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## Residential Living Exemption Policy

All full-time first and second year students at Bradley University are required to live in the Residence Halls unless they meet certain exemption standards. Living in a fraternity or sorority house provides numerous opportunities for development, support, and oversight that is comparable to the experiences of living in a residence hall. The Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) and Residential Living offices provide fraternity and sorority members the ability to live-in a recognized sorority/fraternity house through an approval process at the conclusion of each semester.

FSL Residential Living Exemption processing periods shall be in the Fall (December-January) and Spring (May-June) semesters. Applications for each exemption period shall close prior to the conclusion of finals in each the Fall and Spring semesters. Applications not submitted by the listed due date shall not be considered.

### Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Exemption Standards

In order for individual fraternity or sorority chapters to be eligible for members to receive a residence hall exemption, they must:

- Be in Good Standing with the Fraternity and Sorority Life office. Good Standing is defined as:
  - No violations or outstanding investigations for violating Fraternity and Sorority policies and procedures.
  - No documented incidents of hazing, common source alcohol (i.e. “jungle juice”, kegs, etc.), or similar violations within the current semester.
- Have no outstanding student organization conduct sanctions hindering their participation in the approval process.
- Receive at least a 2.75 average chapter GPA in the semester prior to the requested semester.
- Be in compliance with Peoria Fire Department regulations and examinations.
- Meet minimum attendance expectations for Fraternity and Sorority Housing Training for the current semester as set by the Fraternity and Sorority Life office.
- Adhere to all University and Fraternity and Sorority Life housing policies and procedures.



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- Maintain proper chapter and property insurance. The certificates of insurance must provide the following:
  - A statement of general liability coverage limit of at least \$1,000,000;
  - A statement that Bradley University is an additional insured; and
  - A statement that the policy covers alcohol, hazing and sexual assault liability

### Housing Corporation Boards

Chapter Housing Corporation Boards are responsible for any contract/lease that is signed by the student in addition to any payment collection. Contract/lease documents must not be given, or expected to be completed prior to decisions regarding exemptions being distributed. Exceptions are members of Delta Tau Delta and Pi Kappa Phi who must sign a lease contract with Bradley Residential Living.

Chapter House Corporation Boards are also responsible for releasing fraternity/sorority members from their house agreements if their exemption is revoked due to violations of this policy or failure to meet Housing Exemption minimums at the next semester application period. Members who have their exemption status revoked will be required to move back into a residence hall immediately.

Chapter Housing Corporation Boards have authority over the ability of students to break contracts within their respective facilities for any reason. This can include any fines, fees or amendments to living obligations to their facility.

### Fraternity and Sorority Member Exemption Standards

For this policy, only Fall and Spring semester GPAs and the most recently completed cumulative GPA will be considered for eligibility purposes. GPA adjustments or Summer and Winter session classes post the closing of the application semester shall not be considered.

All students interested in applying for the Fraternity and Sorority Life Residential Living Exemption must submit an electronic application distributed by the Fraternity and Sorority Life office by the appropriate deadlines.

Exemption to the Residential Living policy must be granted/renewed by the Fraternity and Sorority office each semester that it is applicable. Residential Living policies require two full years living in a campus residential facility or another approved living arrangement (i.e commuting, transfer, etc). For this policy, Freshman shall refer to a college student within their first year of classes. Whereas, Sophomore shall refer to a college student within their



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second year of classes. The terms freshman and sophomore are not in relation to credit hours completed but rather semesters completed in college.

All fraternity and sorority members that are granted an exemption to live in a fraternity or sorority house must maintain eligibility as determined by this policy. Each member will be assessed at the end of each exempted semester to determine future exemption status. This includes but is not limited to maintaining minimum GPA and judicial conduct.

Notice will be given to the chapter and advisor when an exempted member's academic performance falls below expected standards at the Midterm by having an F,D, or Unsatisfactory in a majority of their enrolled courses.

Any student who receives an exemption through this policy and then terminates their membership, has their membership terminated, or decides to no longer reside in their chapter facility after gaining permission to leave the Residence Halls **MUST** move back to the Residence Halls. Permission to live in a fraternity/sorority is not permission to live in other off campus facilities including but not limited to off-campus "houses," St. James apartments, or Main Street Commons.

Appeals to decisions regarding this policy must be received within one week of the distribution of decisions and will only be considered if submitted by the student seeking the exemption, eg. not another member of the chapter on their behalf. Appeals will only be considered on the following grounds:

- Conduct Considerations - Appeals to the decisions based on the 'severity' clause of the conduct criteria
- Grade Changes - Appeals to the decision based on a grade change that appears in the official Bradley transcript *prior to* the appeal. Grade changes that appear after the 1 week appeal window will not be considered. Grade changes are defined as grades that are updated or changed in the semester of application. GPA requirements will not consider any Summer or J-Term grades posted at the conclusion of that semester for consideration.

The following categories will not be considered in an appeal:

- GPA below minimum expectations (2.0 cumulative GPA)
- Missing/Incomplete applications
- Financial considerations - includes out-of-house obligations and any financial agreements made prior to the conclusion of this process.



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## Move in Exemption Requirements

Chapters will provide a list of individuals who would be considered for any vacant spots to the Fraternity and Sorority Life office prior to the end of each semester. This list must also include all members that have previously gained an exemption and must reseek that exemption for the next semester.

All sophomore requests will be prioritized over freshmen requests.

Criteria for a student to be approved:

- Sophomore/Junior/Senior status students:
  - Must have completed at least two 9 credit hour semesters at a college/university and have completed at least 18 total credit hours.
  - Must be fully active (initiated) members and in good standing with their chapter.
  - Must be in Good Academic Standing (2.0 cumulative GPA) by the end of the semester they apply for exemption.
  - Must be in good standing with Student Conduct.
- Freshmen status/Within 1st year of college students:
  - Must have completed/passed at least one 9 credit hour semester.
  - Must be fully active (initiated) members and in good standing with their chapter.
  - Must be in Good Academic Standing (2.0 cumulative GPA) by the end of the semester they apply for exemption.
  - Must not have any student conduct violation and be in good standing with Student Conduct.

The status of Disciplinary Probation specifies a time period during which a student is not considered to be in “good standing” and is applicable to this policy.

If approved for an exemption, students will be provided a timeline to move into chapter facilities as well as a final date they are required to be completely moved out of the Residence Halls. Students should not move into a chapter facility until they have received official notification of their exemption from the Fraternity and Sorority Life office.

## Transfer Student Considerations

Any transfer student who has four completed semesters at another college/university is exempt from the Fraternity and Sorority Life approval process unless they are currently living in a university Residence Hall. Those transfer members would still be required to submit their



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application for an exemption to their current housing agreement.

Transfer status is further defined as having completed classes *as a* college/university student and not as transfer credits from a high school or dual-credit arrangement.

### Authority

This policy and the decision authority therein is defined as a joint policy that exists between the Fraternity and Sorority and the Residential Living and Student Conduct offices under the Division of Student Affairs. All decisions, appeals, and policy decisions are held within the defined offices.

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