ROOM DECORATION GUIDELINES

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms to provide a comfortable and personal atmosphere. However, it’s important to give consideration to safety and respect for college property. Please follow these guidelines to insure you do not damage Gustavus property and so you don’t have any damage charges when you move out at the end of the year.

**Gustavus furniture may NOT be removed from a student room – you must incorporate the furniture in your room into your decorating design (this includes curtains).**

Each room has the following furniture for each student:

- Bed (frame & mattress)
- Desk and desk chair
- Closet/wardrobe
- Dresser
- Telephone
- Smoke detector
- Ethernet jack (and all halls have wireless access)
- Window covering (either drapes or blinds)
- See individual hall listings on the Residential Life website for other amenities specific to some halls.

Below are some DOs and DON’Ts of room decoration

**DON’Ts...**

- Don’t use two-sided tape, stickers or decals
- Don’t paint the room (or anything in the room)
- Don’t use nails on any Gustavus property.
- Don’t hang anything from the ceiling (or have fabric hanging from ceiling to floor – including flags)
- Don’t have any lounge furniture (from hall lounges) in your room.
- Don’t remove Gustavus furniture from the room
- Don’t have anything inappropriate or offensive hanging in your window (i.e. visible from the outside).
- Don’t bring your own air conditioning unit – these are not allowed.
- Don’t use octopus plug-ins/outlet multipliers for electronics (but power strips are okay!)
- Don’t try to build your own loft out of wood – it’s against our policy and is a safety risk!

**DO...**

- Do use 3M release tape products on walls and furniture.
- Do discuss room decorations with your roommate before hanging things up or arranging furniture.
- Do keep all wall-mounted furnishings attached to the wall.
- Do remember that anything put on the front of your door or in your window is in public view and must be in appropriate good taste (as defined by Residential Life professional staff).
- Do check out our Pinterest page [www.pinterest.com/gustiereslife](http://www.pinterest.com/gustiereslife) for ideas!
- It’s okay to wait until you arrive to make sure measurements are correct and to see what will for sure fit before purchasing stuff.
- BE CREATIVE! Your room is your home – make it comfortable and fun!