

Off-Campus Housing Exemptions & Appeals

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM HOUSING POLICY - Section XX Parietal Rules: (condensed)

All unmarried, full-time undergraduate students under 21 years of age are required to live in on-campus residence halls as long as space is available unless exempted by the institution for good and reasonable cause, such as:

- if the student will be 21 years of age prior to the semester he or she is applying to live off campus;
- if the student graduated from high school and his or her primary, permanent residence is within 50 miles of Monroe;
- if the student will be living in a place of real property with a parent, grandparent, married sibling or legal guardian within 50 miles of Monroe (documentation required);
- if the student is married, divorced, or has a child (documentation required);
- if the student is classified as a veteran with at least twenty-four (24) months active duty, a DD-214 Form must be submitted;
- if the student suffers from a serious medical condition (documentation required);
- where it appears the student will suffer significant financial hardship or other good sound reason (documentation required.)

The University does not consider cheaper or less expensive a financial hardship.

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING ALLERGIES

Allergies are not generally considered to be a severe medical condition. Residential Life staff will assist students by providing compatible roommate/suitemate situations and special janitorial/maintenance assistance to assure a reasonably controlled environment. In addition, students may take the same special control measures in the residence hall as they would in an off-campus residence. Based on these precautions, the University does not grant off-campus exemptions for allergies. The Housing Appeals Committee has previously ruled that students should first notify the Housing Office of their condition. Residential Life will then set up a maintenance program to provide a reasonable environment.

OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCY APPEALS

Individuals seeking an exemption to the University of Louisiana System's mandatory on-campus housing requirement are strongly encouraged to meet with the Director of Auxiliary Enterprises in person. Application forms and instructions will not be emailed. Applicants should review, fill out, and submit only those forms needed as prescribed by the University's list of allowable exemptions.

Applicants seeking exemption to the University of Louisiana System's mandatory on-campus housing requirement must meet any one of the University's allowable exemptions and perform the prescribed procedures before being considered. Applicants will read and explicitly follow all steps prior to submitting their written appeal to the Office of Auxiliary Enterprises.

Students are responsible for contacting the Office of Residential Life/Housing and the Office of Auxiliary Enterprises in regard to the status of their application.

Students are cautioned about entering into binding contracts or rental agreements before exemption decisions have been made as forfeiture of mandatory housing, meals and associated fees is possible.

Students and their guardians are advised that neither a lack of awareness due to ignorance nor a failure to read or review any University policy provision will not cause any such policy item to lose force nor effect. Students and legal guardians are responsible for adherence to all student policies and should familiarize themselves with and are expected to follow the University's established policies. Further, it is a student's and guardians' responsibility to use reasonable care and promptness when examining all University policies.

DEADLINE DATE: 30 days prior to the first day of classes for the semester for which the exemption is being sought.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please refer to the most current ULM Student Policy Manual:

<http://www.ulm.edu/studentpolicy/>

The ULM Office of Residential Life Website:

<http://www.ulm.edu/reslife/>

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