COMMUNITY STANDARDS

THE HONOR SYSTEM
The Honor System is the guiding principle of conduct for the Caltech community and applies to both your academic and your residential environment. This principle is simply stated: “No member shall take unfair advantage of any other member of the Caltech community.” The Honor System is very important at Caltech and is designed to protect you and allow you to live in an atmosphere of trust. Please take time to read about the Honor System, (http://www.deans.caltech.edu/HonorCode) and the Institute and Student Affairs Policies, so you can become familiar with what is expected of you.

We will send along a link of the 2019 Honor Code Handbook later in the summer. You will have an opportunity to learn more about the Honor System during New Student Orientation.

CALTECH POLICIES
The policies carefully spell out what is acceptable conduct for Caltech students and what you can expect if you violate them. While Caltech respects your ability to make good decisions for yourself and others around you, we also have a responsibility to support and enforce campus, state and federal regulations. For those who struggle with a substance abuse problem, there are places on and off campus to turn to for help. More information about assessment and referral for substance-related concerns is available at Counseling Services: http://counseling.caltech.edu/substance

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ON CAMPUS
F. A. Q. regarding alcohol and other drugs on campus may be found here: https://deans.caltech.edu/HonorCode/AOD

Students are responsible for reading and understanding Caltech’s alcohol and substance abuse policy, which can be found here: http://hr.caltech.edu/documents/2640/caltech_institute_policy-substance_abuse.pdf

The Resident Guide and Housing Policies has additional information, and can be found here: http://www.housing.caltech.edu/policies

Information about alcohol and undergraduate event registration can be found here: https://spa.caltech.edu/

HAZING POLICY
Hazing is not permitted at Caltech. Hazing is not only illegal, but it violates the Honor Code, in that it takes unfair advantage of members of our community. At Caltech, hazing is defined as: the creation of any situation, consensual or not, that may reasonably place another person in danger of physical or psychological harm, or demonstrates disregard for another person’s dignity or well-being. Hazing occurs when participation in—or exposure to—a situation is an implicit or explicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued social or cultural membership in a group or organization. In the spirit of the Honor Code, anyone who has knowledge of an event or activity that constitutes hazing has a responsibility to take every reasonable action to prevent its occurrence, and/or to report it in a timely manner. Every effort will be taken to keep the identity of reporting parties confidential.

Please visit: http://www.deans.caltech.edu/HonorCode/hazingpolicy.