rbc student handbook
2016-2017
Welcome to the RBC family! We are excited about your decision to come and study at Rosedale. Our motto is simple: love God, love others.

What does that look like here at RBC? This handbook provides some simple guidelines.

Our goal is to provide a campus environment that nurtures you and helps you love God deeply and serve others freely. We’re intentional about creating a space where you can thrive spiritually and intellectually, and we look forward to your company as we follow Jesus together.
love God, love others, love God
Academic goals

Developing and renewing the mind is part of the command to love God with your entire being. At RBC you will be academically and intellectually stretched. Your teachers will challenge you to evaluate truth claims through the lens of the Bible; they’ll encourage you to think critically, reason analytically, write proficiently, and speak effectively. We want to help you honor God with your mind and leave here equipped for more advanced study.

Academic support

The academic office is prepared to assist you in successfully completing your course of study at RBC. Our faculty and staff want to see students succeed academically. Students who struggle will be offered support; this may include faculty or student tutoring and help in developing effective study habits.
love God with your mind
love God with your heart, soul, mind & strength

To help you love God with all your mind and strength we have established guidelines in the following areas: class attendance, class dress, media consumption, and dorm time.

Class attendance is an important component for successfully completing your course objectives and is required. Check your class syllabi to see how your teachers handle absences. In the case of illness, students will need to get an excuse from one of the resident directors. In order to help foster a good learning experience, we encourage students to come to class prepared. Our students are asked to dress appropriately for this type of learning environment. Please avoid wearing your Superman or sock monkey jammies to class no matter how attached you are to them.
Dorm time

Students need to be in the dorms by midnight Sunday through Thursday and by 1 am Friday and Saturday. You can sign out for the weekend (Friday and Saturday). Signing out during the week requires pre-approval of the dean of students.

Unregistered guests need to leave the grounds at dorm time. At this point you may wear your Superman/sock monkey jammies!

Quiet Time

Quiet time starts at 10:30 p.m. This means that:

- Dorm room doors need to be closed. Use your ear buds for music.
- Dorm hallway lights are turned off.
- Dorm lounges are to be brought to a low volume.
- Students and guests need to be out of the opposite gender’s dorm lounge.
- Cleaning duties need to be completed before 10:30 pm.
The silent painting speaks on the walls and does much good.
Gregory of Nyssa

RBC is committed to helping our students learn how to engage the culture for Christ. We want our students to discern and enjoy the good, the true, and the noble in the culture around them, while identifying and responding faithfully to those elements that do not honor God.

Rosedale acknowledges the place that media occupies in our culture; we also understand that there are strengths and weaknesses inherent in the various art forms (movies, TV, music, etc.) that surround us.

Because we believe we are created to be in community, we want Rosedale to be a place where building relationships takes center stage. While we recognize that there is nothing inherently wrong with media, we understand that it can get in the way of the relationships and community building that so often come to be highlights of the “Rosedale experience.”

To better nurture this community, we ask students not to watch movies and TV shows on campus, except in the student lounge.* Requests for exceptions can be made to the dean of students.

To help foster relationship-building and to encourage learning, RBC asks you to leave your gaming consoles at home. We strongly encourage students to refrain from excessive gaming on any device in order to maximize their experience at RBC.

* Yes, even any of the Superman movies from the 70s and 80s.
If you attend movies while RBC is in session, please refrain from going to R-rated movies and horror movies (worthy exceptions need RD approval in advance). Any of the Superman movies would be just fine!

Other things we ask you to refrain from: gambling in any form; reading or viewing obscene, pornographic, or excessively violent material; visiting pubs, bars, and night clubs, or simply participating in the party scene.

Did you know that in the first version of Superman, he was an evil villain and his human name was Bill Dunn?
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Dress
All students are to reflect Christian maturity and modesty in their appearance. The Student Life Team reserves the right to ask a student to change any attire, jewelry, etc. that, in our judgment, negatively affects the learning environment of the campus and/or hinders the student’s witness or service for Christ.

Here are some guidelines for casual dress: Shorts should come to around the top of the knees and be relatively loose-fitting. Please avoid see-through material and overly tight-fitting apparel. Dresses and skirts should be knee-length and slits should not extend above the top of the knee. Please avoid low-cut necklines and spaghetti straps.

Tattoos
We ask students to refrain from engaging in tattooing or piercing while at RBC. *(Little known fact, Superman does not have any tattoos. Sock monkeys might, though.)*

Concluding Comments
We know that everyone will not agree with all of these guidelines. They are not meant to be oppressive, and RBC in no way believes these campus guidelines are the norms that every Christian is called to live by. However, we do believe in the virtues these guidelines are trying to foster — modesty and simplicity.

We want to encourage students to embrace these guidelines as spiritual disciplines meant to create space in their lives to experience God’s love and to grow in love for others. And remember, all guidelines are in effect while school is in session, unless otherwise noted.

_Einstein and Asimov once disagreed about whether it was possible for Superman to travel faster than the speed of light. Asimov said that it was possible. Einstein said it was not. Who did Einstein think he was anyway?!_
Some intentional times of worship and prayer:

Corporate worship
We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. On Thursday, students meet with their prayer groups.

Sunday worship
We expect students to attend church on Sunday morning. A Sunday evening service is also held on campus every week.

Special meetings
During the fall semester we often hold a special series of meetings around a certain theme. Attendance at these meetings is required unless permission to skip has been given by the dean of students.

