

Campus Residency Policy

Freshmen and Sophomores attending Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit are **required** to live on campus or with their parents or guardians.

National studies demonstrate that campus residence positively affects:

Academic persistence. Resident students are more likely to maintain acceptable grade point performances and more frequently attain a bachelor's degree.

Satisfaction with the faculty. Resident students generally have more frequent contact with faculty and tend to be more satisfied with their interaction with faculty.

Willingness to re-enroll. Resident students are less inclined to withdraw or transfer to other institutions before attaining a degree.

Those who have not yet achieved junior status or who have not completed the equivalent of four full semesters of academic work are required to reside in University housing.

Exceptions to the campus residency policy may be granted to students under certain conditions. The eight (8) conditions that can exempt a student from the campus residency policy are:

- Completion of four semesters of full time academic work;
- Residing with parents or legal guardian;
- Enrollment as a part-time student;
- Students who are married;
- Students with one or more dependent children in their custody;
- Students who are military veterans who completed at least two years of full-time, active military service;
- Students over the age of 21;
- Students with physical or psychological circumstances such that the University cannot provide appropriate housing.

Parameters used to determine Student eligibility for a Campus Residency Exemption

Student requests to be waived from the residency requirement are approved only if the student is eligible for at least one of the policy's eight (8) exemptions. The eligibility parameters used in making these determinations are the following:

1. Completing four full semesters of academic work. Four full semesters of academic work are defined as:

- Enrollment for at least four semesters as a full time student at Duquesne University or another accredited college or university.
- *or*
- Completion of 60 or more credit hours of academic work at Duquesne University.
- *or*
- Completion of combined total of 60 or more credit hours of academic work at as well as at another accredited college or other university. This total may include Advanced Placement

Credits and Dual enrolled High School Credits.

2. Residing with parents or legal guardian. Residing with immediate family or legal guardian is defined as:

- Residing with a parent or legal guardian. To be eligible, the parent or legal guardian's residence must be within one of the following counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Washington or Westmoreland
- Residing with a grandparent. To be eligible, the student must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian and their grandparent's residence must be an Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Beaver, Mercer, Washington or Westmoreland address.

3. Students who are enrolled and are taking eight or fewer credit hours.

4. Students who are married.

5. Students with one or more dependent children in their custody while attending Duquesne University.

6. Students who are military veterans who completed at least two years of full-time, active military service.

7. Students over the age of 21.

8. Students with physical or psychological circumstances such that the university cannot provide housing and/or board services compatible with their lifestyle needs. This also requires supporting documentation from a licensed, professional caregiver appropriate to the student's circumstance.

NOTE: The University's Campus Residency Policy makes no provision for financial need as a reason for an exemption. Thus, waiver requests based upon this premise will not be approved. Students needing financial assistance are advised to discuss their situation with the Financial Aid Office.

Compliance:

The campus residency requirement is a University policy. As such, compliance is a condition of a student's enrollment to Duquesne University. Students who are included in the Campus Residency Policy must do one of the following:

- Complete a University housing agreement.
- Be accepted to live in a University approved residence.
- Complete and have approved by the Director of Residence Life, a Campus Residency Waiver Request.

For the fall semester: One of these three options must be completed by June 1. Students accepted after June 1 must complete one of these options within two weeks of being accepted to Duquesne University.