

# HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

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The Office of Residence Life and Housing is committed to enhancing student learning and personal growth. The department seeks to accomplish these aims through:

- Planning activities and programs that educate and build community among residents
- Promoting diversity and exposure to a breadth of ideas and experiences
- Teaching responsibility through holding residents accountable for their own behavior
- Training and involving students in significant leadership positions
- Fostering a campus community that is accepting, supportive, and conducive to academic pursuits

We strive to help our students develop their potential as individuals of integrity and tolerance. Students who participate fully in the residential program will emerge prepared to function as leaders in a multicultural society.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Residence Life Specialist by email at [housing@tamut.edu](mailto:housing@tamut.edu).

## Housing and Meal Requirements

Texas A&M University - Texarkana is committed to the success of each student. This university believes that living on campus plays a significant role in the success of students and has developed the housing and meal requirements listed below.

**The University requires all students to live on campus unless the student meets one of the exemptions below:**

- Has reached the age of 21 prior to the first class day of class each semester (fall/spring)
- Has completed 60 or more semester credit hours prior to the first day of class each semester (fall/spring)
- Is enrolled in 9 or fewer semester credit hours for the fall or spring semester (student must file exemption for each semester enrollment is 9 or less semester credit hours)
- Lives with parent or legal guardian within 30 miles of campus
- Is married or has dependent children
- Hardship exceptions are approved through the Office of Residence Life

## Housing Exemptions

All exemptions to the University housing requirement must be documented and approved by the Office of Residence Life. Exemption forms are available online as well as at the Residence Life Office. Students must seek approval for exemption each academic year while under the age of 21 or semester credit hour requirement. Once students achieve 21 years of age or 60 semester credit hours they are no longer required to file for an exemption to live off campus. Exemption forms for Fall are due to the Residence Life Office by June 1. The forms will be submitted to the Exemption Committee and will have an answer back to the student via email within two work weeks. It is advised for applicants to submit a one page letter to the committee explaining their reasoning for exemption. Any questions can be directed to the Residence Life Specialist at [housing@tamut.edu](mailto:housing@tamut.edu). ([housing@tamut.edu](mailto:housing@tamut.edu))

## Meal Plan Requirement

The university requires all students residing on campus to purchase a meal plan. Visit the Housing and Residence Life (<https://www.tamut.edu/housing/>) website for resident hall rates and floor plans.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** \*Students should not make arrangements to live off campus until approved by the Office of Residence Life. Exemption processing takes a minimum of two (2) weeks, assuming adequate information is submitted. Students who are approved for exemption will be charged a fee equal to 20% of the cost of the contract on their university account.

***\*Students living off campus without an approved exemption will be held responsible for room and board charges.***