



Southern Virginia University Housing Exception Policy

Effective Date: [4/1/24]

I. Introduction

Southern Virginia University is a residential institution by design. Research shows that students who live on campus are more engaged and perform better in most aspects of college life.

As a residential institution, we are committed to providing students with a safe and supportive living environment in University Housing. This commitment is reflected in our Housing Policy. To request an exception to this policy, please follow the process outlined below.

II. Eligibility for Unsupported Housing

Per the university Housing Policy, an unmarried student wishing to live in unsupported housing must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of 60 collegiate academic credit post-graduation
- *College credits received in high school will not count toward the credit count (dual-enrollment, AP, or IB credits)
- *students within a 35-mile radius of their legal guardians are approved to live with them until 60 credits are acquired.
- *Married students are permitted to live off-campus

III. Application Process for a Housing Exception

Students seeking an exception must complete the form below, which will be submitted to the Housing Exception Committee. The request should include a detailed explanation of reasons for pursuing an exception to the Housing Policy with any supporting documentation.

IV. Review Process

The Housing Exception Committee will review requests for exceptions to the university's Housing Policy. The committee, comprised of representatives from various departments, will convene weekly to consider all request submissions. The Housing Exception Committee reserves the right to accept or deny requests for exceptions to the university's Housing Policy.

The Housing Exception Committee will review each request on a case-by-case basis, considering each individual's circumstances and adherence to the Housing Exception Policy. The committee will notify students of their decision within a reasonable timeframe.

V. Appeal Process

Students dissatisfied with the committee's decision may submit a written appeal to the Office of Housing via email (housing@svu.edu) within ten business days of receiving their initial decision.

VI. Conditions of Approval

If an exception is granted, the student must continue to comply with the [Code of Conduct](#). Failure to do so may result in the revocation of the exception.

VII. Renewal of Unsupported Housing Exception

Students granted an exception must reapply for renewal each academic year until they meet ALL criteria for unsupported housing eligibility outlined in the university's Housing Policy. Please note that renewal of prior exception requests is not guaranteed.

VII. Review and Revision

This policy will be reviewed periodically, and revisions may be made as needed. The most recent version will be available on the university's website: svu.edu

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the exception request:

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

[Housing Exception Form](#)

