Freshman Residency Requirement

Summary/Purpose: This policy explains the requirement that all first-year students live in on-campus residence halls.

The University of Mississippi administration is committed to the academic success of all students. Current research indicates that those students who live on campus have a higher grade point average and are more likely to continue in their academic interests. As a result, full-time single students who have fewer than 30 semester hours are required to live on campus for one academic year (two semesters) or for one semester and two summer terms. Exceptions are made for married students, students who are 21 years of age or older, and for those students who live with parents or legal guardians and commute within a radius of 60 miles.

Married freshman should submit a copy of their marriage license, and the parents or legal guardians of commuters should send a confirmation letter to the Office of Student Housing and Residence Life. Others who feel that special circumstances may entitle them to an exception should mail an appeal letter to: Housing Appeals Committee, Department of Student Housing and Residence Life, University, MS 38677. All exemption documents should be submitted prior to July 1.

Single freshmen (except commuters living with parents or guardians) who enroll and are found to be living off campus without an authorized exemption from the Housing Appeals Committee will be administratively charged for housing.