hair Styling Products / Tools
- Glasses/Contact Lenses
- Contact Lens Cleaner

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss / Flossers
- Ortho-Elastics / Retainer Care
- Feminine Products
- OTC / Prescription Medicines
(Reminder: ALL medications must be self-administered by the student.)

Other:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Prohibited Items List

The following items are NOT PERMITTED in residence halls, as stated in W&M's Residence Life Housing Contract and Guide.

Reminder: Possessing any prohibited items may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, expulsion.

- × Animals (excluding approved service animals)
- × Chain Locks for doors
- × Stun Guns / Tasers (and other self-defense weapons)
- × Halogen Lamps
- × Candles / Incense
- × Electrical Cooking Appliances (hot pots, toasters, portable electric cooking devices, etc.)
- × Dangerous Materials (fireworks, explosives, firearms, knives, gasoline, combustible liquids, etc.)

NIAHD reserves the right to add items to this list at any time. We will inform students and parents / guardians if, and when, items are added.



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