



Research demonstrates that living in the residence halls for a student's first year in college provides significant likelihood that the student will return and complete their education. **In order to improve our students' academic success and transition to college**, UCCS administers an on-campus living requirement. First-year first-time students will be required to live on campus for their first two semesters (excluding summer term). Empirical research reveals seven areas in which residence halls have a significant impact on students (Blimling, 2003):

1. Retention – Students have greater expectations for academic achievement and are more likely to remain in college.
2. Extracurricular involvement – Students are more involved in campus activities. Students learn to work with others, manage budgets, express their ideas in meetings, negotiate with others, and follow through with projects.
3. Positive feelings about campus social climate – Students feel that the campus is more comfortable, academic, supportive, and enjoyable.
4. Personal growth and development – Students meet more challenges, mature more quickly and learn to become independent.
5. Interpersonal relationships – Students build strong friendships and share more experiences. They interact more, develop more tolerance, and experience more cultural diversity.
6. Faculty interaction – Students have more contacts with faculty in the residence halls and have a closer proximity to faculty offices.
7. Higher overall satisfaction with their college experience.

### Requirements/Guidelines:

1. All first year first time students under the age of 20 are required to live on campus with a meal plan.
2. First year first time students will be defined as having fewer than thirty (30) credit hours. Credits taken concurrent with high school and/or credits attained through Advance Placement (AP), CLEP, International Baccalaureate or similar programs do not apply towards residency exemption.
3. Exemptions to the first year first time on-campus living requirement include:
  - a. Student living in El Paso County in Colorado with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
  - b. Student has previously lived in a residential school
  - c. Student is a veteran of the armed forces or active duty military
  - d. Student living with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in military transition
  - e. Student is married or has a registered partnership
  - f. Student has a dependent child
  - g. Student is enrolled for less than ten (10) credit hours
  - h. Student is exempted by the Student Health Center, Disability Services or the Counseling Center for medical or psychological reasons
4. First-Year Housing Exemptions are NOT accepted as reason to move out after occupancy.

Exemptions should be forwarded to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for review.  
This exemption form can also be completed online at [www.uccs.edu/housing](http://www.uccs.edu/housing).

### Residence Life and Housing



Name \_\_\_\_\_ UCCS ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST-YEAR HOUSING EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS REASON TO MOVE OUT AFTER OCCUPANCY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am requesting an exemption from living on campus for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_ Student living with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in El Paso County in Colorado. I attest that the address on my application to UCSS is my parent (s) or legal guardian and request an exemption from on campus living.

\_\_\_ Student has previously lived in a residential school.  
Please provide documentation from your previous residential school.

\_\_\_ Student is a veteran of the armed forces or active duty military.  
Please provide discharge papers verifying you are a veteran or current military ID.

\_\_\_ Student living with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in military transition.  
Please provide a statement from your parent(s) or legal guardian with documentation of orders from the military.

\_\_\_ Student is married or has a registered partnership.  
Please provide marriage or domestic partnership license or paperwork.

\_\_\_ Student has a dependent child.  
Please provide birth certificate or certificate of adoption.

\_\_\_ Student is enrolled for less than ten (10) credit hours.  
Enrollment status will be verified by the student information system on census date.

\_\_\_ Student is exempted by the Student Health Center, Disability Services or the Counseling Center for medical or psychological reasons. Please provide documentation from your healthcare provider to one of the above offices. Return this form to Office of Residence Life and Housing and we will inform the above offices that you will be sending in documentation.

This form and any requested documentation are to be returned to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, 4645 Stanton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Additional questions can be directed to housing@uccs.edu or 719-255-4042.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_