Virtual Housing Fair

HOUSING TIPS

Suggested questions to ask property representatives to get a better understanding of their community and be able to make an informed decision.

Application & Lease

- What is the application and leasing process?
- What lease lengths are available?
- When do leases typically start?
- Is a credit-check required?
- Do I need a cosigner?
- Do you require renters insurance?
- Is subletting allowed? With what restrictions?
- What are my options for lease renewal?
- How far in advance do I need to give notice before moving out?
- Would I be able to tour the exact unit before signing the lease?

Rent & Other Costs

- How do I pay my rent?
- How are late fees assessed?
- How much will I pay in upfront costs when I sign the lease?
- How often does the rent go up? By how much?
- Where can I see the floor plans of the unit?
- Do you have storage or parking? Extra fees?
- What changes can be made to the apartment?

Utilities

- Which utilities are included in rent?
- Is there central air?
- Who controls the temperature in the building?
- What is the trash/recycling policy?
- For which services will I need to contract an external service provider?

Operations

- What are the hours of the leasing office?
- How do I receive deliveries?
- How are maintenance issues handled?
- How are emergency maintenance issues handled?
- What are the security provisions?
- Are there plans to make any updates to the apartment complex?

Community

- Are residents primarily college students?
- Is there building-wide programming?
- Do you offer roommate matching services?
- What is the community’s guest policy?
- Where are the nearest grocery and convenience stores?