

Oregon State University

First Year Experience (FYE)

Live-on Requirement for 2018-2019

FYE Live-on Policy:

As a component of the comprehensive First Year Experience (FYE) at Oregon State University (OSU), first-year students who enroll at OSU within one year of high school graduation, regardless of class standing, must live on campus 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 three 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 first-year students' 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, accessible through the myUHDS portal after completing the application for housing. Exceptions that are usually granted at the first level of approval are:

- The student is living with immediate family in a family situation *and* within an approximate 30-mile radius of the Corvallis campus of OSU.
- 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 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 diploma or GED.
- 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 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 complex cases, the final determination as to whether the above exceptions apply to particular students' situations will be determined by the Office of Student Life, which will connect with campus wide offices as appropriate. These offices could include, but are not limited to: University Exploratory Studies, International Student Services, Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, Disability Access Services, and University Housing & Dining Services.

Other exceptions not listed above will also be considered on a case-by-case basis and final determination will be made by the Office of Student Life. These case-by-case exceptions could include:

- The student requests exemption on the basis of disability. The student must work with Disability Access Services 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 if it is determined that the student's needs cannot be reasonably accommodated on campus.
- 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 needs 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.

For questions on the exemption process, please e-mail University Housing & Dining Services at housing@oregonstate.edu. For questions regarding the policy or exemption status, please email the FYE Exemption Committee at fyexemptions@oregonstate.edu.

Please note that the following reasons will not qualify a student for an exemption:

- Bound to a lease for an apartment or house off-campus
- Expressed desire to live with (or avoid living with) certain types of people
- Attempting to save money by living off-campus
- Desire for more privacy, space, or choice than is perceived to exist by living on campus.

If a student does not 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 may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the student may be subject to sanctions through the student conduct process, if found responsible for violating this policy.

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