

Policies of the University of North Texas	Chapter 07
<b>07.008 On-Campus Housing Residence Requirement for First Year Students</b>	Student Affairs

**Policy Statement.** On-campus housing, dining, and student life facilities are a vital part of the process of educating students at the University of North Texas. In support of institutional goals of promoting education and personal welfare of students, all first year college students are required to live in on-campus residence halls.

**Application of Policy.** Students.

**Definitions.**

1. **Commuter Student.** “Commuter Student” means a student who is living at home with a parent, grandparent, married brother or sister, or other approved relative or guardian, or in a dwelling owned by the same that lies within a reasonable distance to the UNT campus.
2. **First Year College Student.** “First Year College Student” means any undergraduate student who completed high school in the twelve months prior to enrolling at UNT.
3. **On-campus Residence Hall.** “On-campus Residence Hall” means property owned and operated by the Department of Housing and Residence Life.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

1. **Requirement to reside in on-campus residence halls**

All first year college students who enroll for nine or more semester hours, are required to reside in an on campus residence hall under a Housing License Agreement for the full term of the housing period applied for by the student, as long as space in an on-campus residence hall is available.

College credit prior to enrollment at UNT (including but not limited to dual enrollment, Advance Placement credit, and International Baccalaureate) does not affect the first year residency requirement for students.

**Responsible Party:** Director of Housing and Residence Life

2. **Exemptions from first year residency requirement**

The Housing Assignments Office will review and grant exemptions from the on-campus housing requirements when the student has submitted a completed application and meets one of the following criteria:

- a. The student provides notarized verification that the student will be a commuter student during the student's first year at UNT; or
- b. The student will suffer significant hardship because of insufficient financial resources if required to reside in an on-campus residence hall; or
- c. The student will suffer significant hardship because of medical reasons if required to reside in an on-campus residence hall, which would impair the health of the student.

Responsible Party: Director of Housing and Residence Life

3. Appeal of exemption requests

Students may appeal the decision of the Assignments Office regarding an application for exemption from the on-campus residence requirement to the Associate Vice-President for Auxiliary Services.

Responsible Party: Associate Vice-President for Auxiliary Services

4. Responsibility to fulfill housing contract

Students who enter into a UNT Housing License Agreement will be required to abide by the terms of that contract.

Responsible Party: Director of Housing and Residence Life

5. Availability of Housing and Dining Services.

Residence halls remain open for Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break at no additional charge. Students wishing to stay in a residence hall over the winter break will be required to notify the appropriate housing official in advance. Students remaining in a residence hall over Winter Break; will be charged a per-diem rate.

On-campus housing is available for each of the summer sessions. Students are required to submit a separate application for on-campus housing during the summer sessions, and students will be charged the associated rates for each term.

Dining Services provides meal plan options for the fall semester, spring semester, and summer terms. Cafeteria services are not available during any of the holiday break periods, the May-mester (3WK1) or the intersession period that occurs between the end of summer classes and the open of the residence halls for the fall semester. During the closed periods, students are able to utilize on-campus retail food services, as available.

**References and Cross-references.** N/A

**Forms and Tools.** Students must log into an eHousing account to submit a Housing application or to access the Commuter Exemption Request paperwork.

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