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The Mandatory Housing Policy was instituted for the benefit of students. Students who live on campus benefit from the facilities and resources that support students' success during their first year and throughout their entire college experience. Additionally, research and experience tell us that students who live on campus:

- develop a greater sense of belonging;
- find it easier to form friendships;
- participate more in student organizations;
- develop strong connections to faculty;
- increase their awareness of diversity; and,
- are more likely to complete a degree within four years.

Full-time, unmarried undergraduates under age 21 with fewer than 58 credits are required to live in University Housing unless they will be commuting from a parent or guardian's home within 40 miles of the Rowan campus.

Students are exempt from the mandatory housing requirement in the following circumstances:

1. The student states he/she will commute from that parent or guardian's residence and that the residence is located within 40 miles of the campus;
2. The student is over the age of 21 at the start of the academic year.

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The 40-mile radius is defined by the student's permanent mailing address or parent/guardian residence using the zip code of the student's permanent residence.

