

## **Policy 301.1 – Residence Hall Residency Requirement**

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Issuing Office: Student Affairs  
Approved By:

### **I. POLICY**

The University of Montana Western requires that students with less than 30 credits live in the residence halls.

### **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students make the appropriate social and academic transitions to college. Research supports the idea that residence hall students do better academically and have more access to on-campus resources by spending their first year in residence. For students who have never lived on their own, the staff and facilities provide an environment where young adults can learn about civic and academic responsibility.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

All students with fewer than 30 credits are required to live in the residence halls.

#### **A. Exceptions to Residence Hall Residency Requirement**

- Student is living at home with parents or guardians
- Student graduated three or more years ago from high school
- Student is married or a parent with child custody

#### **B. Exemption Forms**

Exemption forms are available from the Student Affairs Office. All exceptions to the “30 Credit Rule” must be documented and submitted to the Student Affairs Office. Exemption forms may be requested by phone, mail, or via the campus website (<http://www.umwestern.edu/studentlife/housing/Exemption.pdf>). All students under the 30-credit limit will be billed for room and board unless the Exemption form has been received and approved in the Student Affairs Office before the first day of classes. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of six credits per semester to reside in the residence halls.

### **IV. AUTHORITY**

BOR 502.1

### **V. RESPONSIBILITY**

Dean of Students