UNIVERSITY HOUSING REGULATION-Columbus Campus

University Housing Regulation Requirements

The University Housing Regulation requires that all unmarried undergraduate students regularly admitted and in full-time attendance must live in university residence halls while enrolled at The Ohio State University, Columbus, unless:

1. The student lives within twenty-five miles of the Columbus campus, as described under Special Residence Arrangements, or
2. The student qualifies for a Special Residence Arrangements or is excused from compliance based upon Special Considerations, as defined within this policy, or
3. The student has attended The Ohio State University or any other post-secondary educational institution for at least four semesters post-high school or its equivalent, or
4. The student graduated or has otherwise completed their study at the secondary school level two years or more prior to enrollment at The Ohio State University and by reason of having previously established an independent lifestyle would not materially benefit from residence hall living; or
5. Space in the residence halls is no longer available.

Special Residence Arrangements

Requests for Special Residence Arrangements must be submitted to University Housing on the appropriate forms and may be approved for one of the following reasons:

1. The student lives within twenty-five miles of the campus. The student’s actual local residence with their parents, legal guardian, or a close relative is within a 25-mile radius of the Columbus campus. A close relative is a grandparent, adult aunt or uncle, or adult brother or sister provided that the regulation does not apply to both parties concerned. University Housing must approve this request prior to initial enrollment for the semester, June 1st for students who enroll for autumn semester and December 15th for students who enroll for spring semester.
2. The student’s actual local residence is in a social fraternity or sorority chapter house maintained exclusively for its members and the house has met the Greek Housing Standard and the Greek Housing Implementation Report. Request forms must be submitted to University Housing and approved prior to initial enrollment for the semester, June 1st for students who enroll for autumn semester and December 15th for students who enroll for spring semester.
3. The student’s actual local residence is a scholarship or academic residential living unit not part of the residence hall system, but has been recognized by University Housing. Written documentation for permission to reside in these special units must be submitted to and approved by University Housing prior to initial enrollment for the semester, June 1st for autumn semester and December 15th for students who enroll for spring semester.

Special Considerations

Requests for exemptions from compliance with the University Housing Regulation and any supporting documentation for the following Special Considerations will be reviewed by University Housing. Requests and documentation must be submitted in writing to University Housing at least 30 days prior to the initial term of enrollment.

1. Medical necessity as certified by a physician and the Office of Student Life Student Health Services, subject to the approval of University Housing, which shall establish standards of general application for determining medical necessity.
2. Financial hardship, supported by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), evaluated by the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Financial Aid, and subject to the approval of University Housing, which shall establish standards of general application for determining financial necessity. If a FAFSA is not on file, please allow six to eight weeks for the evaluation process to be completed.
3. Special circumstances that create a hardship requiring an exemption from the University Housing Regulation, supported by documentation that identifies the severe and compelling circumstances existing prior to the initial term of enrollment. Approval or denial of the request by University Housing will be based upon substantiation of the circumstances.

Other Terms

Compliance with the Housing Regulation is a condition of initial registration and continuing enrollment at The Ohio State University.

1. Once a student signs a housing contract, the Terms and Conditions shall apply regardless of any provision in the Housing Regulation.
2. Proof of compliance with the University Housing Regulation is the responsibility of the student. Failure of a student to comply with this regulation may be cause for denial or cancellation of registration. Failure to comply may also result in assessment of University Housing fees for the term in question.
3. University Housing is authorized agent for administration of the University Housing Regulation for the university.
4. University Housing will make all approvals for waiver of compliance with the University Housing Regulation in writing.
5. University Housing reserves the right to alter or change any information or any programs contained herein.