

## **POLICY MEMORANDUM**

**No. I-55**

### **Campus Residency**

Undergraduates attending the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) 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 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 student 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 effects 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 students' 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.

### Parameters used to determine Student eligibility for a Campus Residency Exemption

The following are the parameters used by Missouri S&T to determine if a student qualifies for a campus residency exception. Student requests to be waived from the residency requirement are approved only if the student is eligible for at least one of the policy's nine (9) exemptions. The eligibility parameters used in making these determinations are the following:

1. Completing four full semesters of academic work. Four full semesters of academic work are defined as:
  - Enrollment for at least four semesters as a full-time student at Missouri S&T or another accredited college or university.  
*or*
  - Completion of 50 or more credit hours of academic work at Missouri S&T.  
*or*
  - Completion of combined total of 60 or more credit hours of academic work at Missouri S&T as well as at another accredited college or other university. *This total may include Advanced Placement Credits and Dual enrolled High School Credits.*
  
2. Completing two full semesters of academic work on the Missouri S&T campus with at least a semester 3.5 GPA during each of two consecutive semesters as well as active involvement in the Missouri S&T campus community. To qualify the following must be demonstrated:
  - Semester grade points of at least 3.5 during each of two most recent consecutive semesters of full-time enrollment at Missouri S&T. At least 15 hours of academic work completed at Missouri S&T during each these two semesters.
  - **Active and continuing** involvement in at least two recognized Missouri S&T student organizations.  
*A summary must be included with the campus residency waiver request that summarizes continuous involvement for 2 semesters of involvement in at least 2 recognized student organizations and future involvement with both organizations.*
  - Consent of the student's parents or legal guardians.

3. Residing with immediate family. Residing with immediate family is defined as:

- Residing with a parent or guardian. To be eligible, the parent or guardian's residence must be within one of the following school districts:

<i>Belle</i>	<i>Bourbon</i>	<i>Crocker</i>	<i>Cuba</i>	<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Laquey</i>
<i>Licking</i>	<i>Newburg</i>	<i>Owensville</i>	<i>Plato</i>	<i>Richland</i>	<i>Rolla</i>
<i>Salem</i>	<i>St. James</i>	<i>Steeleville</i>	<i>Vienna</i>	<i>Waynesville</i>	

- Residing with a grandparent or sibling (*siblings must be over the age of 21*). To be eligible, the student must have the consent of a parent or guardian and their grandparent or sibling's residence must have a Rolla, St. James, Doolittle, Newburg, Edgar Springs, or Vichy mailing address.

4. Students who are enrolled and are taking eight or fewer credit hours.
5. Students who are married.
6. Students with one or more dependent children in their custody while attending Missouri S&T.
7. Students who are military veterans who completed at least two years of full-time, active military service.
8. Students over the age of 21.
9. Students with physical or psychological circumstances such that the University cannot provide housing and/or board services compatible with their lifestyle needs. This also requires supporting documentation from a licensed, professional caregiver appropriate to the student's circumstance.

**NOTE:** *The University's Campus Residency Policy makes no provision for financial need as a reason an exemption. Thus, waiver requests based upon this premise will not be approved. Students needing financial assistance are advised to discuss their situation with the Office of Financial Assistance.*

**Non-compliance:**

The campus residency requirement is a University policy. As such, compliance is a condition of a student's admission to Missouri S&T. Students who are included in the Campus Residency Policy must do one of the following:

- Complete a University housing agreement.
- Be accepted to live in a University approved residence.
- Complete and have approved by the Director of Residential Life, a Campus Residency Waiver Request.

**For the fall semester:** One of these three options must be completed by June 1. Students accepted after June 1 must complete one of these options within two weeks of being accepted to Missouri S&T.

**For the spring semester:** One of these three options must be completed by December 1. Students accepted after December 1 must complete one of these options within two weeks of being accepted to Missouri S&T.

Students who do not follow one of the three compliance options by the stated deadlines will be given an administrative double room assignment in university housing. The semester rate of the assigned room as well as the cost of a meal plan will be charged to the students account.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately  
**RESPONSIBILITY:** Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
**BASIS:** University of Missouri Collected Rules and Regulations, [290.020](#)

  
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