Not sure what to ask a real estate agent or landlord when viewing apartments?
Take a look at this document for a list of suggested questions!

**MONEY MATTERS**
- What's the monthly rent?
- Security Deposit required?
- Finder's Fee required?
- Are utilities included? If not, how much will they cost each month?
- Is the unit furnished?

**SAFETY**
- Do the exterior door locks work? Is there a deadbolt?
- Are there peepholes in the exterior doors?
- Are the hallways and outside entrance well lit?
- Is there a doorbell or intercom system?
- Do the windows lock (esp. basement and first floor windows)?
- Is there an alarm system or security personnel?

**HEATING**
- Is the apartment insulated?
- Are there storm windows installed?
- Can I control the thermostat?
- Are there vents, baseboard heaters, or radiators in each room?

**GENERAL**
- Is there parking?
- Are there water stains on the ceiling or walls?
- Are the floors in good condition?
- Are there signs of mice or other pests?
- Is there adequate closet space?
- Is there storage space available?
- Are the doorways/hallways large enough to allow moving?
- Can the mailbox be locked?

**KITCHEN**
- Is the sink in good condition?
- Does the faucet leak/work?
- Does the sink drain?
- Is there a garbage disposal?
- Is there a dishwasher?
- Is there enough cabinet and countertop space?
- Is the stove/oven clean?
- Do the burners and oven work?
- Is there a working fan over the stove?
- Is the refrigerator and freezer large enough for you?
- Are there enough electrical outlets for you?
BATHROOM
- Does the faucet leak/work?
- Are the fixtures chipped, stained, or rusted?
- Are the bathroom tiles loose/cracking?
- Is there a medicine cabinet?
- Is there a mirror, toilet paper holder, and towel rack?
- Is there a working bathroom fan?

- Will there be adequate hot water?
- Is there adequate water pressure?
  To Test: Turn on the shower and sink, and flush the toilet at the same time.
- Does each apartment on the premises have its own hot water tank? How many gallons is each tank?
  Recommended: 10 gallons/person.

ELECTRICAL
- Are there enough grounded outlets in each room? Do they all work?
- Do all the outlets and light switches work?
- Is each room well lit?
- Is accessing the circuit breaker or fuse box easy?

COMFORT
- What floor is the apartment on?
- Are there laundry facilities on the premises?
- Is the unit within a reasonable distance to campus?
- Is the apartment near public transportation?
- Is the space close to a grocery store?

NEIGHBORHOOD
- What is the general condition of the building?
- Is the building on a main street/high traffic area?
- Will I be happy living in this apartment for the next 12 months?
- Have there been any burglaries or other crimes in the area?
- Can I hear the neighbors?

LANDLORD
- Is the landlord generally available?
- Will the landlord respond promptly to repairs and maintenance needs?
- What do other tenants--past and present--think about the landlord?

If you come across other questions to add to this list, please email them to offcampus@bc.edu.