

Oklahoma State University Policy and Procedures

OSU-STILLWATER HOUSING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS	6-0301 STUDENT SERVICES August 2025
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PURPOSE

1.01 As an institution of higher learning, Oklahoma State University (“OSU”) requires first-time undergraduate students, regardless of emancipation status, to be housed in university housing. Mirroring national research, Oklahoma State University data shows a statistically significant difference in the first-year retention rate and cumulative first-year grade point average between students who lived on-campus versus those who lived off-campus.

SCOPE

- 2.01 This policy applies to all incoming OSU Stillwater First-Time College Students.
- 2.02 This policy applies to all university owned, leased, operated, or approved residential spaces.
- 2.03 This policy does not apply to students enrolled in an online only degree.

DEFINITIONS

3.01 First-Time College Students are students with six or fewer attempted credit hours, excluding hours earned during the preceding summer term¹, remedial/developmental (zero-level courses), or pre-college work and excluding credit hours accumulated by concurrently enrolled high school students.

3.02 University Housing are residential properties either owned, leased, or operated by the university including but not limited to Traditional Halls, Suites, Apartments, Deluxe Suites, and Leased Housing units. University Housing also includes university-approved fraternity/sorority housing located within a Greek Neighborhood.

POLICY

4.01 Housing Residency requirement: All incoming OSU Stillwater first-time college students are required to live in university housing or approved housing located within a Greek Neighborhood. Failure to complete a first-year housing contract or be approved for an exemption

¹ This applies only to students who enter OSU the first fall semester following high school graduation.

will result in financial penalties. This policy is applicable insofar as rooms are available in University Housing.

EXEMPTIONS

5.01 All students seeking an exemption from this policy must apply by stating the listed reason, as set forth in this section, and providing supporting documentation to Housing and Residential Life.

5.02 The student lives within a 40-mile radius of OSU with their parent/legal guardian.

5.03 The student is currently serving or has served in the military.

5.04 The student is or will be 21 years old by the first day classes commence.

5.05 The student is married and/or has dependents.

5.06 Other. Housing and Residential Life will consider requests for exemption on a case-by-case basis.²

Approved:

Student Affairs Division Heads, January 2025

Directors of Student Academic Services, March 2025

Executive Leadership, August 2025

² Students in need of a medical exemption must request an exemption through OSU Student Accessibility Services.