

On vs. Off Campus Housing

Comparing the Facts

On Campus Housing

- Your bedroom is shared with one other person
- Your bathroom is shared with up to 20 people
- A meal plan is required
- Dorms close for breaks restricting access to your room during Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring and Summer breaks
- You are in walking distance to your class and campus facilities
- All of your bills are paid together
- RA's regulate dormitory living, and you must also answer to them
- Parking is limited to the Cage or Stadium lots during the week
- Your desk, chair, dresser, and bed are provided
- Pets are not allowed (with the exception of fish)

Off Campus Housing

- Roommates are optional
- Your bathroom is shared only with your roommates
- You have the option to buy a meal plan or cook your own food
- Lease options vary from 6-12 months without interruption
- You will have to commute from complexes if they are not within walking distance from campus
- Some complexes include certain utilities in the rent, but for those that do not, you must pay each of your bills separately each month
- You answer to a landlord or property manager
- Parking is usually very accessible right outside your door or in a nearby parking lot
- Most apartments are not furnished
- Many complexes allow pets

How do the costs compare?

Average rate for on campus housing (per person for multiple occupancy, undergraduate housing):

\$5995.84.50/year or \$499.65/month

*includes all utilities and communication fees

*does not include required meal plan which starts at \$3254/year-\$3730/year or laundry services

Average rate for off campus housing (per person):

Efficiency: \$5100/year or \$425/month

1 Bedroom: \$8400/year or \$700/month

2 Bedroom: \$4200/year or \$350/month

3 Bedroom \$3900/year or \$325/month

4 Bedroom: \$4500/year or \$350/month

*does not include utilities, cable, internet, water, trash, or sewage

Average electric bill for off campus housing:

1 Bedroom: \$30-\$70/month

2 Bedroom: \$40-90/month

3 Bedroom: \$50-100/month

4+ Bedroom: \$75-120/month

*prices will vary

Average cable bill: \$30-\$40 month

*will vary based on package

Average internet bill: \$20-\$30 month

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