

First Year Live-On Campus Requirement Guidelines

The University of Miami is committed to providing all of its students with a comprehensive educational experience. There are numerous educational and social benefits for first year students living in the residential colleges that may not be realized by those living off campus. With this understanding, UM requires all first year students to live on campus.

First Year Live-On Campus Requirement

First Year undergraduate students enrolled full-time, as defined in the University of Miami Undergraduate Bulletin and by the Registrar's Office, are required to live in on-campus housing. Students first enrolling in the summer are required to live in the residential colleges during the summer and fall terms. Students first enrolling in the fall are required to live in the residential colleges during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Students first enrolling in the spring are required to live in the residential colleges during the Spring and Summer Semesters or subsequent Fall Semester.

Exemptions from the First Year Live-On Campus Requirement

Students may be exempt from the requirement to live in the residential colleges if:

- The student has been out of high school for more than one calendar year,
- The student is married and/or has dependent family (children or parents) under the student's care,
- The student resides in the principle residence of a parent or legal guardian within the counties of: Miami-Dade or Broward County. Students requesting this exemption must apply and provide parent or legal guardian endorsement.

In addition, requests for exemption to the first year live on campus requirement on the basis of compelling individual circumstances will be considered.

Requests for priority consideration of exemption must be submitted according to the following schedule:

- Summer Term of first enrollment – May 1
- Fall Term of first enrollment – June 1
- Spring Term of first enrollment – December 1

For additional information regarding requests for exemption, contact the Department of Housing & Residential Life, by email at housing@miami.edu or by phone at 305-284-4505.

Failure to comply with the First Year Live-On Requirement and/or providing false or misleading information in connection with a request for exemption may result in room charges being assessed to the students account and/or a referral to the University discipline system.

If a first year student is removed from on-campus housing due to disciplinary or administrative action, the student may also be granted an exemption. As all first year students (excluding those whose families/guardians reside in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties) must live in on campus housing and housing is allocated accordingly, any first year student whose conduct results in their being forced to leave on campus housing due to violations of the housing agreement or the UM Code of Conduct, shall be responsible for the ENTIRE housing charge. No refund or credit will be given to the student if removed from housing for cause.

Procedures for Reviewing Requests for Exemption from Live-On Campus Requirement

- I. Requests for exemption to the first year live on campus requirement will be considered and may be granted in the cases stated above or for compelling individual circumstances.
- II. All correspondence regarding exemption requests should be addressed to: Housing and Residential Life, First Year Live-On Requirement, PO Box 248044, Coral Gables, FL 33124; FAX: 305/284-4956; Email: housing@miami.edu.
- III. The Manager of Assignments and Accounts (or their designee) will review written requests for exemption within a timely manner. Additional information may be required of some applicants. Applicants will be notified of decisions regarding requests for exemption in a timely manner.
- IV. Individual students may appeal, in writing, the denial of the request for exemption to an appeals committee.
 - a. Written appeals must be submitted to the Housing and Residential Life Office not later than ten (10) working days after notice has been sent that a request for exemption has been denied.
 - b. Appeals will be reviewed by the Director of Housing Operations and Facilities (or their designee) within ten (10) business days.
 - c. Appeal decisions will be communicated, in writing, within a reasonable time from the date that the appeal is reviewed by the committee.
 - d. Appeal decisions of the Director of Housing Operations and Facilities (or their designee) will be final.