

Bedroom Allowable Furnishings

Room Alterations (Residence Community Standards - Administrative Infraction)

Students are not permitted to alter their residence bedroom in any way, including but not limited to: painting, wallpapering, installing shelves, hooks, mounts or removing window treatments. Students are not permitted to repair their own drywall or install additional window treatments. Any furniture in addition to that provided by Brock is not permitted. The only exceptions to the furnishings rule are for specific items that are of an organizational nature (e.g. a small shelf or storage unit) and those items must be made of metal or plastic. [This document contains pictures and descriptions of examples of acceptable furnishings for all residence bedrooms.](#)

Students are not permitted to raise their bed frames on blocks, milk crates etc. Students who cause damage to their bedroom, unit, or common space due to these alterations will be responsible for the costs associated with the damages incurred. Click [here](#) for more information related to additional repair/cleaning costs.

When changing the height of beds within adjustable frames (including un-bunking bunk beds), students must ensure that they are following the guidelines as directed on their specific building Room Condition & Inventory forms and following the room layout specifics to avoid year end charges. Follow this link and select your residence to view your room layouts online:
<https://brocku.ca/residence/buildings-and-amenities/building-amenities/>

Why am I only allowed to bring certain items?

- Your room/unit is already fully furnished. This means you don't have the costs associated with buying new furniture and the hassle of trying to figure out what will fit in the space you have. Furniture can also be heavy / difficult to move with potential to cause damage.
- Bringing in additional/oversized furniture can clutter the space and become a fire hazard. It increases the fire load and can pose difficulties with evacuation in emergencies.
- Bringing in used or found furniture can bring unwanted pest control issues into residence.
- These proactive steps help us to keep our residences safe, clean, and pest free.

Why don't we allow "wood"/fabric furnishings brought in from outside Residence?

Wood and fabric furniture are often difficult to keep clean. They also have many seams and joints that can hide unwanted pests (like bed bugs). We maintain our Brock furniture and sanitize all mattresses and fabrics (like couches and carpets) to ensure there are no pest issues and furniture is properly cleaned prior to your arrival.

What is considered "wood"?

When we say wood, we are also referring to laminates and pressboard. Their designs and uses are similar to that of wood.

What happens if a non-allowable item is found in my room/unit?

Infractions are dealt with through a variety of mechanisms depending on the severity of the incident. See the [RCS](#) under [Administration & Enforcement of Residence Community Standards.](#)

Allowable Furnishings

All Residence Bedrooms

The following items are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite, and Townhouse style residences.

Allowable Mattress Pads and Toppers

- Maximum 3 inch thickness, anything more than 3 inches is considered a mattress.
- Only one mattress topper/pad is permitted per student.
- If a special mattress or mattress pad is required for medical reasons, students must complete the ["Medical & Special Consideration Form"](#) on the residence website and receive approval from the Manager, Housing Admissions and Administration before bringing the item to residence.



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Allowable Desk/Study Chairs (Vinyl, Plastic, Leather or Mesh)

- Students are allowed to bring one personal chair for their bedroom so they can have a more comfortable study chair. Please refer to below pictures of what is and is not acceptable as a personal chair.
- The Brock provided desk chair must be kept in the room.



MESH WITH VINYL/LEATHER IN PICTURE



NO FABRIC



NO WOOD
AT ALL

Allowable Organizational Items

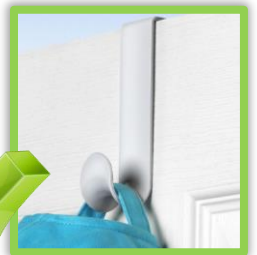
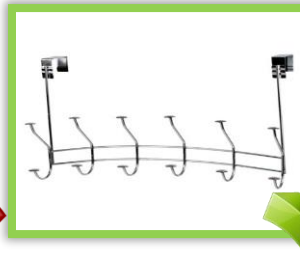
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The following items are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite, and Townhouse style residences.

Coat Rack (Metal or Plastic) / Non-Adhesive Hooks

- Must stand on its own; cannot be affixed to a surface (bedroom doors included)
- We do not allow plastic adhesive hooks and other adhesive mounts as they result in billable damage to walls. Please use Brock provided poster mounts free of charge to avoid damage.

NOTE: Over the door metal or plastic hangers can only be used on closet/bathroom doors. Please be aware that they may remove paint from frames/doors. Protect surface underneath to avoid painting charges for scratched paint.



Can only be hung on wardrobes/in closets

Single over the door hook only permitted over bathroom door

Shoe Rack (Metal or Plastic)

- Cannot be affixed to a surface or placed over bedroom or fire door.



No DOORS

No WOOD

Hanging shoe racks must be hung in closets not bedroom doors or fire doors and made of metal/plastic only

No fabric or pockets



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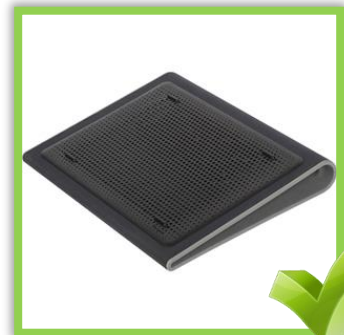
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The following items are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite, and Townhouse style residences.

Plastic fold up TV tray (no wood)



No WOOD



Allowable Organizational Items

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The following items are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite, and Townhouse style residences.

Vinyl Storage Cubes (cannot be fabric) / Stools

- Single only; max size of 40cm x 40cm x 40cm or 15 5/8" x 15 5/8" x 15 5/8"



NO FABRIC
STOOLS /
OTTOMANS
PERMITTED



Shelf Unit (Plastic or Metal)

- Unit cannot be affixed to walls or surfaces. Maximum of 3 shelves, and cannot be to a height that is determined unsafe by Housing Facilities Staff. Unit must be assembled in a secure manner.



NO WOOD,
NO DRAWERS,
NO DOORS.



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The following items are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite, and Townhouse style residences.

Plastic/Metal Storage Drawers/File Cabinet

- Max 15.25" L x 21.88" W x 31.88" H



NO WOOD,
NO WICKER,
NO FABRIC

Plastic / Metal End Tables

- Max 22" L x 22" W x 22" H
- No cupboards or drawers



NO LAMINATE

Looking for details on what appliances you can have in residence? See the listing of Allowable Appliances (with pictures) on our website at <http://www.brocku.ca/residence/buildings/allowable-appliances>.