

ACU Residence Life

"We believe every person is created in the image of God and that they deserve to live in a safe, inclusive, and relational home."

Exceptions to the residency requirement are not based on financial need. The exceptions are as follows:

- A student's parents are Abilene residents and he or she will live with his or her parents in the family's primary residence. Students whose parents own property or a home in Abilene are not exempt from the residency requirement. This exception applies only to students who intend to live with parents and does not extend to relatives.
 - Permanent residency must be established 6 months prior to time of exemption.
 - Utility bill and driver's license of the parent/legal guardian must be provided for verification
- A student is 21 years of age prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- A student has graduated from high school more than two years prior to the beginning of the fall semester. (Homeschooled students and high school students enrolled in college classes earning dual credit are not exempt from the residency requirement.)
- A student is married and submits a marriage license to Residence Life.
- A student is enrolled in less than 12 hours at ACU.
- A student has a documented medical/ADA concern submitted and verified through [Alpha Academic Services](#), resulting in a recommendation from Alpha to approve the student for living off campus. Please visit [Alpha](#) BEFORE submitting a request to our office.
- A student previously lived four long semesters in residence halls.
- A student transfers to ACU during the second semester of their sophomore year and intends to live at University Park Apartments.

For students intending to live with parents in Abilene, please contact reslife@acu.edu to request the necessary form. *Completion of the form does not guarantee approval.* Upon submission, ACU Residence Life will notify the student regarding the status of the request.

If you fall under any other exceptions, please contact reslife@acu.edu to submit the appropriate documentation. For any questions, feel free to contact our office so that we may address your inquiries appropriately.