

MATURE STUDENT HOUSING POLICY

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Responsibility: VP Student Services

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Scope: Students

We, as a campus, recognize that providing/recommending the proper living arrangements is key to being successful. We also recognize that different situations have different needs and require different environments. As a result, Residence Halls is typically for single students under 30 years old.

All Burman University students who are 30+ years old, are married, and/or have families are required to seek alternative housing arrangements. Please see definitions below for alternative housing.

Residence Hall housing (Lakeview Hall, Maple Hall, and Riverton Hall) are under the direction and discretion of the Residence Hall Deans.

Lakeview Hall and Maple Hall are set up to meet the needs of students under the age of 21 who live in residence housing.

Students between the ages of 23 and 30 will be automatically placed in Riverton Hall. If a student is placed in Riverton Hall prior to turning 30 and they turn 31+ before the completion of the degree they started and still wish to remain at Riverton Hall, they will be allowed to do so until the completion of the degree.

Students between the ages of 21-23 may be placed in any of the Residence Halls depending on the Deans' discretion and availability. Rooms at Riverton may be limited thus Lakeview Hall or Maple Hall may need to be considered when placing students in this age range.

Temporary Housing

Students over 21 years old who need temporary housing, may apply to Residence Halls using the online form and stating that it is a temporary housing need for specific dates. Acceptance may be given if there is space available and the situation is appropriate.

Out-of-Policy Requests

Unique situations may be considered on its own merit with the welfare of all students in mind. This means that occasionally a student may make a request to the Housing Committee with the following in mind:

1. A request must be made in writing.
2. Students may submit requests for housing once per semester. Requests must be made at the Student Services office prior to the beginning of the semester.
3. Exception to the Housing Policy does not establish new policy.
4. The decision of the Housing Committee is final.
5. Consideration is given on a case-by-case basis.

Alternative Housing

Mature students attending Burman University should be proactive in establishing living accommodations before the school year begins. Looking online for housing in the community as well as contacting the Student Services office is recommended to assist in finding the proper housing situation that could meet the needs of mature students. (Tip: A great time to find community housing for September is between May and August. Contact Student Services for more information).

Housing Committee

Burman University has a Housing Committee to assess individual housing needs. You are able to make a request in writing outlining your individual needs if you prefer to live on campus. The committee will then approve or deny your request. You will then be contacted by Student Services notifying you of the decision.

DEFINITIONS:

Alternative Housing: Non-dorm housing managed by Student Finances or off campus housing in the community.

Housing Committee: A group of people made up of staff and students who manage policies, requests and concerns about housing on and off campus.

Mature Student: A student who is older than 21 years of age and beginning their first year at Burman University.

Temporary Housing: Housing that is needed for less than a semester of study at Burman University.