The University of Portland
Residency Requirement

The University of Portland is a residential campus committed to a Holy Cross education of the heart, hands, and mind. The University considers the residential experience to be an integral part of this whole person education. Decades of studies have shown that students who belong to a campus residential community have a more productive and more satisfying college experience than their off campus peers.
Just some of the benefits of on-campus living show that students are more likely to:

- Take full advantage of campus resources
- Be more involved in campus activities and educational programs
- Take more credits per semester
- Achieve greater academic success
- Graduate at a higher rate
- Be more satisfied with their overall university experience

Our Holy Cross model of educating the whole person intersects perfectly with the known benefits of on-campus living; consequently, UP requires all first year undergraduate students to live on-campus and to purchase a meal plan.

Exceptions to this residency policy will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Office of Residence Life. In the case(s) an exemption is granted, it will ordinarily be for one of the following reasons:

1. The student will live at home with parent(s) and that home is fewer than 30 miles away from the UP campus.
2. The student is over 21 years of age.
3. The student is married.

Documentation of the reason for the exemption must be a part of the exemption petition process.

(Approved by University of Portland Officers)
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