

HOUSING SEARCH CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to compare the properties that you view. Bring a camera to help record what you see, if the landlord will permit it. This way, you will be able to review your options when you get home, and compare the pros and cons of each unit.

HOUSING SEARCH COMPARISON	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3
LOCATION			
How easy is it to campus? Does it meet your accessibility needs (e.g. ramps, railings, elevator)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you have convenient access to necessary conveniences (grocery store, shops, parking, parks and recreation)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAYOUT			
Is the space adequate for your needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bathrooms: number, size, shower/tub/closet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bedrooms: number, size, layout	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closets: number, location, size	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage Space: location, size	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laundry Facilities: location, cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kitchen Appliances: What is provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking: Is there ample parking? Are parking spaces reserved? Is a permit required? Is parking permitted on the street? Is a city permit required to park on the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pets: Are pets allowed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONDITION			
Carpet or flooring: Is it in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Thermostat: Is it working properly? Test both heating and air Conditioning, if the landlord will permit it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taps and faucets: Are they working properly? Check the hot and cold settings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light fixtures: Are they working properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COST & LEASE INFORMATION			
How much is the monthly rent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are any utilities included in the rent? What is the average cost of utilities per month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any required move-in or move-out fees or deposits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is subletting allowed and, if so, is there a fee?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When does the lease begin and end?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the fees associated with terminating the lease early?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When would I have to give notice to renew or move out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAFETY AND SECURITY			
Check windows and window-locks to make sure they work properly. Are there bug screens on the windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check the doors and door locks in the apartment. Do all doors completely close and lock? Are there locks on the bedroom doors (a possible consideration if you are living with roommates)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do all smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors work properly? Who is responsible for changing batteries in the detectors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the exterior well-lit? Is shrubbery appropriately trimmed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What are the reviews like (if available) from current tenants?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>