



**ROBERTS**  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

## **Standards for Community Life**

### **Heritage**

Roberts Wesleyan University, in recognition of its Christian heritage, is committed to providing excellent educational experiences in an environment that supports a wholesome lifestyle and religious values. We acknowledge that it is impossible to create a community with behavioral standards that are acceptable to every member. We do, however, believe it is essential to specify certain behavior expectations that will assist the community in obtaining its objectives.

### **Community Standards**

Our community believes the values of our Christian heritage are best supported when we abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco and the misuse of drugs; and certain behaviors related to sexuality, including sexual harassment, the viewing of pornography, sexual activity outside of marriage, which is defined in our creed as a relationship between one man and one woman, and any other activity identified in the [Student Handbook](#) which may be detrimental to the community of learners. It is important to stress that this position is not set forth as an index of religious commitment but rather as the expectation of this community. Violations are considered a breach of integrity within the community with which each of us has voluntarily chosen to associate.

Because the social policies of the University are not intended to infringe upon the governance of the home, resident students who are home for a vacation or weekend, or students who commute to campus from the home of their parents, are assumed to be part of that family unit and under the direction of their parents. However, when students are not in the company of their parents or under parental supervision, they are expected to abide by University standards.

It is expected that Roberts Wesleyan students are individuals of high personal integrity. Accordingly, honesty in the pursuit of academic goals is essential. Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated.

### **Chapel Standards**

At Roberts Wesleyan it is felt that the practice of corporate worship is a basic principle for personal growth. Therefore, each student in the University community is required to obtain a certain number of Spiritual Formation Credits.

### **Residential Standards**

It is expected that full-time traditional undergraduate students will live on campus unless they are living at the permanent residence of their parents/legal guardians.

*Roberts Wesleyan University admits academically qualified students in accordance with all state and federal non-discrimination laws.*