



Guidelines for Student Occupancy of Non-University Owned Sorority Chapter Facilities

Illinois Wesleyan University has a six (6) semester housing requirement for all members of our community. The University grants a special privilege to sorority chapters/housing corporations/housing LLCs by allowing chapter housing to be “University approved housing” and fulfill the requirement. Women who choose to join a sorority may fulfill this housing requirement by living in their respective sorority house, after completing two semesters in IWU-owned housing. New members of sororities will be eligible to move into their respective sorority house after the completion of two (2) semesters as a student in residence at Illinois Wesleyan University. Members who join a chapter in the fall of their sophomore, junior, or senior year must fulfill their yearlong housing lease with the IWU Office of Residential Life and can elect to live in their chapter facility the fall of the following year. Transfer students entering the IWU community in the spring term will be eligible to move into their sorority house for the following fall term.

In order for sorority chapters, house corporations, and housing LLCs (known as “campus partners”) to be eligible as “University approved” housing, they must support member participation in study abroad, residential leadership experiences (RA, RCA, etc), and other high impact educational practices that may impact their housing choices. Campus partners may not charge room/board fees to members if they are engaged in one of these experiences (for example, cannot require a sorority woman RA to pay for sorority housing/meals; cannot require a spring study abroad woman to pay for spring housing/meals). The University understands that campus partners must maintain financially viable housing and that vacancies create an issue; therefore, campus partners may choose not to house women who cannot fulfill a full-year lease. The University is happy to house women for partial year contracts as part of our educational commitment and collaboration with campus partners. This does not include under capacity fees applied to all chapter members equally, which are regulated by individual chapters.

Please contact the Office of Student Involvement at (309) 556-3555 with questions regarding these guidelines.