

## RESIDENTIAL LIFE POLICY

TO: All Members of the University Community RLP 2012:01

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### **STUDENT HOUSING: ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT AND PERMISSION FOR OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE** (Supersedes RLP 2005:01) **(Effective Fall 2012)**

**I. Provision of On-Campus Residential Housing.** It is the goal/intent of the University to provide on-campus residential housing for its student body, and to do so in a manner which will be adequate to meet the future enrollment growth of the University and in a manner that is as economical as reasonably possible.

**II. Requirement that Students Live in University Residence Halls.** Except as otherwise provided in this policy, all single men and women students living away from home are to live in University residence halls if space is available. For the purposes of this policy, a student's birth date must be prior to January 1, 1993 in order to be considered for approval to live off campus. Home is defined as the permanent address of a parent or legal guardian.

**III. Permission to Live Off Campus.** Permission may be given by University authorities for certain students, or groups of students, to live in off-campus residences under conditions which do not interfere with the proper operation of the University's residential program. Permission to live off campus will be ordinarily considered under the following circumstances:

A. Students who live in the permanent home of a parent or legal guardian within 50 road miles of the University are eligible to commute from home. Students must apply to the Housing Office/Residential Life to receive approval to commute.

B. Other extreme or unusual circumstances as determined by appropriate University officials.

All appeals to live off-campus based upon special circumstances must be made in writing and include appropriate documentation. Students given permission to live off-campus must take responsibility for maintaining an updated local address with the University.

**IV. Requirements Applicable to Students Who Live Off Campus.** Students residing off campus shall abide by University regulations pertaining to such residency, and shall abide by generally-accepted standards of desirable social conduct.

Cross Reference

Board Policy, Subpart 4-13, *Student Housing*

Residential Life Policy 2011:01, *Overnight Visitation Program*

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