



## TRANSITIONING TO A RESIDENTIAL LIVE-ON REQUIREMENT

### TIMELINE

Starting in Fall 2026, the campus will implement the first phase of Sacramento State's Residential Live-On Requirement Policy for incoming students to support student success, community engagement, and academic achievement.

### WHAT'S CHANGING?

#### FALL 2026

All incoming first-year students (non-transfer students) will be required to live in university housing located in North Village Residential Community during their first academic year.

*\*North Village First-Year Halls: Riverview, Desmond, Jenkins, Draper, Sierra, Klamath, & Mt. Whitney*

#### FALL 2027

All incoming first-year students (non-transfer students) will be required to live in university housing during their first two academic years.

### LIVE. LEARN. SUCCEED.

By living on campus, students gain more than a place to live; they gain a supportive community designed to help them thrive. This policy aligns with system-wide graduation initiatives and ensures Sacramento State students have the tools, resources, and networks they need for success.

### BENEFITS

Research consistently shows that students who live on campus:

1. Have higher GPAs & stronger academic outcomes.
2. Are more likely to return for their second year & graduate on time.
3. Have convenient access to campus academic resources & student support services.
4. Develop a greater sense of belonging & participation in student life.
5. Benefit from a safe & supportive community with 24/7 staff & structured programs.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact University Housing Services at  
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# NORTH VILLAGE UPDATES

EFFECTIVE FALL 2026

## New Residence Halls & Occupancy Changes

- **Mt. Whitney Hall - Opening Fall 2026**  
Brand-new residence hall designed exclusively for first-year students.  
335 beds within a modern, supportive community.
- **Riverview Hall**  
Transitioning to First-Year Use Only.  
Adding more than 160 first-year beds to foster a building-wide shared experience.

## Redesigned Residential Curriculum

- Promote student growth through intentional programming tailored to the first-year and second-year experience. Focused on belonging, wellness, academic success, and life skills.
- Collaborations with campus partners to integrate further academic and wellness initiatives into the residential experience.

## Enhanced Student Engagement & Social Integration

- Increased Student-Led Programming: More social, inclusive, and late-night/weekend programs.
- Traditions: "Hornet First Night" and other large-scale campus program opportunities.

## EXEMPTIONS

Sacramento State understands that some students may have unique circumstances. Students may apply for an exemption under specific conditions from the live-on requirement for reasons including, but not limited to:

- **Local Residency**  
Living with immediate family (parent/legal guardian, spouse, grandparent, aunt/uncle) within:
  - **50 miles or less** of Sacramento State (Academic Year 2026-2027)
  - **30 miles or less** of Sacramento State (Academic Year 2027-2028)
- **Age**
  - Student is 20 years old or older by the first day of classes.
- **Independent Student Status**
  - Student is considered independent on the FAFSA.
- **Military or Veteran Status**
  - Student is an active-duty service member or U.S. veteran.
- **Financial Hardship Consideration**
  - Demonstrated and verified financial hardship.
- **Live-In Employment**
  - Student is required to live at their job site as a care provider.
- **Study Abroad or Away/Academic Internship**
  - Internship or study program requiring a student to reside outside of Sacramento County.
- **Medical or Disability Considerations**
  - Student has a documented condition that cannot be accommodated in campus housing.
- **Other Special Circumstances**
  - Reviewed individually

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