Off-Campus Policy

(Found within the academic catalog and community handbook under the housing manuals)

Preparing students to *Carry the Call*, Northwest University is a Christian community of scholarship and learning. Northwest’s commitment to provide a community where students live on campus is embedded in this vision. Developing competency and maturity as Christian learners, scholars and leaders occurs partially as a result of the Holy Spirit's work in students' lives through their relationships with other students. The interaction between people is a guiding and fundamentally important component of Christian student development. We believe it is necessary for students to be immersed in community living for essential person to person encounters to be possible. Therefore, as a condition of attending Northwest University, undergraduate students are required to live in university owned residence halls or apartments.

All full-time adult undergraduate students (registered for 12 or more semester hours) are required to live in campus housing unless they meet the criteria for living off-campus and have applied and been approved for off-campus living by the housing office. Students who are granted off-campus residency are considered commuters. Commuters are students who are commuting from their parent’s home or an approved adult’s residence, students who are married and living off-campus, undergraduate students 21 years old and at least junior status (60 credits earned) on the first day of class each semester, students 23 years old or older on the first day of class each semester, or students working a job which provides room and board. Students who meet these criteria may apply to the Director of Housing to live off-campus. Commuters on academic or citizenship probation may be required to live in campus housing during the semester(s) they are serving their probation.

Off-campus applications must be received **prior** to August 1st for the Fall semester and by December 1st for the Spring semester. Applications received after these dates may not be considered. Failure to apply and be approved for Off-campus may result in a minimum housing charge equal to a residence hall double.

The Housing Office manages all off-campus applications. Appeals, updates and requests must be turned in at the housing office. If you would like to talk with someone about the Off-Campus policy, please contact the Housing Office at (425) 889-5334 or e-mail us at housing@northwestu.edu.