

Finding off-campus housing

Prior to arrival in Buffalo

Check the following website:

livingoffcampus.buffalo.edu

When you arrive in Buffalo

Look for apartment listings at <http://buffalooffcampus.newdigs.com/>

Check bulletin boards on UB's campus for flyers and advertisements

Look in UB's student newspaper ([The Spectrum](#)) for classified ads

Look in local newspapers (e.g. [Buffalo News](#), [Art Voice](#), [Amherst Bee](#)) for "classified ads"

"It's great living off-campus with my friends... we met here during International Student Orientation."

For more information

Campus Living (UB residence halls & apartments)
housing.buffalo.edu

(716) 645-2171

ub-reshalls@buffalo.edu

ub-apts@buffalo.edu

Off-Campus Student Services (UB office)

livingoffcampus.buffalo.edu

(716) 829-3541

Campus Dining & Shops

myubcard.com

(716) 645-2521

Campus Parking & Transportation Services

ub-parking.buffalo.edu

(716) 645-3943

Office of Student Affairs

student-affairs.buffalo.edu

(716) 645-2982

International Student & Scholar Services

Talbert Hall 210
University at Buffalo
Buffalo, NY 14260

Tel: (716) 645-2258 Fax: (716) 645-6197

iss@buffalo.edu

buffalo.edu/intlservices/



living on-campus
vs.
off-campus



pros | cons

On-Campus living

pros

- Close proximity to campus
- University Police protection
- One payment per semester
- No gas, electric, water or cable bills
- Free internet access
- Meal plans available
- Furniture provided
- Helpful residence halls staff

"I feel safe on campus. My friends who live off-campus are always afraid to walk home alone or return home after dark."

cons

- Lack of privacy
- Have to live with someone you don't know
- Must follow residence hall rules (e.g. quiet hours, no cooking in rooms)
- Different lifestyles
- Small rooms, shared bath
- Very limited cooking facilities
- No smoking anywhere on campus

"The residence hall can be so noisy, I find it hard to study or sleep!"

In your UB admissions packet, you will find information about on-campus housing. This brochure is meant to supplement that information and help you make the best housing decision for you. Here you will see up-close and personal opinions about on-campus and off-campus living as reported by UB international students. You should carefully consider your housing options before making a decision because your happiness, health and safety will be affected by your decision.

"I went to the RA (Resident Advisor) to request a different room because I couldn't get along with my roommate. I was able to change rooms, but know that doesn't always happen!"

Near UB's North Campus, there are several apartment complexes. There is also older housing near UB's South Campus. It's very important to inspect housing to be sure it is well-maintained and in a safe neighborhood.

"I have made so many friends in the Residence Halls and the RAs plan so many fun activities!"

Living on-campus and off-campus both have advantages and disadvantages. There are people at UB who can help you solve problems with your housing. Please see the other side of this brochure for information about university offices where you can go for help.

Off-Campus living

pros

- Freedom and independence
- May be less noisy
- More privacy
- Can cook own meals
- May be less expensive
- Can choose one's roommates
- Closer to shopping and city activities

"Our apartment is near the Metro Rail. A supermarket, restaurants, a bank and a movie theater are right across the street."

cons

- May not be located in a safe area
- Limited public transportation
- Have to sign a lease (usually 12 months)
- Lots of monthly expenses (e.g. rent, utilities, groceries, internet, cable)
- Need to buy renter's insurance, furniture, etc.
- Some land lords are negligent

"Last month we couldn't reach our landlord for a week while our shower was clogged and overflowing. What a mess!"

"I need to get up earlier than my friends in the residence halls to walk from my apartment and catch the bus to school."