

This information is provided to assist you in your search for off-campus housing. On-campus housing is not available for new graduate students and is very limited for transfer students.

You may want to check the University at Albany's Off Campus Housing web site even before you leave home: <http://www.albany.edu/housing/living/rloffcampushousing.html>. (New students, faculty and staff who are unable to obtain a UAlbany email account can request temporary access to the off-campus housing search by completing a temporary Password Request form: <http://pr.housingregistry.us/albany>.) Ideally you will have access to a map of Albany (for example, www.maps.yahoo.com or www.mapquest.com --type Albany, NY in "City, State, Zip" and then click on the map to zoom in). If you don't plan on buying a car, you should look for housing within 3-4 blocks of Western Avenue or Washington Avenue. There are bus lines on both streets that will bring you directly to the University.

Some student organizations (such as the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Turkish Student Association, Indian Student Organization, Taiwanese Student Association, etc.) may be able to assist you in locating accommodations.

We urge you to arrive in Albany on August 3 or shortly thereafter to give yourself plenty of time to locate an apartment before the orientation program begins. Here are suggestions for where you might stay while you are looking for an apartment or room:

Temporary Housing:

1. If you have a friend or acquaintance in the local area, you may wish to make arrangements to stay with that person for a few days.
2. You may also wish to reserve a room in one of the hotel/motel accommodations close to the University (see chart on reverse side). Reservations are recommended, particularly since August is still a peak tourist season.
3. Some members of the University community (faculty, staff and students) may volunteer to host international graduate students for a few days while you look for permanent housing. If you would like to take advantage of this limited opportunity (August 3 - 24 only), you must let us know well in advance of your arrival. Please contact the ISSS office for more information: iss@uamail.albany.edu.
4. A limited number of beds in bunkrooms in Alumni Quad/Waterbury Hall are available at no charge to students attending the International Student Orientation Program from August 23 – 26. To reserve a space, you must indicate this choice on the Personal Data Form that you return to ISSS.

Check In with ISSS: When you arrive in Albany, be sure to check in with the International Student and Scholar Services Office within two business days of your arrival on campus. Please bring us your I-20 or DS-2019, passport, I-94 card and visa so that we may make copies for your file. We may have more information on finding an apartment, and we can also direct you to the Graduate Student Organization office where you may receive additional help in locating a place to live. When you check in with us, we will provide you with a letter that will allow you to obtain a University at Albany ID card. With this card you can ride the campus bus for free, as well as CDTA (Capital District Transit Authority) buses on lines 10, 11, 12, and 90. See <http://www.albany.edu/pmts/routemaps.shtml> for information on these bus routes.

Where to Look for an Apartment: There are a lot of apartments for rent in Albany, and it shouldn't take too long to find something suitable. Since the University at Albany has three campuses, you may want to consider first where your classes will be held. Most academic departments are located on the **Uptown Campus**, on the western edge of Albany. The Schools of Criminal Justice and Social Welfare, the College of Computing and Information Science, and Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy are all located on the **Downtown Campus**, between Washington and Western Avenues. The School of Public Health is located on the **East Campus** across the Hudson River, in Rensselaer, NY, (accessible by shuttle bus from downtown Albany and the other campuses).

Most international students live between the uptown and downtown campuses of the University, between Western/Madison Avenue and Washington Avenue, or in the area 1-4 blocks south of Madison or 1-3 blocks north of Washington. The area between Ontario Street and Lake Avenue tends to be rather rowdy at night, especially on weekends. The area to the east of Washington Park (Center Square, Lark Street) is quite desirable but more expensive.

There are also more expensive apartment complexes to the west of the University, in the nearby town of Guilderland (off Western Avenue).

Costs: You can expect to pay \$500-\$800 monthly rent for an unfurnished 1-bedroom apartment, \$600-\$900 for a 2-bedroom, and \$700+ for a 3-bedroom (which is why most students like to share!). Heat and hot water may be included. If it is not included, expect to pay about \$300 per month for heat in the winter. The average cost of other utilities (electricity and cooking gas) could be \$60-\$100 per month. Most reasonably priced apartments are unfurnished. We have information in the ISSS office on where to find second-hand furniture in Albany.

HOTEL	ADDRESS/PHONE	RATES*
LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO UALBANY:		
TownPlace Suites by Marriott SUNY Albany www.marriott.com	1379 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206 518-435-1900	\$99
Fairfield Inn by Marriott SUNY Albany http://www.marriott.com	1383 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206 518-435-1800	\$99
Red Carpet Inn www.redcarpetinns.com/	1385 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206 518-459-3100	\$50
Extended StayAmerica Albany – Capital www.extendedstayamerica.com	1397 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206 518-446-0779	\$85
CrestHill Suites www.cresthillsuites.com	1415 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12206 518-454-0007	\$97
LOCATED ON BUS LINE:		
Days Inn Albany SUNY www.daysinn.com	1230 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203 518-489-4423	\$74
Pine Haven Bed & Breakfast www.pinehavenbedandbreakfast.com	531 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203 518-482-1574	\$69 - \$109 Long-Term Rates Available

* The rates listed are subject to change. Please tell the reservation agent that you are a SUNY Albany student in order to receive these special student rates. The rates for these accommodations are for single and double room occupancy and do NOT include 11% room tax.