RESIDENTIAL LIFE POLICY LETTER

TO:   All Members of the University Community  RLPL2005:01

DATE:  February 1, 2005

STUDENT HOUSING:
ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT AND
PERMISSION FOR OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE
(supersedes RLPL2004:01)
(Effective Fall 2005-2006)

I. Provision of On-Campus Residential Housing. It is the goal/intent of the
University to provide on-campus residential housing for its student body, and to do so in
a manner which will be adequate to meet the future enrollment growth of the University
and in a manner that is as economical as reasonably possible.

II. Requirement that Students Live in University Residence Halls. Except as
otherwise provided in this policy, all single men and women students under the age of
20 living away from home are to live in University residence halls if space is available.
For the purposes of this policy, a student must have turned 20 prior to the first day of
classes for a given semester in order to be considered for approval to live off campus.
Home is defined as the permanent address of a parent or legal guardian.

III. Permission to Live Off Campus. Permission may be given by University
authorities for certain students, or groups of students, to live in off-campus residences
under conditions which do not interfere with the proper operation of the University’s
residential program. Permission to live off campus will be ordinarily considered under
the following circumstances:

A. Students who live in the permanent home of a parent or legal guardian
within 50 road miles of the University are eligible to commute from home. Students
must apply to the Housing Office/Residential Life to receive approval to commute.

B. Other extreme or unusual circumstances as determined by appropriate
University officials.

All appeals to live off-campus based upon special circumstances must be made in writing
and include appropriate documentation. Students given permission to live off-campus
must take responsibility for maintaining an updated local address with the University.

IV. Overnight Visitation Program. Overnight Visitation is governed by the
Overnight Visitation Program (Residential Life Policy Letter 2004:02).
V. **Requirements Applicable to Students Who Live Off Campus.** Students residing off campus shall abide by University regulations pertaining to such residency, and shall abide by generally-accepted standards of desirable social conduct.

Cross Reference

- Board Policy, Subpart 4-13, *Student Housing*
- Residential Life Policy Letter 2004:02, *Overnight Visitation Program*

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