

ELEMENT 7 - HOUSING ELEMENT

General Update:

There are currently 2 residence halls on the Jupiter Campus designated for Honors College students only. Each hall contains 144 beds in single bedrooms, 4 rooms to a suite. There are currently a total of 288 beds. Each hall contains laundry facilities and a communal lounge. Phase I residence hall is approximately 6 years old. Phase II residence Hall is approximately 4 years old. Both are in excellent physical condition. Occasionally, when enrollment surpasses the available beds, rental units are found in nearby developments, where students are placed until they can be accommodated in the residence halls. Per the goals below, additional beds will be added to accommodate a minimum of 500 Honors College students.

Goal 1

To ensure provision of public and private housing facilities on the campus and within the host community adequate to meet the needs of FAU's enrollment.

Objective 1A

Provide on-campus housing for Honors College Students. (See Figure 7.1)

Policy 1A-1

Provide housing for Honors College students so that they may encounter the live and work together experience as a community, studying, planning social and cultural events, and exchanging ideas and theories.

Policy 1A-2

Provide additional beds to reach capacity of at least 500 beds for the projected Honors College enrollment.

Objective 1B

Optimize utilization of on-campus housing.

Policy 1B-1

All Honors College students shall be required to live on-campus, with the following exceptions:

- Married students or students with children
- Students who are 26 years of age or older
- Students who are under 16 years of age

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Policy 1B-2

The University will optimize the summer occupancy rates of on-campus housing by promoting activities such as conferences and continuing education programs that would increase utilization of on-campus housing, in addition to expanded course work.

Objective 1C

Ensure adequate housing and support facilities on campus for FAU needs. (See Figure 7.1)

Policy 1C-1

On this branch campus, there is a unique requirement for all Honors College students to live on campus. Therefore, the following policies have been developed.

Policy 1C-2

All Honors College Students are to be housed on-campus and be provided with adequate support facilities (See **Objective 1A**).

Policy 1C-3

Sanitary sewer, potable water, stormwater management, and solid waste facilities shall be provided at established levels of service prior to occupancy of all new housing facilities.

Policy 1C-4

Continue to develop and locate housing and support facilities on the campus along the Crescent and at the Plaza. Provide annual review and update of adequacy of on-campus housing and support facilities for Honors College enrollment.

Policy 1C-5

The University’s Department of Housing & Residential Life will develop an annual program that addresses the priorities, amounts of revenue-based funds and the potential for using CITF funds and other private sources and grants, etc. (if available) for the development of future on-campus housing facilities, including parking, recreation facilities, student activities, food, beverage and entertainment, etc. The University's Department of Housing & Residential Life prepares an RPG (Residential Program Guidelines) with assistance from Facilities Planning and Comptroller to be submitted to the Division of Financial Affairs. The Division of Financial Affairs determines if bonding is viable for the project. The Board of Trustees and FAU Foundation approve such projects and sets priorities.

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Policy 1C-6

The University's Department of Housing & Residential Life will continue to update internal procedures to ensure the provision of necessary support facilities in new housing development. These procedures shall include the identification of student needs for parking, student activity program facilities, recreation facilities, retailing needs, food and beverage, leisure and entertainment needs, telecommunications and other academic support needs.

Policy 1C-7

Future residential facilities shall meet the guidelines and standards established in the Architectural Design Guidelines Element.

Policy 1C-8

The University is open to exploring various options to fund Housing including public/private development. The procedure will be through a public request for proposal.

Objective 1D

To coordinate with the host community to ensure an adequate supply of affordable off-campus student housing to meet projected needs.

Policy 1D-1

The University's MacArthur Campus Administration will respond to requests for information from appropriate host community agencies regarding expected student population, off-campus housing needs, and related issues such as security, transit, etc.

Policy 1D-2

The University will maintain current activities to make information about off-campus housing available.

Policy 1D-3

The University will continue to host, on the FAU website, Residential Life Page, a link to the Student Development and Activities website, and other websites such as fauoffcampus.com, where information on off-campus housing is maintained and may be found.

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Policy 1D-4

The University shall, in conjunction with the host and affected local governments:

- Monitor the supply, costs, and suitability of off-campus housing;
- Monitor factors pertaining to safety, transit utilization, pedestrian access, etc.;
- Promote the location of new off-campus student-oriented housing opportunities within walking or bicycling distance to campus; and
- Promote the location of convenient service and shopping opportunities for students near off-campus student-oriented housing units.