



Housing Search Checklist

Use this checklist to compare the properties that you view. Take along a camera to help record what you see. This way, you will be able to review your options when you are home and not under pressure. This will also help you to compare pros and cons of each apartment.

Housing Search Comparison	Unit One	Unit Two	Unit Three
Location:			
How accessible is it to campus?			
Will you have convenient access to necessary conveniences (grocery store, shops, parking, parks and recreation)?			
Layout: Is the space adequate for your needs?			
Bathrooms (number, size, shower/tub/closet?)			
Bedrooms (number, size, layout?)			
Closets (location and size?)			
Storage Space (location and size?)			
Laundry Facilities (location, cost?)			
Kitchen Appliances (what is provided?)			
Is there ample parking? Are parking spaces reserved? Is a permit required? If there is parking on the street, are there plenty of spaces? Is a city permit required to park on the street?			
Are pets allowed?			
Condition:			
Is the carpet or flooring in good condition?			
Does the thermostat work properly? Test both heating and air conditioning.			
Do all faucets work properly? Check the hot and cold settings.			
Do all light fixtures work properly?			
Cost & Lease Information:			
How much is the monthly rent?			
Are any utilities included in the rent? What is the average cost of utilities?			
What are the move-in/move-out fees and deposits required?			
Are sublets allowed and, if so, is there a fee?			
When does the lease begin and end?			
What are the fees associated with terminating the lease early?			
When do you have to give notice to renew or move out?			
II. Safety and Security			
Check windows and locks to make sure they work properly. Are there bug screens on the windows?			
Check the locks in the apartment. Are there locks on the bedroom doors? (a possible consideration if you are living with roommates)			
Do all smoke detectors work properly? Who is responsible for changing batteries in the detectors?			
Do all doors completely close and lock?			
Is the exterior well-lit? Is shrubbery appropriately trimmed?			
What is the feedback from current tenants? (if possible)			