## **RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT**

Marietta College is a residential College and as such seeks to provide an environment in which a sense of community is an integral part of the education it offers. Therefore, the Office of Community Living strives to provide residential communities that focus on the living and learning process that is at the core of our College mission to prepare students for meaningful work, responsible citizenship, and fulfilling, purposeful lives. As a private College, it requires all students to reside in College-owned or College-related housing unless a Petition for Off-Campus Residency is submitted to and approved by the Office of Community Living. Timely submission of a Petition for Off-Campus Residency does not guarantee that the request will be granted.

Exemptions may be made for the following reasons:

- 1. Students who are living exclusively in the permanent primary residence of parent(s)/guardian(s) within 35 driving miles of Marietta College.
- 2. Students who have lived on the Marietta College campus for eight semesters.
- 3. Students who are married, divorced, widowed or are a custodial parent (documentation is required and must be submitted to the Office of Community Living).
- 4. Students who will be 23 years of age or older, prior to September 1 for that academic year.
- 5. Students who possess a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college (documentation is required and must be submitted to the Office of Community Living).
- 6. Students who have served and been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces (documentation is required and must be submitted to the Office of Community Living).
- 7. Students who are enrolled in nine (9) are fewer credit hours.
- 8. Students experiencing financial hardship (documentation is required and must be submitted to the Office of Community Living. The Office of Students Financial Services will be consulted for those applying under this criteria).

Permission to live off-campus is only valid as long as the reason for the exemption exists. The College reserves the right to revoke permission granted for off-campus residency when the College deems it necessary or appropriate. Students who are approved for off-campus residency must submit their off-campus address to the Records Office. Any student who does not provide an accurate address and phone number by September 9, 2016 for the fall semester or by January 20, 2017 for the spring semester will be charged for room and board.

Any student supplying false information on any petition for off-campus residency or failing to immediately notify the Office of Community Living upon change in exemptions status, with intent to deceive, will be charged for the semester or year room and board costs and be subject to disciplinary action through the student conduct process. In addition, no refund for room will be issued after the student has checked into the residence hall. Students are reminded that they are responsible for the rules, regulations and policies of Marietta College whether living on- or off-campus.

Petitions are available from the Office of Community Living in Andrews Hall. Questions about the petition or petition process, can be directed to the Director of Community Living at 740-376-4784 or by emailing ocl@marietta.edu. Part-time students (students with 9 credit hours or less) need not apply to live off-campus, unless they are currently living in a residence hall.

Students who reserve rooms in College housing contract for the entire year. Once a student has checked into their residence hall for the academic year, they may not apply for off-campus residency for the same academic year. No one is permitted to move within, to, or from College housing except in special cases approved by the Office of Community Living.

All residence halls are closed during all College vacation periods. When residence halls have been closed during a College vacation, they re-open at 9:00 a.m., one day preceding the resumption of classes, except where otherwise stated in the College Calendar. For graduating students, residence halls close at 12:00 p.m. on the day after Commencement.

All students residing on campus must participate in one of the College meal plans.