

## Latinx House Charter 2019-2020

### Purpose

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The purpose of the Latinx house is to cultivate an open and inclusive community for Latino/a/x students on Dickinson's campus. It will be a safe space for all Latinx identifying students to be able to express and share their cultural identity with other students on this campus. The house's main goal is to provide support, comfort, and essentially a diverse and inclusive family to all Latinx identifying students so they are able to continue to thrive academically, socially, and mentally on campus.

### House rules

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1. The house will have an "open-house" rule where all Latinx identifying students are welcome to use the space for whatever purposes (ex. Events, LACC club meetings, study space, etc.) between the hours of 8 am – 11 pm.
2. Music is allowed to be played at any volume as long as visitors/guests are mindful of the members of the house living there.
3. The kitchen is open for all Latinx identifying students to use as long as whatever is used is washed and put away after use (please ask a house member first for availability).
4. House members are expected to treat each other member of the house with respect, in regards to differences in culture and/or opinions.
5. The members of the house will meet bi-weekly with their house manager to schedule events for the Latinx community.
6. House groceries will be bought for the house. The cost of food will be split evenly amongst the house members. The house manager is in charge of having a list on the fridge, and organizing the grocery shopping.
7. Spanish and/or any other language (ex. Portuguese, French, Creole, etc) associated with Latinx/Caribbean culture is allowed to be spoken in the house at each person's discretion and/or desire.

### Cleanliness

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As this is an open and collaborative space, all house members and/or guests are expected to respect the space and the people living in it. Therefore, all are expected to clean up after one-self if anything is used and/or moved. Every Sunday @ 2 pm, all house members are expected to clean the entire house. With cleaning, Latinx and Caribbean music will be played, making the space feel more like home rather than a dorm. In regards to the kitchen, all house members are required to clean up after themselves and wash whatever they use.

### Programs

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- ◇ Ceña Sundays: As a house bonding event, the house members will cook dinner together every Sunday and have dinner today. Once every month, we will open up the dinners for the Latinx community.
- ◇ Latin Nights: Once a month, the Latinx house will host "Latin night" where a specific genre of Latinx/Caribbean music will be played (ex. Bachata Night, Salsa Night, Reggae Night, Cumbia Night, and so forth).
- ◇ Game Nights: Once a month during the weekend, the house will host a game night where Latinx identifying students can bring board and/or card games that are part of their culture to share with the Latinx community to foster cultural awareness. Game nights will be held mid-afternoon.

- ◇ The house is always open to be used for collaborations with other organizations and houses. All inquiries about events, can be directed to the house manager or any house member.