The Most Immediate Advantages
Living on campus is just plain convenient. Just as meaningful are the Leadership opportunities it brings. Residence hall life opens the door to involvement in your University.

The Most Important Advantages
Research indicates that living arrangements play a significant role in a college student’s success. Here’s what recent studies reveal about students who live in residence halls or Greek housing:

- Students living on campus generally have a higher Grade Point Average.
- Students living on campus have a higher probability of graduating from college.
- Students living on campus generally experience a higher degree of overall satisfaction with their college career.

The Hidden Advantages
A less visible but meaningful benefit of residence hall life is the feeling of community you discover. Finding your niche on a large, diverse campus can be challenging. Residence hall living provides the needed backdrop and brings with it a sense of identity and belonging. You will be able to take advantage of seminars covering such topics as time management, study skills, safety, conflict and more. You can participate in activities recognizing Human Rights month, Alcohol Awareness month, Black History month, Wellness month and others – all sponsored by people in Residential Life who share a real commitment to your success.

Advantages of Living in a Residence Hall

What is an FTC
A student is considered a First-Time College student (FTC), regardless of their high school graduation date, when they are enrolling at the University for the first time without previously attending another college or university. The following means of earning college credit hours do not count as previous enrollment at a college or university:

- College work in high school
- Testing while in high school
- Attending a summer session between high school and enrollment at MU

Housing Policy

Exemptions
To enhance academic success, all First-Time College students who are less than 20 years of age as of August 15* and are enrolled for more than six (6) credit hours are required to reside for the academic year in University-operated housing or houses operated by fraternities or sororities recognized as student organizations by the University. Students who are older than 20 or who are enrolled for less than six (6) credit hours and who wish to live somewhere other than University or Greek operated housing are considered exempt from the living requirement upon submission of a Request for Exception to the Housing Policy form.

*This refers to the August 15 prior to the semester the student will enter MU.
Exceptions

- A First-Time College student less than 20 years of age, who desires to live somewhere other than in University operated housing or Greek houses, must send to the Director of Residential Life, 0780 Defoe-Graham Hall, Columbia, MO 65211-4050 a complete request for Exception to the Housing Policy form. The form must show the address of the proposed housing and the student’s reason for desiring to live elsewhere. Additional information may be required before an exception may be granted.
- Students married or living with a legal dependent, parent(s), or legal guardian will be granted an exception upon submission of a Request for Exception to the Housing Policy form. Other exceptions to the policy may be granted upon submission of a request for exception. A certificate of marriage or legal document showing dependence (i.e., tax return) must be attached to this request. If the student will be living with a parent(s) or legal guardian, the request for exception must be signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian. For students living with a spouse, legal dependent or legal guardian and who have submitted a residence hall contract, contract cancellation terms will be applied based on the date the request for exception is received or the date the student moves out of the residence hall.
- Students requesting to commute from a location outside of Boone County will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Students requesting to live with a relative other than parent(s) or legal guardian will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Student Organization Housing

According to the Housing Policy under the M-Book Housing Rules and Regulations section, a fraternity or sorority house is any house operated by a fraternity or sorority recognized as a student organization by the University of Missouri. In order to acquire approval as recognized student housing, fraternities and sororities must:

1. Employ a full-time House Director – every fraternity and sorority occupying recognized student housing must have a House Director. The House Director is a live-in person that coordinates the day-to-day operations between the chapter and its resident members. The individual fraternity or sorority chapter residing in recognized student housing must employ the House Director. Undergraduate students do not qualify for the position of House Director. The office of Greek Life must receive the name, phone number, and mailing address of the Housing Director as part of the Chapter Profile.
2. Meet state and local housing ordinances
3. Meet state and local fire codes. In addition, each house must conduct an annual fire drill.

Except for First-Time College students (FTC), all students are permitted to reside in housing of their choice.

Housing Policy Statement Notes

- Spring semester students are not subject to the housing policy at the beginning of the next academic year (August, fall semester).
- The residence hall contract does not permit First-Time College students to exercise the purchase option terms during the academic year except for students requesting to move to a house operated by a fraternity or sorority recognized as a student organization by the university.
- Please see the Cancellation and Termination terms in the student copy of the Residence Hall Contract (available on the website) for the full explanation of the purchase option.

Non-compliance with the First-Time College student policy will result in disciplinary action according to the University of Missouri Collected Rules and Regulations, Section 200-1010 Standard of Conduct.

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(Please direct questions to reslife@missouri.edu or 573-882-7275)

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CURRENT ADDRESS______________________________

PHONE NUMBER __________________________________________________________________________

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ______________________________________________________________

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