

First-Year Experience Live-On Residency Requirement | 2021-2022 (Corvallis Campus)

COVID-19 Updates

Oregon State University believes that the First-Year Experience (FYE) Live-On Residency Requirement is important in supporting students' transition to the university and success in their academic progress. We believe through on-campus living, students within the residence halls will benefit holistically through student engagement, academic learning opportunities and social support services.

We recognize concerns have been expressed about students living in residential communities due to the uncertainty created by COVID-19. To support the health and safety of our students, employees and broader community, OSU announced on May 4, 2021, its intention to implement a COVID-19 vaccination requirement that begins fall term 2021. The COVID-19 vaccination requirement is planned to be for those students who learn, work or engage in-person in OSU activities. Additionally, OSU is continuing its efforts to follow public health measures to help prevent the potential spread of the virus throughout the university. We encourage students and their families to review OSU's [Pathway to Fall](#) to learn more about how OSU plans to transition back to providing in-person teaching, on-site research, engagement, extracurricular programs and activities.

We understand that due to the unique circumstances of COVID-19, there may be reasons why some students — or their families — do not feel that living on campus is in their best health interests. As a result, for academic year 2021-2022, requests for an exemption from the FYE Live-On Residency Requirement due to COVID-19 concerns will be considered as follows:

- Students who have a personal underlying medical condition that puts them at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, may [request an exemption](#) through OSU's Disability Access Services (DAS).
- Students who have COVID-19 concerns that are not related to personal medical conditions may request an exemption by completing the [FYE Live-on Residency Exemption Request Form](#).

Policy Statement

OSU is committed to advancing the education, well-being, health, and safety of all our students, and one way we have chosen to do this is through fostering participation in an on campus living and learning program. Irrespective of religion, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender, ability, perspectives, or backgrounds, we believe our students benefit from interaction with other students, as well as the academic and social support services offered by residential education programs and staff.

Reason for Policy

OSU's First-Year Experience live-on residency program allows students the opportunity to become integrated into the campus community by providing convenient access to resources that support students' persistence to degree completion. The policy requires that first-year students who enroll at



OSU's Corvallis campus within one year of high school graduation live in a university-owned and operated residence hall for their first academic year. Based on these principles and substantiated by research, the Office of the Dean of Students believes integrated living and learning environments provide the highest educational value to students.

Scope and Audience

The FYE live-on requirement applies to all OSU students who have been admitted to the university within one year of high school graduation. Students enrolled in specific programs, such as INTO OSU, High School Equivalency Programs and others, may have additional requirements. Contact the respective program representative for more information.

Definitions

- First-year student – An individual enrolled in, or seeking to enroll in, classes at OSU for the first time within one calendar year of their high school graduation.
- Immediate family – Individuals who have long-lasting relationships, defined by legal or genetic bonds.
- 30-mile driving radius – The driving distance, as calculated via online mapping software, from “Oregon State University” to the location in question. Multiple routes will be checked and the shortest distance considered accurate.
- Address of origin – The address a student lists on their application for admission to Oregon State University.
- Legal dependent – A person who is unable to care for or support themselves and that you support as obligated by law.
- Degree Partnership Program (DPP) – A program that allows you to be jointly admitted and enrolled at Oregon State University and any partner community college.

Responsibilities and Procedures

Students who meet the parameters for the FYE live-on requirement must comply with this process at any time during the academic year they begin their studies at OSU. Students beginning their studies in the fall term are obligated for fall, winter and spring terms. In contrast, students beginning their studies in the spring term are obligated to this policy only for the spring term. While participation in the FYE program, including the residency component, is an integral part of each first-year student's education, OSU recognizes that exceptions to the residency requirement may be appropriate in certain circumstances.

