



LIVING OFF CAMPUS...WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BOSTON COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

First-Year & Transfer Student Orientation

About the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS)

Off-Campus Student Living in the Office of the Dean of Students seeks to improve the overall quality of the off-campus experience through education, outreach, and programming. These initiatives bring students together, build self-help skills, promote personal responsibility, and encourage collaboration with local neighbors. DOS also provides resources for students in their off-campus housing search and guidance during tenant-landlord concerns.

About the Office of Governmental & Community Affairs

The Office of Governmental & Community Affairs is responsible for fostering interaction and building positive relationships between Boston College and federal, state, and city governments, as well as our host communities of Boston and Newton. Among the office's primary responsibilities is the commitment to serving as a liaison to municipalities and on-campus development, and the resolution of off-campus student life issues.

Guaranteed Housing



Double-check your admissions letter to see if you have 3 or 4 years of on-campus housing.

First-Year Student Info

Three Years of Guaranteed Housing?

If so, you will spend junior year living off campus. This year is non-transferable, however there is no residency requirement and students can live off campus any year.

Living off campus outside the junior year is atypical.



Transfer Student Info

Variable Guaranteed Housing

Starting Fall 2024, matriculating transfer students may have up to 2.5 years of guaranteed housing. Confirm your ability to live on campus next year with ResLife.

Please see the "Lease Signing Timeline" section.



Information Sessions & Housing Fairs!

Information Sessions: Come learn how to search for off-campus housing! Held in September and February.

Housing Fairs: Meet with local rental agencies, and furniture and internet vendors! Held in October and March.



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"No More Than Four"

A group of five or more students sharing an apartment, single-family house, or any other dwelling, is a violation of the City of Boston Zoning Code.

We recommend limiting groups to four tenants.



Using a Rental Agent?

At minimum, before signing you **MUST...**

- 1. See the unit.**
- 2. Read the lease.**

Using an agent? Shop around. Find one you trust.
Never sign a lease under pressure.



When to Sign a Lease

First-Year Students

Many students feel pressured to sign onto a house for junior year during their first year on campus.

This is NOT RECOMMENDED.

Most will sign a lease in the spring of their sophomore year after junior-year study abroad decisions have been made.

Transfer Students

You should aim to sign a lease ~3 months prior to your scheduled move-in date.

Confirm your ability to live on campus next year with ResLife before making off-campus housing arrangements.

Housing Database

Logging in w/ their Agora credentials, students can...

- Review apartment listings.
- Add a sublet listing.
- Create a roommate profile.
- Access resources.

We recommend students live in apartment buildings as opposed to houses, duplexes, etc. These spaces see fewer off-campus incidents that may adversely impact the student tenants.

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Off-Campus Housing Database



DOS Website & Frequently Asked Questions

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