Northern Kentucky University is committed to placing the learner at the center of all we do. For those who wish to “complete their college experience”, NKU provides a residential village with an educational environment that maximizes opportunities for success. The first year student housing policy is designed to ensure that new first time freshmen students, residing outside the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati metropolitan area beyond reasonable commuting distance, begin their education in a safe and supportive environment.

Unless qualifying for one of the exemptions listed, freshman students will be required to live on campus.

- Permanent home residency in:
  - **Indiana** - Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson. Ohio, Ripley, or Switzerland counties
  - **Kentucky** - Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Mason, and Pendleton counties
  - **Ohio** – Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties
- 21 year of age or older by September 1 of the upcoming fall semester
- Married, divorced, or widowed
- Parent with custodial responsibilities
- Served at least 6 months in the armed services
- Part-time student (less than 6 credit hours)
- Students attending NKU distributed learning centers or taking fully online class schedules
- Demonstrated acceptable extenuating circumstances as approved by the Director of University Housing.