Apartment Hunting Checklist
Use this checklist when searching for a place to live off campus!

Money Matters
Monthly rent?
Security Deposit?
Utilities included? If not, how much will they cost?
Is the apartment furnished? If not, can I afford to furnish it?
Extra cost for amenities?
Can I sublet?

Safety
Gated community?
Security patrol?
Are the door locks adequate (is there a deadbolt)?
Are there locks on the windows (especially first floors units)?
Are the hallways and outside entrance well lit?
Is there a doorbell or intercom system?
Are there peepholes in the doors?
Is there an alarm system?
Have there been burglaries or other crimes in the area?

General
What kind of parking is available?
Where can my guests park?
Can I hear the neighbors?
Pet policy?
Are the entrances and hallways big enough for an easy move in/out?
Is there storage space available?

Property/Property Manager
What is the condition of the building and surrounding area?
Does the property look well landscaped and maintained?
Who can I call for afterhours maintenance emergencies?
Where are the mailboxes located?
Can the mailbox be locked?
Trash/recycling service?
Is the landlord/property manager generally available?
Have any of my friends rented from this property before?
What do the other tenants think about the property manager?

Interior
Has the unit been freshly painted?
Are there signs of mice, pests or mold?
Is there adequate closet space?
Is the stove/oven clean?
Do the burners work?
Is there a vent fan?
Are there enough kitchen cabinets?
Do any faucets in the unit leak?
Are any fixtures chipped, rusted or stained?
Are there loose or cracking tiles?
Are there enough electrical outlets?
Is there adequate water pressure?
Will there be adequate hot water?
Do all outlets and light switches work?
Is the circuit breaker or fuse box accessible?

Comfort
What floor/level is the apartment on?
How many bedrooms, bathrooms are in the unit?
Is it within reasonable distance to campus?
Can I choose my roommates? If not, how are they selected?
Is it close to grocery stores, public transportation, etc?
Are there laundry facilities on the premises? If so, are they safe and well lit?

Amenities
Pool?
Fitness center?
Computer lab?
High speed internet access?
Washer/dryer included?
If not, is there a hookup in the unit?