

HOUSING

Effective Date: September 2016

Responsibility: VP Student Services

Amends Policy dated: April 2011

Policy Number:

Scope: Students

A. Fall and Winter Semesters (September through April)

Students should align with one of the following categories below to be eligible for non-dorm residence:

1. Students who have completed 60 semester hours of course-work may live out of the dormitory if they choose. For students who have Burman University approved Student Missionary Taskforce service: Add to the total earned academic credits an equivalent of 15 credits per semester served as a SM to a maximum of 30 equivalent credit totals.
2. Students with less than 60 semester credits may also live outside of the dormitory under one of the following conditions:
 - a. Students 21 years of age or older.
 - b. Students living with parents, grandparents, siblings (age 22 or older), direct aunts or uncles who reside in the same home. Newly married couples of less than one year are discouraged from housing students.
 - c. Students living with faculty, staff or in a home approved through the student housing committee. An approved home would be: living with a family (not in a separate suite of the home), a home that supports the guidelines and policies of Burman University and where same gender occupies the available rental space.
 - d. Students taking less than 9 credits per term.
3. Consideration is given on a case-by-case basis to emancipated minors.

B. Students may live out of the dormitory, at any age or at any level academically, subject to all of the following criteria:

- a. Completed one full year (two terms) in residence at the University.
- b. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above.
- c. Have demonstrated model citizenship* during the academic year in dormitory.
- d. If a minor, receive letter of permission from parents.
- e. Receive final approval to move into community from Student Services.

Once aligned with one of the above categories the following criteria apply:

1. All students with less than 60 credits must receive clearance from Student Services prior to finalizing out-of-dorm housing.
2. A unique situation may be considered on its own merit, according to the Housing Policy, with the welfare of the student in mind. This means that occasionally a student may request a situation that meets the general criteria for off-campus housing, but extenuating information or circumstances may lead the committee to conclude that the situation would not be in the best interest of the student. In these rare cases, the request would be denied.
3. Students living in non-dormitory housing are expected to follow campus policies and guidelines.
4. Exception to the Housing Policy does not establish new policy.

5. Students may submit requests for non-dorm housing once per semester. Requests must be made at the Student Services office prior to the beginning of the semester.
6. A fine of \$1000 per term may be assessed if a Student is in blatant disregard of the Housing Policy.

*Model Citizenship is defined as:

- a. Supportive of and in compliance with the dormitory policies relative to leave privileges, worship attendance, rules and regulations of the dormitory.
 - b. Have not been under discipline or on probation during the year.
- C. Summer Sessions (May through August)
All non-married students are privileged to live out of the dormitory if they choose to do so during the summer.