

## **Why does Eastern University require residency for College of Arts and Sciences Students?**

Students who live in college managed housing communities (residence halls) experience greater personal, spiritual, emotional growth and are more engaged in college life overall, which leads to better grades, more personal growth and an array of positive interpersonal skills that become valuable assets in later life in both jobs and the home. (Kuh et al, 1991)

Commuting students overall have lower grades, are less engaged, experience more roommate tensions and personal problems than residents. Younger commuters often find themselves with too many choices, negative peer pressure and they make wrong choices that cause all sorts of problems.

Eastern University has always been a residential campus. We invest in new buildings as our population grows. All students who enter Eastern fall 2006 and after, are required to be resident students as long as we have space available. That policy is on the deposit form that all students receive and return with their admissions acceptance and deposit.

**Although we know that most students want to maintain residency, some hope to commute. We hope you as an influential parent, will support us in our efforts to help your student's time with Eastern be as growth producing as possible, by affirming that they will remain residents and that you cannot endorse their application for commuter status until their junior or senior year.**

Students who do not participate in the housing process, which gives them the opportunity to choose a room and a roommate, will be assigned to housing and assigned a roommate.

Thank you for your understanding and support of our policies and investments in working toward student development.

Student Development

Kuh, G; Schuh, John H.; Whitt, Elizabeth J.; and associates, (1991) *Involving Colleges*, Jossey Bass, San Francisco