

University at Albany  
International Student & Scholar Services  
OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

**This information is provided to assist you in your search for off-campus housing. On-campus housing is limited for new transfer students and very limited for graduate students. Most graduate students live off-campus.**

You may want to check the following web sites even before you leave home. Ideally you will have access to a map of Albany ([www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)). If you do not intend to buy a car, you should look for housing within 3-4 blocks of Western, Madison or Washington Avenue. There are bus lines on all three streets that will bring you directly to the University.

We urge you to arrive in Albany two-three weeks before the start of classes to give yourself plenty of time to locate an apartment. The following websites list apartments for rent in the Albany area:

<http://www.timesunion.com/classifieds/>  
<https://www.apartmentlist.com/>  
<http://www.tricityrentals.com/Home.aspx>  
<http://www.rentersguidealbany.com>  
<http://www.apartmentfinder.com>  
<http://www.albany.edu/housing/offcampus.shtml>

You may also want to join the UAlbany International Student Facebook page where temporary and permanent housing options are often posted:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/161720563847596/>

**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 an area hotel/motel (see list on following page). Reservations are recommended, particularly in August which is still a peak tourist season.

**Where to look for an apartment:** There are a lot of apartments for rent in Albany, and it should not 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, and is 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 noisy 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 \$100-300 per month for heat in the winter. The average cost of other utilities (electricity and cooking gas), plus cable and internet, could be \$75-\$150 per month. Most reasonably priced apartments are unfurnished.

**Check In with ISSS:** When you arrive in Albany, be sure to check in with the International Student and Scholar Services Office (Science Library G-40). If you have registered for courses, you can obtain your ID card which will allow you to ride the campus bus for free, as well as CDTA (Capital District Transit Authority) buses for free. For additional information on these bus routes, please visit [www.albany.edu/pmts/bus\\_schedules.php](http://www.albany.edu/pmts/bus_schedules.php).