
STUDENT NON-RESIDENT HOUSING POLICY

Effective Date: September 2018

Responsibility: VP Student Services

Amends Policy dated: September 2016

Policy Number:

Scope: Students

A. Fall and Winter Semesters (September through April)

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

1. Students who have completed 60 semester hours of coursework 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 taking less than 9 credits per term.

B. Students may live out of the dormitory after Completing one full year (30 credits) in residence at the University under the following conditions:

1. 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.
2. Have demonstrated model citizenship* during the academic year in dormitory.
3. Receive final approval from Student Services.

Once aligned with either Category A or B 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. Students living in non-dormitory housing are expected to follow campus policies and guidelines.

Out-of-Policy Requests

Unique situation may be considered on its own merit with the welfare of the student in mind. This means that occasionally a student may request to Housing Committee exception to the Housing Policy as follows:

1. A request must be made in writing.
2. 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.
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.

C. In order to encourage student cooperation and keep students from calculating a fine into their monthly finances, an unreasonable fine amount of \$1000 per term may be assessed if a Student is in blatant disregard of the Housing Policy or the Housing Committee's decision.

D. 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.

*Model Citizenship is defined as:

- a. Supportive of and in compliance with campus policies including dormitory policies relative to leave privileges, worship attendance, rules and regulations of the dormitory.
- b. Have not been under discipline or on non-academic probation during the year.
- c. Have a cumulative GPA meeting the minimum eligible for the students' academic program, have not been under academic restriction or probation in the preceding 2 terms.