

# Oregon State University

## First Year Experience (FYE)

Live-on Requirement for 2016-2017

### FYE Live-on Policy:

As a component of the comprehensive First Year Experience (FYE) at Oregon State University (OSU), full-time, first-year students who enroll at OSU within one year of high school graduation must live on campus regardless of class standing in a University-owned and operated residence for the full academic year (Fall, Winter and Spring terms for students starting at OSU Fall term, Winter and Spring terms for students starting at OSU Winter term, and Spring term for students starting at OSU Spring term).

Students enrolled in the following INTO OSU programs will be required to live on-campus for their first three academic terms (any 3 consecutive academic terms) in the following programs:

- Undergraduate Pathway
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This policy is based on the principal, substantiated by research, that integrated living and learning environments provide the highest educational value to students. OSU is committed to advancing the education, well-being, health, safety and convenience of all our students through participation in an on campus living and learning program. Irrespective of religion, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender or ability, perspectives and backgrounds, our students benefit from interaction with other students as well as the academic and social support services offered by our residential education programs and staff.

### Exceptions:

While participation in FYE, including the live-on component, is an integral part of the first-year student's education, OSU recognizes that exceptions to the live-on requirement may be appropriate in certain circumstances. Exemptions to the FYE live-on requirement may be requested by petition. Exemptions that will normally be approved are:

- The student is living with immediate family in a family situation (i.e. living only with the family member in a self-sustaining unit, mother and/or father; legal guardian; older sibling; aunt or uncle; or grandparents,) *and* within approximately 30 mile radius of the Corvallis campus of OSU.
- The student has a legal dependent that is living with the student.
- The student is married or has a domestic partner.
- The student has attended an institution of higher education as a regularly enrolled student for at least two regular semesters or three regular quarters, post high school graduation, excluding summer sessions. Note: this does not include college credit earned prior to high school graduation.
- The student has been out of high school for more than one year and has earned a GED.

- The student is living in a fraternity, sorority, or non-profit co-operative house that has been approved by the OSU Affiliated First Year Housing program (AHP).

In disputed cases, the final determination as to whether the above exceptions apply to particular students' situations will be determined by a campus wide committee comprised of the following offices: University Exploratory Studies, International Student Services, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Disability Access Services, Office of Student Life, and University Housing & Dining Services.

Other exceptions not listed above will also be considered on a case-by-case basis through the committee membership listed above facilitated by the Office of Student Life designee, with the committee's decision as final. These case-by-case exceptions include:

- The student is not on-campus for a majority of their coursework, such that living on campus is not consistent with their program objectives.
- The student requests exemption on the basis of disability. The student must work with the university to identify what accommodations are needed to enable the student to live on campus. The university will only approve a student's request to live off campus as an accommodation when it is determined that the student's accommodation needs cannot be reasonably provided by the university.
- The student requests exemption on the basis of religion. The student must work with the university to identify what accommodations are needed to enable the student to live on campus. The university will only approve a student's request to live off campus as an accommodation when it is determined the student's sincerely held religious belief or practice requires circumstances that cannot be sufficiently accommodated on-campus.
- The student's information the university has on file is incorrect and the correct information would meet one of the standard exceptions listed above.

For questions on the exemption process or exemption status, please e-mail University Housing & Dining Services at [housing@oregonstate.edu](mailto:housing@oregonstate.edu). For all other questions please contact the Office of Student Life at 541-737-8748, and press option 6.

Please note that if a student is bound to a lease for an apartment or house off-campus it does not exempt them from this requirement and they must still comply. If a student doesn't abide by the live-on policy and a discrepancy exists with the condition of their enrollment and their housing status, they will be referred to the Office of Student Life for review and resolution of the issue. If the case is not resolved, then the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. In this case, appropriate conduct action will be taken -- subject to discipline through the student conduct process.

**Additional information on the First Year Experience Program at Oregon State University can be found at <http://oregonstate.edu/main/firstyear>.**