

410-001-A: STUDENT HOUSING POLICY

I. Background

CSUMB has had a practice of requiring full-time freshmen and sophomores to live on campus since its inception in 1995, with one of the goals that this live-on requirement enables students to access support and services furthering student academic and personal success. The Campus Master Plan Environmental Impact Report also has this requirement as part of CSUMB's traffic mitigation plan. This policy is to affirm the live-on requirement.

A number of universities with similar live-on requirements include exemptions to the policy similar to those listed below:

- Currently active or military veterans
- Married, domestic partner, or have legally dependent children
- Independent student status for at least a number of years prior to academic year as defined by FAFSA
- Medical or disability circumstances that cannot be accommodated
- Age 21 or older by a date prior to academic year
- Student is to live at permanent address within a certain area in proximity to the campus with a relative or guardian
- Other special circumstances, including those that cannot be remedied by alternative means and after financial aid is included

II. Policy

Freshman and sophomore students are required to live on campus unless the student is exempted.

III. Policy Guidelines

- A. Student Housing and Residential Life (SHRL) will define and document the exemption categories in consistency with the above exemption examples, as may be further defined, and a process for reviewing exemption requests, with approval by Corporation Executive Director or designee. SHRL will also review these exemptions, and process periodically to update process and exemption categories as is warranted.
- B. Exemptions are to include if a student will live with a relative or guardian within the tri-county service area, with the tri-county area being defined as the Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties, and a general special circumstances category.
- C. Review by Student Affairs and SHRL of student exemption requests are to be on a case-by-case basis, and timely and consistently processed.

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IV. Adoption and Review

- A. The Corporation's Board of Directors has adopted this Student Housing Policy on June 21, 2018.
- B. Barring any related changes in University policy, this Student Housing Policy will remain in effect without Board review. Corporation management, however, will review this policy periodically to ensure its appropriateness.