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"

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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

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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.

**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!”

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 landlords 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.”