

Below is the South Dakota Board of Regents Housing Policy. Everyone who attends Northern State University is held to this Policy.

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During the first two years from the time they were or would have been graduated from high school, all unmarried students who enroll in six credit hours or more are required to enter into a housing agreement and designated meal plan for the specific living environment with the institution unless special permission to room or dine elsewhere is received from the institution. Permission ordinarily shall be granted to students with dependent children, to students who reside full time during the academic year with parents or legal guardians, or students enrolled primarily at off campus locations. Students who have enrolled for twelve or more credits for four (4) semesters may be exempted from this agreement at the discretion of the institution. Institutions may also grant exemptions for students when residence hall occupancy exceeds manageable capacity. Dec 2010

This residency requirement serves important educational and developmental purposes. Education professionals widely recognize that where students live their freshman and sophomore year has a significant impact on the quality of their academic and personal preparation for post-collegiate life. Students prosper in stable living environments that are close to academic resources and organized student activities that promote social interaction and exposure to new and diverse life experiences, and that afford supervision, counseling, and other assistance as may be needed. In short, on-campus residency provides unparalleled opportunities for multi-dimensional student development and is part of the university's broad educational program.

If you wish to live on campus you can complete the on line application here:
<http://www.northern.edu/studentlife/Pages/reslife/housing.aspx>

If you wish to apply for an exemption to the housing policy, you must contact the office of Residence Life at reslife@northern.edu.

A housing application or an approved exemption, must be received in the Residence Life office by the day after census date for each semester. Consult the official academic calendar for each semester's published census date.