

# Room-hunting Checklist!

Overwhelmed by a huge amount of housing information, you might wonder “How should I begin my searching?” Here is a checklist to help you orient your requirements and narrow down your scope:

- ✓ What is your budget range (including utilities) for your housing?
- ✓ Do you want a roommate? Or do you want a place all by yourself?
- ✓ How close do you want to be to campus?
- ✓ What is your access to transportation? Will you be driving to campus? If not, is their access to public transportation or shuttle nearby? How much time would you want to commit on commuting?
- ✓ What neighborhood do you want to stay at? Is it safe? What is the noise level that you can accept?

Also, when you are looking for rooms/apartments/houses, please note the regulations on the following items:

- ✓ Lease length: How long will your lease be? Is it by month, 6-month long, 12-month long, a sublease, or others?
- ✓ Features: Look if the following features of the room match your requirements: air conditioning, heating, washer & dryer, kitchen appliances, Wi-Fi/internet access, parking, hard-wood floor/carpet, furnished/unfurnished, fitness center & pool,
- ✓ Pet policy: Are pets allowed or not allowed at your place? If so, what types of pet are allowed?
- ✓ Fees: Note that there might be additional fees applied, including admin fee, application fee, pet fee, etc.

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