Process for Students Who are Requesting an Exemption

- Exemptions to the FYE Live-On Residency Requirement may be requested by submitting the [FYE Live-On Residency Exemption Request Form](#).
- Generally, requests for exemption will be reviewed by the Office of the Dean of Students staff. In some situations, consultation with other OSU offices maybe necessary. The Office of the Dean of Students staff will make decisions by reviewing materials submitted by the student, student's official high school graduation date, admission status to OSU, as well as any precedent in the application of the policy.
- Students who have submitted an exemption request form will receive communication via their OSU official email regarding approval, request for further documentation, or denial.

FYE Live-on Residency Exemptions

- The student is living with immediate family at the address of origin, and that address is outside a 30-mile driving radius of the Corvallis campus. *Note: Students who are living*

within a 30-mile driving radius of the Corvallis campus with their immediate family at the student's address of origin are approved for exemption without submitting an exemption request form.

- The student is enrolled at OSU and taking 51% or more credits with OSU Ecampus. Please note that remote delivery courses are not the same as Ecampus courses. Students must maintain this level of attendance for the entirety of their required live-on timeline.
- The student is living with immediate family but at an address that is not the student's address of on record with the university. In this situation, all individuals who live in the proposed dwelling need to be identified as part of the first-year student's family, as defined above.
- The student has a legal dependent who is living with the student.
- The student is married or has a domestic partner, with whom they live.
- The student is enrolled with the Degree Partnership Program and taking 51% or more credits at a partner institution.
- The student requests an exemption on the basis of disability. The student must first work with Disability Access Services (DAS) to identify what disability-related accommodations are needed. The university will only approve a student's request to live off campus as a disability-related accommodation if DAS determines that the student's disability-related needs cannot be reasonably accommodated on campus.
- The student requests an exemption on the basis of religion. The student must first work with the Office of the Dean of Students staff to identify what accommodations are needed. The university will only approve a student's request to live off campus as an accommodation when it is determined that the student's sincerely held religious belief or practice require something that cannot be reasonably accommodated by the university.
- The student's information that the university has on file is incorrect and the correct information would meet one of the standard exceptions listed above. A copy of an official transcript or other official documentation is required for this exemption request.
- The student is living in a fraternity, sorority, or non-profit co-operative house that is participating in the OSU Affiliated Housing Program (AHP). Visit studentlife.oregonstate.edu/cfs/affiliated-housing-program For a list of current AHP chapters. *Note: For academic year 2021-2022 the Affiliated Housing Program is not active due to Covid-19 implications.*

FYE Live-On Residency Exemptions During COVID-19 Pandemic

- The student requests an exemption due to underlying personal medical reasons that places the student at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- The student requests an exemption due to COVID-19 concerns that are not related to underlying personal medical concerns.

Unallowable Petitions

Petitions will not be granted on the basis of the following:

- Student is bound to a lease for an apartment or house off campus.
- Student expresses a desire to live with (or avoid living with) certain types of people.
- Student did not know that there was a FYE live-on requirement.
- Student expresses a desire to save money by living off campus or does not have enough money/financial aid.
- Student expresses a desire for more privacy, space, or choice than is perceived to exist by living on campus.

Resolution of Discrepancies by OSU

Students who are bound to this policy and found not to be in compliance will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards for resolution. If the student is found to be responsible for violating this policy, the student may be subject to sanctions through the student conduct process.

Forms and Tools

N/A

Frequently Asked Questions

<https://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/first-year-live-policy/faqs>

Related Information

- First Year Experience Live-On information: <https://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/first-year-experience-live-policy>
- University Housing and Dining: <https://uhds.oregonstate.edu>
- Affiliated Housing Program: <https://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/cfsl/affiliated-housing-program>

History

Last Review Date: May 2021.

Next Scheduled Review Date: December 2021.

Contacts

- For questions regarding the policy or exemption status, please email fyexemptions@oregonstate.edu.
- If a student has questions regarding an exemption decision that has already been communicated, they may contact the FYE Support Assistant at 541-737-3656 or fyexemptions@oregonstate.edu for further clarification. If you choose to call, please leave a detailed telephone message and the FYE Support Assistant will return your call.