

# Residential Life

All Johnson & Wales University students are required to live in university housing as shared below, unless they meet one or more of the criteria:

1. **For current students (enrolled in 2023–24 academic year or prior),** the live-on requirement is for the first two (2) years unless
  - They are married or have dependents.
  - They are 21 years of age or older.
  - They are living at home with a parent or legal guardian and commuting within a 50-mile radius of campus.
  - They are experiencing a financial hardship.
  - They have a disability requiring off-campus living.
  - They are not eligible to live on campus (*please see below*).
2. **For students enrolling for 2024–25 academic year or beyond,** the live-on requirement is for their first three (3) years unless
  - They are married or have dependents.
  - They are 24 years of age or older.
  - They are living at home with a parent or legal guardian and commuting within a 35-mile radius of campus.
  - They have a disability requiring off-campus living.
  - They are not eligible to live on campus (*please see below*).

Students who wish to request a housing requirement exemption should fill out appropriate forms:

- New to JWU (first year and transfer): using Admissions Portal
- Returning and current JWU students: using Housing Portal (through jwuLink)

*As a highly residential campus, if you do not comply with the residential requirements and do not get approval through the exemption processes, you could be subjected to the housing charge, regardless of whether or not you have selected a room during the room selection process.*

Students who have been convicted of certain felonies or have had certain felony-type charges sustained in a juvenile proceeding, such as crimes of violence, serious drug offenses and sex offenses, are not eligible to live in university housing. Additionally, students enrolled in the College of Professional Studies\* and graduate students are able to live in our Post-Traditional Housing.

Residential Life provides information regarding a variety of living accommodations on campus and programs for students. For additional opportunities to get involved on campus, please contact Student Engagement.

Students requesting accommodations should contact Accessibility Services.

Students who are released from their JWU housing contract after the start of the semester will be charged for housing and meals (if applicable) according to the policies of the [University Withdrawal Credit Policy](#).

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The program must be in person — not an online program.