 BEFORE LOOKING FOR YOUR FIRST OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OPPORTUNITY, ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

Do you want roommates?   Yes / No

a. How many? ___________

b. What type of lease should you look for? Individual Lease / Joint Lease

An individual lease is when a tenant signs for a single room, meaning he or she is individually responsible for paying rent and any damages to the room. However, this may also mean the landlord can place any tenant in remaining rooms in the apartment or townhome. Be sure to check with your property management company about these policies prior to signing.

A joint lease is a lease signed by all tenants, making the entire group responsible for damages and paying the full rent. This places the choice of filling empty bedrooms in the apartment or home on the tenants themselves.

What is your housing type preference?   House / Townhouse / Apartment / Studio Apartment

How will you get around to class, work, gym, grocery store?   Bike / Bus / Carpool / Drive / Walk

WHAT DOES YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET LOOK LIKE?

_____ Rent
_____ Utilities - gas, electric, water, phone, cable, internet, renters insurance
_____ Transportation - parking pass, gas, insurance
_____ Food - groceries, dining out

WHAT AMENITIES ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

_____ Private bathroom
_____ Dishwasher
_____ Washer and dryer
_____ Laundry in the building
_____ Pets allowed
_____ Parking available off-street
_____ Ability to sublease
_____ Close to a grocery store
_____ Close to a coffee shop
_____ Close to a gym
_____ Close to a bus stop
_____ Near a bus stop
_____ Other: ________________________________________________________________

When do you need to move-in by? _____/_____/_____

When do you want to move-out by? _____/_____/_____

Anything else you thought of while answering these questions: