Advantages of Living in a Residence Hall

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:
- 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 academic and social events covering such topics as time management, study skills, safety, stress busting and more. If you join a Thematic Learning Community (TLC) or a Freshman Interest Group (FIG), you will also enjoy events and activities based on the TLC or FIG theme. You can participate in fun 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.

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
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.

A First-Time College (FTC) student less than 20 years of age who desires to live somewhere other than in University-operated housing must send a complete Request for Exception to the Housing Policy form to the Director of Residential Life, 0780 Defoe-Graham Hall, Columbia, MO 65211-4050. The form must include student's reason for desiring to live elsewhere. Additional information may be required before an exception may be granted.

*Aug. 15 prior to the semester the student will enter MU.
Please complete this form and return it to:
Director of Residential Life, 0780 Defoe-Graham Hall, Columbia, MO 65211-4050

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

NAME ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

DATE OF BIRTH ___________________________ AGE _______ STUDENT NUMBER ____________

CURRENT ADDRESS ___________________________ E-MAIL ADDRESS ___________________________

PHONE NUMBER ___________________________ PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ___________________________

ADDRESS ___________________________ PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ___________________________

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ___________________________ PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ___________________________

PLEASE CANCEL MY RESIDENTIAL LIFE APPLICATION/CONTRACT □ YES □ NO

I AM REQUESTING AN EXEMPTION TO THE LIVE-IN POLICY BECAUSE:

□ I WILL BE 20 YEARS OLD BY THE AUGUST 15 PRIOR TO THE SEMESTER FOR WHICH I AM APPLYING.

□ I WILL LIVE IN A RECOGNIZED GREEK HOUSE CHAPTER NAME ____________ ADDRESS ____________

□ I AM MARRIED
REQUIRED: CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE SEND A COPY

□ I WILL LIVE WITH MY LEGAL CHILDREN
REQUIRED: LEGAL DOCUMENT (BIRTH CERTIFICATE, TAX RETURN)

□ I PLAN TO LIVE WITH MY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
REQUIRED: PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

□ OTHER, PLEASE EXPLAIN ON BACK

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 200-1001 Standard of Conduct.