



Campus Residency Policy

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Undergraduates attending Missouri University of Science and Technology who have not yet achieved junior status or who have not completed the equivalent of four full semesters of academic work are required to reside in University housing or University approved housing. Exceptions to the campus residency policy may be granted to students under certain conditions. The nine (9) conditions that can exempt a student from the campus residency policy prior to entering a contract are:

- Completion of four semesters of full time academic work
- Completion of two semesters of full time academic work along with an exceptional academic achievement and involvement in the campus community.
- Residing with immediate family
- Enrolled as a Part-time student
- Students who are married.
- Students with one or more dependent children in their custody.
- Students who are military veterans who completed at least two years of full-time, active military service.
- Students over the age of 21.
- Students with physical or psychological circumstances, such that the university cannot provide appropriate housing.

The Significance of Campus Residency and its Contributions to Student Success

The Missouri S&T college experience is more than an academic preparation. It also includes out of class opportunities for personal development and community involvement. Campus residency is an effective way for students to experience these out of classroom learning experiences. Our student communities promote and encourage member participation in a broad range of services, support programs and personal growth opportunities.

Campus residency also positively effects academic achievement. Resident students have access to academic resources and learning assistance programs that are only available through campus residence. Resident students live in communities that encourage creation of peer support networks. These factors, the combination of learning resources with peers pursuing similar academic goals, result in an academic living environment.

Campus involvement enhances students, particularly freshmen and sophomores, well being. Involved students tend to be more academically successful, experience more personal growth and are generally more satisfied with their college experience.

A large body of evidence also shows a relationship between campus community involvement and a student's likelihood to achieve a bachelor's degree.

National studies demonstrate that campus residence positively affects student retention, participation in student government, student involvement in social organizations and a student's personal development. However, of all the implications, three merit special attention.

Academic Persistence

Resident students are more likely to maintain acceptable grade point performances and more frequently attain a bachelor's degree. A recent review of Missouri S&T grade point averages confirms that this is also true on our campus. The residence hall student's average GPA is higher than the campus average and each residence hall class average. GPA is higher than the corresponding campus class average GPA.

Satisfaction with the Faculty

Resident students generally have more frequent contact with faculty and tend to be more satisfied with their interaction with faculty.

Willingness to Re-enroll

Resident students are less inclined to withdraw or transfer to other institutions before attaining a degree.

The housing waiver form must be completed, including all approved signatures, and on file in the Residential Life Office prior to the Missouri S&T Registration process. The waiver form may be obtained in the Residential Life Office.

Non-compliance with the Residency Policy will result in disciplinary action according to the Missouri University of Science and Technology Collected Rules and Regulations, Standards of Conduct, Chapter 200.010 B7.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The Residential Life staff wants to make your college experience at Missouri S&T fulfilling, both academically and socially. If you have any questions about housing or for a copy of the complete Campus Residency Policy, please contact:

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