




OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

FIRST YEAR HOUSING REQUIREMENT POLICY


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BACKGROUND

In partnership with students and in support of the educational goals of the University, the office of Housing & Residential Life provides comfortable, safe and well-maintained residential communities. The accommodations, activities, experiences and opportunities offered on campus encourage students to progress toward becoming self-directed individuals.

Housing & Residential Life encourages students to develop friendships, join study groups and intramural teams, and apply and develop leadership skills. Housing & Residential Life staff help residents set goals, make friends, resolve problems and get connected in the community and around campus.

National studies have shown that students who live on campus earn better grades, make more friends, adjust to college sooner and are more likely to graduate on time.

The purpose of this policy is to support the successful transition of freshmen students who move from outside of the Las Vegas area to attend UNLV by requiring them to live in Campus Housing their freshman year.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

This policy impacts UNLV students who meet the criteria as an incoming freshmen from outside the Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City or Pahrump; the Office of Housing &

Residential Life; Contracted Housing Management Service Provider; Unit of Campus Life; Unit of Enrollment and Student Services; UNLV Athletics, parents of prospective students, and UNLV Food Service Contractor.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

This policy should be made available and communicated to all incoming UNLV freshmen and parents of prospective students from a high school outside of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City or Pahrump who are taking six or more credits.

POLICY

Incoming UNLV freshmen from a high school outside of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City or Pahrump who are taking six or more credits are required to live on campus in a UNLV owned or operated housing facility during their first year.

Limited exceptions are available for students that:

- are married;
- graduated from high school at least one year prior to entering UNLV and have been living independently or serving in the military;
- transfer to UNLV after completing at least two semesters at another college or university (not freshman transfer Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) recipients);
- are living with a parent or legal guardian within Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City or Pahrump
- or have certified medical/disability limitations beyond accommodations made in collaboration with the Disability Resource Center.

Requests for exceptions must be submitted in writing to the UNLV Office of Housing & Residential Life, which is the sole authority for exceptions.

Non-compliance with the on-campus housing requirement may be cause for denial or cancellation of class registration by UNLV.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

N/A

CONTACTS

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DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, an “incoming UNLV freshman” means an undergraduate student with a class standing of “Freshman,” defined as having completed between 0 to 29 semester credits. Further, this refers to students who meet the current admissions criteria and/or have been admitted to the university as a degree-seeking student.
