

## Standard 13: Students Are Responsible to Fulfill the University's On-Campus Residency Requirement

Living on-campus is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to live in and be a part of a Benedictine student community as part of the university's *Education for Life* student experience. University of Mary alumni often say that by living on campus, they had the opportunity to make lifelong friends, they enjoyed the informal conversations (at mealtime and late at night in the residence hall), and they became involved in a variety of campus activities. This is consistent with research at colleges and universities across the country that indicates on-campus students are significantly more likely than their off-campus peers to succeed academically, to be involved in campus activities, to graduate, and to feel positive about their college experience.

For these reasons, the University of Mary (like most private and many public colleges and universities) has a policy requiring students to live on-campus. The University of Mary policy is as follows:

Upon enrollment at a University of Mary location that provides student housing, a traditional undergraduate student under the age of 21, is required to live on-campus for a minimum of five consecutive semesters (summer session may be included in the total) or until the semester after the student reaches his / her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Any exception to this policy must be approved in advance by the On-Campus Residency Committee. Approval is normally limited only to the following circumstances:

1. For the entire period in question, the student will continue to live in the primary family home with his/ her parents or court-appointed legal guardian(s) and the street address of the home is no more than 60 miles from the University of Mary.
2. If the student is a transfer student, he/she will receive a one-semester credit for each semester he/she was enrolled at his/her previous institution(s).
3. The student is married. Students with plans to marry during the time they are required to live on campus will be required to live on-campus up to the date of the wedding.
4. The student is the legal custodial parent or court appointed custodial guardian of a minor child or children.
5. The student is registered with the Office of Student Accessibility Services with a documented disability and is able to provide appropriate documentation to verify the need for a reasonable accommodation in the student residence facility the university is not able to provide.

Requests for approval to live off-campus from students bound by this policy must be submitted using the appropriate form (available from in the Student Development Office located in the Benedictine Center for Servant Leadership). The deadline to submit requests for approval to live off campus is 30 days prior to the first day of classes of the semester in question. The university reserves the right to consider each request on a case-by-case basis and require any documentation deemed necessary to verify the information submitted with the request. As part of the approval process, a legally recognized parent or court-appointed legal guardian must sign the request.

The student is advised not to enter into any lease or rental agreement before the On-Campus Residency Committee makes its determination with regard to the student's request. The determination made by the committee in all such matters is final without further right to appeal.

The student who receives approval to live off campus must renew his/her approval by submitting a new request each semester. The renewal must be completed prior to the time the student registers for classes. If renewal is not complete, the student will be subject to a hold that will prevent the student from being able to register for classes.

Violation Code	Sanctioning Guidelines
<b>13.1</b>	Any student required to live on campus who submits a request for approval to live off campus using false pretenses shall be subject to the following sanctions and penalties: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The student's request for approval to live off campus shall be denied, and the student shall forfeit his/her eligibility to submit any further requests for approval to live off campus.</li> <li>b. The student shall be subject to a Level 4 Student Conduct Status and be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for a minimum of six weeks.</li> </ol>
<b>13.2</b>	Any student who obtains approval from the university to live off-campus under false pretenses and/ or whose living arrangements are discovered to be other than those approved by the university shall be subject to the following sanctions and penalties: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The student's approval to live off campus shall be immediately rescinded, and the student shall be immediately suspended from the university until such time as the student comes into full compliance with the university's policy.</li> </ol>
<b>13.2 continued</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The student shall be ineligible to submit any further requests for approval to live off campus.</li> <li>c. The student shall be responsible for room and board fees for each semester the student was out of compliance with the university's policy (if the student was out of compliance for less than a semester, the amount the student will be responsible to pay will be determined by prorating the fees to the number of days the student was out of compliance).</li> </ol> <p>The violation shall be a minimum Level 4 violation and the student shall be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for a minimum of six weeks.</p>