

*Policy Title: Access to Student Housing Policies and Off-Campus Resources Policy

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*Office with Administrative Responsibility: Housing and Residence Life

*Approver: Director, Housing & Residence Life

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Purpose

This policy outlines the University's commitment to ensuring access to information, resources and policies related to student housing.

This policy is prepared in compliance with the directive from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities dated July 15, 2024, requiring the publication of Student Housing Policies by postsecondary institutions.

Scope of Policy

This policy pertains to housing services provided by the Office of Housing and Residence Life for undergraduate and graduate students.

Definitions

The definitions below are specific to the development and maintenance of this policy:

- 1. "Office of Housing and Residence Life" is a department within the Division of Student Affairs with accountability for university housing operations
- "Canterbury College" an affiliate college of the University of Windsor and is a not-for-profit charitable corporation that provides off-campus residence options for University of Windsor students
- 3. "University of Windsor Student Association (UWSA)" is the full-time undergraduate student union at the University of Windsor
- 4. "International Student Centre (ISC)" is a department within the Division of Student Affairs with accountability for supporting international students
- 5. "First Year Undergraduate student" is a student who is attending the university of Windsor for the first time in their first year of their undergraduate degree

Policy Statement

The University is committed to providing housing options and housing related services and supports for our diverse student population with a commitment of a guarantee for domestic and international first year undergraduate students who apply within applicable deadlines. The University is also committed to working with partners including UWSA, ISC and Canterbury College to ensure off-campus housing support and resources are updated and available.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life will ensure housing policies and information about housing related supports, services and resources are accessible on the Housing and Residence Life webpages. This will include the principles/commitment to student housing, details about appropriate institutional infrastructure, off-campus housing resources provided by on and off-campus partners and other housing related supports and services.

Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. The Director, Housing & Residence Life is responsible for:
 - a. Reviewing and updating all housing policies as per the review schedule listed in the individual policies
 - b. Working in conjunction with the UWSA, ISC and Canterbury College to develop partnerships and provide off-campus housing search information and resources
- 2. Office of Housing & Residence Life administrative staff are responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining and updating off-campus housing resources list and ensuring availability of resources on website

Review By

April 2025

Appendices

Student Housing Policy and Data Requirements Memorandum dated July 15, 2024

Cross References

Housing and Residence Life website - https://www.uwindsor.ca/residence/

Housing Policies webpage - https://www.uwindsor.ca/residence/1732/housing-policies