LIVING OFF CAMPUS
YOUR SEARCH

笛 Facebook Group: UAlbany International Students
https://www.facebook.com/groups/161720563847596/

笛 UAlbany Housing Registry
http://suny.housingregistry.us/

笛 Student Organizations

笛 Others sights listed on the ISSS website
YOUR NEEDS

✧ A room or an apartment?
✧ How many bedrooms and bathrooms?
✧ Furnished or unfurnished?
✧ What amenities, (dishwasher, central heat and air, microwave, washer and dryer)?
✧ Pets?
LOCATION

🔹 Consider first where your classes are located

🔹 Most students live in Pine Hills area (See Map)

🔹 If you don’t have a car, choose a neighbor that is close to bus lines or within walking distance.
CDTA BUS LINE

- Route 11 - UAlbany Shuttle
- Route 12 - Washington Avenue
- Route 10 - Western Avenue (stops on Western Ave. in front of the campus)
- Route 114 - Madison / Washington
- Route 190 - Fuller / Wolf

See more at:

http://www.cdta.org/
YOUR LEASE

❖ READ THE LEASE!
❖ Utilities included?
❖ Lease automatically renewed?
❖ Ask around to see if others have been happy living there.
❖ If two or more people sign the lease, what happens if one person moves out? Are there penalty fees for moving out early?
❖ Who do you call for repairs? How long will it take to be fixed?
❖ Security Deposit
❖ Sub-letting rules
SECURITY DEPOSIT

- Most rentals require a deposit—usually the equivalent of one month’s rent. At the end of your lease you will get this deposit back, less any fees for damages.

- Landlord must return the refundable part of the deposit within two weeks of the time you vacate an apartment. Deductions from the deposit must be itemized in writing.

- If you break the lease, your deposit is not refundable.
Need Legal Help?

- Start by talking with the Neighborhood Life Office in 361 Campus Center: [https://www.albany.edu/neighborhoodlife/](https://www.albany.edu/neighborhoodlife/)

- Undergraduate students who are registered for classes can contact Student Legal Services of the Student Association at 518-442-5654

- Graduate students can call the Legal Aid Society at 518-462-6765.
YOUR MOVE-IN

✧ Do a walk-through with the landlord.
  ➢ Is it clean? Is anything broken? Do the locks work?

✧ Write down problems and give to landlord. Date and sign. (keep a copy)

✧ Take dated pictures of each room before you move in and before you move out.
YOUR MOVE-OUT

◊ Consult your lease and give required notice.

◊ Leave the property in the same or better condition as when you moved in.

◊ Do a walk-through with your landlord to check for any damages.

◊ Use the dated photos you took when moving in as documentation.

◊ Take photos again.
SAFETY ISSUES

- YOU are responsible for your own safety.
  - Know emergency contact information
  - Lock your doors and windows
  - Never use a basement or attic as a bedroom, these are traps in a fire.
  - Smoke detectors required
  - Ask for CO and fire extinguishers
  - Don’t travel alone, especially at night
  - Report any crime by calling 911

https://www.albany.edu/neighborhoodlife/index.php
FIRE

- 80% of student fatalities due to fire occur in off-campus housing.
- Know the location and proper use of fire extinguishers.
- By law your landlord must provide fire alarms but you must test and maintain them.
- Cooking styles
YOUR PLACE

• Keep your home clean and in good condition.

• Pay rent by due date.

• Don’t allow other people to live there if their name is not on the lease.

• The lease is a legal document. By signing it, you agree to obey its rules. Be sure to keep a copy.
TENANT’S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Garbage Day! & Shovel the Snow!
PARKING

Off Campus

- Pay attention to Signs on the street
- Snow emergency parking

On Campus

- Parking requires a permit
- Please Obey Signs
- Register your vehicle/pay tickets at your myUAlbany account or go to https://www.albany.edu/pmts
Common Things to Look Out For

- You are entitled to your privacy. Before entry, the landlord must provide you with advanced notice, usually at least 24 hours in advance and during reasonable hours.

- It is illegal for a landlord to rent you a room in a basement or an attic unless equipped with a fire escape. Additionally, there must be a fire alarm in each bedroom.

- United Tenants of Albany Hotline (518)436-8997
LANDLORDS

- The relationship between you and your landlord is business first.
- Get everything in writing and keep copies of all correspondences.
- It’s the landlord’s responsibility to fix/repair the damage occurred during rental period. Contact Division of Building & Regulatory Compliance at 518-434-5165 to ensure that landlord makes the necessary repairs.
CULTURAL DIFFERENCES
SHOPPING

- Walmart & Crossgates Mall (Bus #12)
- Stuyvesant Plaza (Bus #10)
- Hannaford (900 Central Ave)
- Price Chopper (Bus #10 or #11, 1060 Madison Ave)

- Asian Supermarket (91 Colvin Ave & 1245 Central Ave)
- Parivar Spices and Food (1275 Central Ave)
- Halal Market (264 Central Ave)
PLANNING A GET TOGETHER

- Make sure cars are parked in appropriate areas.
- Keep the noise down, or your neighbor might call the police.
- Drinking age in United States is 21!
BEING A GOOD STUDENT

✧ Remember that ultimately you are still here for your education.
✧ But also keep in mind that ALL student services are still available to you:
 ✧ Counseling Center
 ✧ Gym
 ✧ Health Center
 ✧ Meal Plans
 ✧ Career Resource Center
 ✧ Neighborhood Life Office
Thank You!