Renewal Meetings
During the winter term, we take time to have a series of worship gatherings focused on spiritual renewal. Attendance is required unless permission to skip has been given by the dean of students.
Missions Conference

During the spring semester the campus gathers together for a series of special meetings focused on the call to missions (either globally or locally). The meetings are held during Wednesday chapel, Wednesday evening, Thursday prayer groups, Thursday evening, and Friday chapel. Attendance is required. If students need to miss a session they need to see the dean of students.

Skips Allowed Per School Session

- Chapels (Thursday prayer groups are included in your count): fall & spring – 4 skips each; winter – 2 skips
- Renewal Meetings: No skips
- Missions Conference: No skips

Explore

We believe that loving God and others is evidenced by serving people who are in both physical and spiritual need. When a person commits to being a student at RBC, he or she commits to being actively involved in our ministry formation program, Explore. This is a 20-25 hour (per school year) requirement for all full-time students.

Over the course of the year, students will go to a ministry location at least eight times, though many of our students opt to volunteer on a weekly basis at ministries of their choice. Currently, we place students in music, urban, youth, children’s, international student, and prison ministries around Columbus and the college. College vans are normally used for these service trips. If students use their own vehicles, they will receive some compensation for mileage.
Living in the dorm provides students a great opportunity to grow in love for others. To create an environment for peaceable and enjoyable living, we have developed these guidelines:

We ask students not to bring weapons to campus (also, no monkeys with guns).
Each student will be assigned cleaning duties on a weekly basis. Failure to complete your duty in time results in a fine.
We want campus to be fun, but please, no dangerous pranks, secret clubs or hazing.
During non-quiet time, music can be played audibly at reasonable volumes in your room. Outside your dorm room, earbuds are preferred (they’re a must in the library!). We expect all music to be free from profanity, violent themes and sexually provocative lyrics.
Public Displays of Affection (a.k.a–PDA) are not allowed on campus or at RBC activities or events.
Remember that quiet time is 10:30 p.m. (Dorm time is midnight Sunday–Thursday and 1 am Friday and Saturday.)
Check with the RD or RA about the proper registration of campus guests.
No candles or fires are allowed on campus without the prior approval of the Student Life team.
RBC is a tobacco-, alcohol-, and drug-free campus. We ask students not to bring tobacco or alcohol on campus and to refrain from any usage while enrolled (this includes vaping). RBC will make accommodations for students trying to quit smoking. Drug and alcohol use will face serious consequences.

While RBC is not a monkey-free campus, our monkeys do have to refrain from smoking and drinking, etc. They can, however, drink coffee.
RDA Team (Resident Directors and Assistants)—Our RDA Team oversees dorm life.

Student Council (StuCo)—Student leaders who organize weekend activities.
Recreation Committee—Student leaders who organize recreational activities and leagues.
Worship Director—Student who organizes music for chapel services.
Technical Team—Students who rotate running sound and PowerPoint.
Digital Life Team—Students who take photos and film campus life for our year-end presentation and video.

This year’s RDA Team:
Men’s RD, Josiah Zimmerman
Women’s RD, Kara Paat
Men’s RA, Darryn Byler
Women’s RA, Emily Lehman
Student Services
Rosedale offers the following services for students:
- Mail service
- Minimal banking services
- Library
- Recreational facilities
- Food services
- Campus store
- Student employment opportunities
- Financial aid services and counseling
- Off-campus nurse, who provides oversight to RDA team
- Coffee Shop

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
Men’s RD: 740.857.1311 ext. 125
Women’s RD: 740.857.1311 ext. 126
Dean of Students: 941.915.2423
President: 614.595.1629
Academic Dean: 740.506.4756
Discipline Guidelines

Our number one aim is to see the transformation of the heart. However, for a community to run smoothly and to hold the student body accountable, we have designed a way to deal with students who, for a variety of reasons, have a hard time keeping to the student covenant:

In most cases, the RDA team will warn the student two times before referring the student to the dean of students.

The third warning will mean the student will need to visit the dean of students for consultation. Depending on the violation, this could lead to a monetary fine.

Refusing to submit to the plan of action developed with the dean can lead to more serious disciplinary actions.

Right of Appeal

The student can appeal a decision made by any of the various groups below. Here are the proper steps in the appeal process:

RDA decision—Submit an appeal to the dean of students.
Dean of Students decision—Submit a report to the office of the president.
Presidential decision—Submit a report to the board of directors of the college (Chairman Laban Miller, 859.576.8658).
Board of Directors decision—Submit a report to the ABHE (www.abhe.org, contact number 407.207.0808), and the Ohio Board of Regents (www.ohiohighered.org, contact number 614.466.6000).

The appeal must include a description of the incident and why you think the decision needs to be overturned.
Welcome to the Rosedale community! Our primary goal here at the college is to see that this campus nurtures your walk with Jesus. Rosedale has played a vital role in the spiritual formation of so many people, and we strive to see that continue. We also want to be a place where students are equipped for a life of service. Our hearts, heads and hands are all part of the equation. Throughout the course of the coming academic year, it’s our prayer that a deeper walk with Jesus will be nurtured in your heart. Along with that, we trust that you will be challenged academically to think deeply as a follower of Jesus. And finally, we want to see your hands equipped for service. We are a college that is deeply committed to spiritual formation that takes place in a learning environment and ultimately equips followers of Jesus.

My role here on campus involves caring for students’ needs, and my office is always open. Please stop by any time if you need to talk, pray or just hang out. The resident directors and assistants are also here for you. As a Student Life team, our goal is to cultivate a nurturing environment that is centered around Jesus. We are excited that you’re going to be a part of the community. God bless! ~ Matt Showalter