

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke Freshman and Sophomore Residency Regulation

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Additional References:

- Freshman and Sophomore Student Housing Waiver Application
- [UNCP Student Handbook](#)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On-campus student housing at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is designed to enhance a student's total education experience by utilizing housing as a unique learning environment. An integral and rewarding experience of housing and residence life is meeting new people who will become lifelong friends, having regular contact with faculty and administration, and having convenient access to numerous programs and facilities throughout the year. The department offers a variety of programs which enhance a student's intellectual, personal, and social development.

2. FRESHMAN and SOPHOMORE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

2.1 First-year freshman students at UNCP are required to reside on campus during their initial two academic years (Freshman and Sophomore years). Attendance during Maymester, summer sessions, programs at UNCP, or programs at other institutions do not apply toward the fulfillment of this requirement. For purposes of this requirement, a first-year freshman residential student is defined as:

2.1.1. any incoming student who will not be 21 years of age prior to August 1 (fall semester) or January 1 (spring semester) of the initial enrollment semester and who is registered for a course load of 6 credit hours or more; or

2.1.2. a first-year freshman who transfers to UNCP with fewer than 12 hours of credit and falling within the age and course load requirements listed above will be considered a first-year freshman.

2.2 a sophomore residential student is defined as:

2.2.1. any student having completed their initial first year (fall and spring academic semesters) living in on-campus housing; or

2.2.2. any transfer student having completed fewer than 24 credit hours.

2.3 AP college credit or dual enrollment credits do not apply toward the fulfillment of this requirement.

2.4 This requirement may be waived if the student is:

2.4.1. living at the permanent residence of their parent or guardian, within the state of North Carolina, and within a 20-mile radius of UNCP. The official map (with a starting address of 1 University Drive, Pembroke, NC 28372.) will be available and maintained on the Housing and Residence Life website. Final determinations and clarifications of map related questions will be decided by Housing and residence Life utilizing the official map.

2.4.2. legally married;

2.4.3. a parent or guardian with legal custody of children;

2.4.4. 21 years of age prior to August 1 (fall semester) or January 1 (spring semester);

2.4.5. enrolled in a program that is only offered fully online;

2.4.6. a veteran; or

2.4.7. a student with a special need (documentation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis).

2.5 A student must complete a Freshman and Sophomore Student Housing Waiver Application form and submit to the housing coordinator in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. A student requesting a waiver should submit the form by the deadline of June 30 for students beginning the fall semester and November 30 for students beginning in the spring semester. A copy of the waiver form may be obtained on the housing website.

2.6 The Housing Waiver Committee will render a decision based on the information provided by the student. The only issue to be considered is whether or not the individual's request fits the criteria listed above. The student may appeal to the director of housing and residence life after notification of the committee's decision. The decision of the director of housing and residence life is final and conclusive.

2.7 A waiver approval is in effect for one academic year. A student must reapply their sophomore year, if applicable.

2.8 First-year freshman and sophomore students who meet the residency requirement, but do not submit a housing agreement or are not approved to be exempt from the requirement will automatically be assigned on-campus housing. The student will be required to pay room and meal charges for the academic year to satisfy the first-year freshman and sophomore residency requirement.

3. APPLICABLE FORMS

3.1 Freshman and Sophomore Student Housing Waiver Application