



STUDENT LIFE POLICY

NUMBER/TITLE: 702 Residency Requirement Policy

Covered Individuals: Fayette campus students

Strategic Priority: SP1

Covered Locations: Fayette campus

HLC: 1C

Effective Date: July 15, 2014

**Consultations: Enrollment Management,
Academic Affairs, Residence Life**

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy establishes residency requirements for Upper Iowa University (University or UIU) students attending the Fayette campus.

PURPOSE

All students are required to live in University residence halls. Students who meet at least one of the criteria below may seek a waiver of the residency requirement, through which they can request to live off campus.

The following criteria are accepted when seeking a waiver of the residency requirement and requesting to live off campus:

- Lives in primary residence within 45 miles of the Fayette campus (verified via Google Maps) for two years prior to enrollment; parents' or guardians' names must be included in the request
- Has completed at least 90 credits
- Is a transfer student to UIU and has completed at least 48 credits
- Married and/or has dependent children
- 22 years of age or older
- Military serving or (honorably discharged) Veteran

Students who fail to take up residency or move off campus without acceptance of the residency requirement waiver will be assessed a financial penalty of \$5,000.00 per year, for the duration of the residency off-campus until they meet one of the criteria above.

DEFINITIONS

- Primary Residence – dwelling where a person usually lives; a person can have only one primary residence at any given time
- Transfer Student – a student who enrolls in a university after having begun their course of study at a different university
- Military Serving – includes active duty, active duty for training, inactive duty training, and full-time National Guard duty
- Residency – living on campus for a specified period of time while classes are in session

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Waivers of the housing residency requirement are available via the Off-Campus Commuter Request Form located in myUIU. Those seeking a waiver must do so 30 days prior to the start of Session 1 or Session 3. All requests to live off-campus are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Requests in which at least one of the above criteria is not met are rarely granted.

Once a student is approved for a residency requirement waiver, it is for the remainder of their time at UIU, unless they decide to move back onto campus at some point after approval. If a student decides to live on campus, they will need to complete another waiver form for any future plans to live off campus.

CUSTODIAN

Assistant Vice President of Student Life and Assistant Dean of Students.

RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS, AND POLICIES

Residency Requirement Waiver Form

HISTORY

| New/Revision Number | Date of Action/Approval | Revision Change |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| SL-702 | 6/11/2025 | Policy approved by President’s Council |
| SL-702 | 5/20/2025 | Updated name of waiver form. |
| 702.01 | 11/1/2022 | Change the credit requirement for transfers from 60-48 credits. Include the penalty fee explanation in the policy implementation section. Put the policy in new template format. |
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