

# MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Mercyhurst is a residential campus. Undergraduate students are required to live on campus during their enrollment. Students who live within Erie County, Pennsylvania, may live at home and may be designated a commuter provided they reside with a parent or guardian within the county.

In rare cases, exemptions to the residency requirement may be granted. Exemptions are limited to marriage, student is over the age of 26, or approved due to an accessibility accommodation (ADA). A previously signed off-campus lease will not be considered a reason for an exemption to be granted. Completing the Off-Campus Exemption form does not guarantee that approval will be given. Off Campus Exemption forms are found on the [Residence Life webpage](#).

Students released from the residency requirement are required to adhere to the following procedure:

1. Once an exemption has been approved, a copy of the signed lease should be submitted to the Office of Residence Life & Student Conduct no later than the last day of classes for the spring semester.
2. Any changes in off-campus residency must be reported to the Office of Residence Life & Student Conduct.
3. Students residing off campus must adhere to all terms of the Student Handbook, Off Campus Living Guide, Code of Conduct, and all applicable laws and ordinances of the City of Erie and State of Pennsylvania.
4. Failure to adhere to the on-campus living requirement and procedure for exemption may result in a student being billed for campus housing, being denied approval to live off campus, being required to move back into campus housing, adjudication through the Student Code of Conduct, and/or a registration hold being applied to the student's account.