



### *Four-Year Residency Policy*

As a residential college, Albright's campus living environment is an integral piece of the college experience. Living together in a community provides opportunities to interact with faculty, staff, and other students. Through this shared living experience, students will enhance their social, intellectual, and interpersonal growth. In support of this philosophy, all traditional full-time undergraduate students at Albright College will live on-campus or in college-managed housing during their tenure as a student.

Housing selection procedures and guidelines are distributed to enrolled students in the Spring term. All enrolled traditional full-time students must indicate their housing preferences for the following academic year by submitting an electronic housing form through the Office of Residential Life by the designated time. Students who do not follow housing selection procedures will be automatically assigned to an available space and default dining plan\*.

New first-year and transfer students will receive information about housing procedures and deadlines during the admission process. Electronic housing forms for the following academic year will be available for new first-year and transfer students on May 1<sup>st</sup>. New students are notified of their roommate(s) and housing assignments beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.

To further support Albright's residential campus, *commuter* status or *off-campus* status will only be approved for traditional full-time undergraduate students through the *residency petition* process\*\* (see below for relevant definitions). *Residency petitions* must be completed on an annual basis following the submission of the electronic housing form. Residency petitions are reviewed by campus representatives and approvals are granted only for specified academic terms. A traditional undergraduate student is eligible to live off-campus if they satisfy all of the following criteria: (a) the student is a member of the Class of 2019 or Class of 2020; (b) the student is not on social probation with Community Standards; and (c) the student has a minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA at the time residency petition is submitted. In addition, students who are 22 years of age or older by August 1<sup>st</sup>, married, the parent or legal guardian of a minor, or who are fifth-year students will be permitted to live off-campus through the residency petition process.

Albright College's current residential portfolio includes eight Affinity Houses, Albright Court, Albright Woods Apartments, North Hall, Quad Buildings for first-year students (Crowell Hall, Krause Hall, and Walton Hall), Smith Hall, and Mohn Hall for Honor's Housing. In partnership with Rockland Hall Associates, Albright College manages Rockland Hall, a suite-style living space for Junior and Senior students.

The following definitions may help clarify the policy:

**Resident:** a traditional full-time undergraduate student living in college-owned or college-managed residential areas.

**Commuter Student:** a student living with a parent or legal guardian whose permanent residence is within 30 miles of Albright College's main campus.

**Off-Campus Student:** a student who is approved to reside at a location other than their permanent address, college-owned housing, or college-managed housing.

- \* *The default meal plan is the Gold Unlimited plan.*
- \* \* *Residency petitions will be available during designated times for currently enrolled students. Regardless of intent to submit a residency petition, enrolled students are required to submit an electronic housing form prior to completing the residency petition.*