

The Nebraska Wesleyan University Residency Policy is as follows:

As a residential campus, it is the residency policy of Nebraska Wesleyan University that undergraduate students reside in approved on campus living units for three years or six semesters. All first year students must live in University administered residential facilities. Students in their third through six semesters who are members of sororities or fraternities may reside in Greek houses as meeting the criteria for approved residential facilities.

Students may request an exemption to this policy if they live with parents/guardians (as defined by Section 30 220917 of the Nebraska Probate Code) within 30 miles of the Nebraska Wesleyan campus; have reached their 21st birthday prior to the start of the fall semester; live with a spouse; have a dependent child; are enrolled for fewer than 12 credit hours per semester as a part time student; health issues, or other extreme conditions.

If a student's living arrangements are in violation of the residency policy, the student will be in breach of the Code of Student Conduct and will be subject to disciplinary action. Violation of this policy does not excuse the financial obligation to the University.

Approved by the NWU Board of Governors
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This policy has been established by the Nebraska Wesleyan University Board of Governors to support students' academic success and persistence. The residential experience is an essential part of Nebraska Wesleyan's undergraduate program; exemptions_____. Students who request an exemption must be aware that failure to follow the policy or the process for requesting an exemption will have consequences.

Nebraska Wesleyan will expect you to have read and to understand the policy, the exemption process, and your responsibilities as they relate to both.

Students of Nebraska Wesleyan University must live on-campus during the first six semesters (3 years) of their collegiate career. However, Residential Education does realize that some students may have unique circumstances, which may qualify them for an exemption. The exemption request process is intended to provide an avenue for those students who have not completed their six semesters but fall under one or more of the categories listed below:

- Are married or in a documented domestic partnership
- Have a dependent child or children
- Have turned 21 before the first day of the fall semester
- Will live with their parent/s or a legal guardian within 30 miles of campus (as measured by Mapquest) in the primary family residence, not a secondary location used for remote work, etc. *Please note that the appropriate legal jurisdiction appoints a legal guardian to act on behalf of the student in place of parents. The legal documentation will be requested for verification.*

The exemption process is generally not intended for students who:

- Dislike their room, roommate, residence hall, or on-campus living in general
- Have mobility, visual, hearing, or mental/emotional disabilities
- Have medical conditions such as asthma or allergies
- Have dietary concerns or are on special diets
- Want to live with a sibling or family friend
- Parents bought a house or condo and want the student to live in it
- Already signed a lease for an off-campus house, apartment, condo, etc.
- Have problems or concerns that need to be addressed but have not sought out staff assistance
- Are looking to simply save money

There are many avenues besides moving off-campus for students to address the above concerns, including talking with the Residential Education staff, the Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, Financial Aid staff, etc. Students are expected to explore all possible avenues before requesting an exemption to the University housing requirement.

As a residential, liberal arts institution, Nebraska Wesleyan University has a three-year (or six-semester) residency requirement. NWU administers a process to allow exemptions to the NWU Residency Policy. These decisions are made in an objective, fair, and balanced way with the University's core value of

_____ I will live _____ (NWU uses the definition of guardian as that included in Section 30-220917 of the Nebraska Probate code), within 30 miles of the Nebraska Wesleyan campus in their primary home (not a secondary home used for remote or temporary work, etc.). *You must attach a signed and notarized commuter student form, available in the Residential Education Office.*

_____ I have reached my 21st birthday before the first day of classes of the fall semester of the academic year in which I am requesting an exemption.

_____ I am married or in a documented domestic partnership.

_____ I have a dependent child or children.

_____ I am in active or veteran military status.

If you are a new student, return your application to the Residential Education Office in Centennial Hall by _____. If you are a returning student, you must return your application by _____ for consideration for the following academic year. _____ You are encouraged to sign up for a residential facility room if a decision on your application has not been made by the spring housing selection dates. _____. To cancel your room, you must contact Residential Education at (402) 465-2161 or stop by the Residential Education Office on the first floor of Centennial Hall.

Please understand that if you are granted an exemption to the NWU residency policy, you must reside in the location for which you are approved. Residential Education monitors the residential status of all full-time students. Please contact the Residential Education Office with any questions relating to the NWU residency policy and the process to request an exemption.

I certify that the information I have provided in this document, and any supporting materials attached to it,