Living Off Campus

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Apartment Hunting Advice

Connection to Landlords & Roommates

Lease Genius

Help with Problems
What resources are there for me?
Community Ambassadors

Peer resources & advocates
Coordinate workshops & events
Lead community service projects
Office

151 Speare Hall
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Open 9 am – 5 pm
One late night a week (Wed until 7)
I’m planning to move off campus. Where do I start?
What am I looking for?

- Neighborhood?
- Roommates?
- Amenities?
Find Your Neighborhood

- Decide how close to campus you want to live and how much rent you want to pay.
- **Fenway, Back Bay and Mission Hill** are the closest neighborhoods to Northeastern campus.
- Read more about neighborhoods on our [website](#).
- Use the [Online Housing Database](#) to search for housing in the neighborhood you want.
Find Your Roommate

- Decide how many roommates you want.
- **KNOW:** No more than 4 undergraduate students can live together in one apartment. It’s the LAW.
- Use the Online Housing Database to search for roommates under the Roommate tab. You can search for people who have an apartment or who need an apartment.
- Does your academic program or graduation year have a Facebook page to connect with classmates?
Where can I find an apartment and trustworthy realtor?
Housing Database

aptsearch.northeastern.edu
Housing Database

Find a Sublet

Find Roommates

Apartment Listings

Sign Up For FREE!
Find a quality realtor!

At the fair or on our Off-Campus Housing Database

- Lists office location
- Answers questions & explains fees!
- Shows real, available properties
- Passes “the gut test”
- Good standing with Better Business Bureau
Apartment Fair 2018
February 6
4-7 pm
Curry Indoor Quad
What do I need to know about my lease before signing it?
STANDARD FORM APARTMENT LEASE (FIXED TERM)

Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
City/State/Zip: ___________________ Phone Number: ___________________

Lessor, hereby leases to
(Name) ________________________ (Phone Number) ______________________
(Address/City/State/Zip) ___________________ ______________________

Lessee, who hereby hires the following premises, viz (Apartment/Suite) ___________________
at (Street or Address) ___________________ MA (Zip) ______________________
(constisting of) ________________________ ______________________

for the term of ______________________, beginning ______________________
and terminating on ______________________. The rent to be paid by the Lessee for the leased
premises shall be as follows:

RENT:

TENANT:
This section governs rent payments. In some cases, rent payments may increase during the lease term.
Please be sure that you carefully read and understand this section.
Please initial here when you are certain that you understand and agree with this section.
Lessee's Initials: ___________________________ ___________________________

A: The term rent shall be $________, payable, except as herein otherwise provided, in
installments of $________, on the ________ day of every month, in advance, so long as this lease is in force and effect;

B: However, if in any tax year commencing with the fiscal year ________ the real
estate taxes on the land and buildings, of which the leased premises are a part, are in
excess of the amount of the real estate taxes thereon for the fiscal year
(herein called the "Base Year", and being the most recent year in which the Lessor has
actually received a real estate tax bill for the leased premises) Lessee will pay to Lessor
as additional rent hereunder, when and as designated by notice in writing by Lessor,
__________ per cent of such excess that may occur in each year of the term of this
Lease or any extension or renewal thereof and proportionately for any part of a fiscal
year. The Lessor represents to the Lessee that the term rent set forth in the Immediately
preceding paragraph (A) does not reflect any real estate tax increase subsequent to the
said Base Year. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Lessee
shall be obligated to pay only that proportion of such increased tax as the unit leased
him bears to the whole of the real estate so taxed, and if the Lessor obtains an abatement
of the real estate tax levied on the whole of the real estate of which the unit leased by
Lessee is a part, a proportionate share of such abatement, less reasonable attorney's
fees, if any, shall be refunded to said Lessee.
Are you a #LeaseGenius?

1st time signing a lease?
Got a few questions?
Want a 2nd opinion?

We'll review it!
Visit www.northeastern.edu/lease-genius
What if I don’t want a year lease?
Subletting may be for you if you...

- Plan to go home for summer
- Want to study abroad or go on co-op outside Boston
- Don’t wish to purchase furniture
- Don’t want to sign a year lease
How to sublet...

1. Use our Housing Database, and select listing type “Sublet”
2. Determine what you want: Rent, distance to campus, etc.
3. Communicate with owner of the listing directly
How much does it cost to live off campus?
Flexible pricing

More roommates

Farther from campus

Renovated or not

Flexible pricing

But never compromise on quality!
Is my apartment supposed to be this way?
Common Problems

- Repairs not being completed. Repairs must be made in a timely manner.
- You have the right to a clean, sanitary & safe apartment!
- Illegal fees
- Unresponsive landlord
- Roommate conflicts
- Only people on the lease can live there!
• Only work with people and realtors you can meet in person.
• Never rent a place you can’t view in advance.
• Never make payments in the form of cash or MoneyGram.
• Keep in mind, if it feels wrong – it probably is! Ask Off Campus Student Services if you have questions.
• Use Northeastern’s Off-Campus Housing Database.
Step-by-Step Breakdown of Apartment Hunting?
How to Find an Apartment

1. Figure out roommates, budget, and apartment “must-haves”.
2. Contact & meet with realtors. View apartments.
3. View & decide on an apartment.
4. Submit an application for your apartment.
5. Once approved, sign the lease.
6. Pay the remaining deposits.
7. Move in!
What can I do to be a good neighbor?
hey neighbor!
be kind to your neighbors! say hello + respect the baby!
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hey neighbor!
noise travels, friends! keep it down when walking through neighborhoods
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Let’s break it down!

1. Introduce yourself.
2. Be kind + respectful.
3. Take out your trash.
5. Get involved.*

* Sunday Breakfast Club
Pick up trash, get breakfast!

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Get Involved!

Breakfast Club
(neighborhood cleanup)
What are some Pro Tips?
January
- Talk to family/co-signer
- Identify roommates
- Apply for on-campus housing

February-March
- Attend Apartment Fair (2/6)
- Select Realtor/Property Manager
- View apartments (10-20)

February-April
- Bring lease to OCSS to review
- Sign Lease
- Continue to pay required signing fees
Important to Consider...

* Pick roommate(s) carefully!
* Plan for First / Last / Security / Broker fee
* Review financial aid award
* Need a co-signer
* Standard Lease: September 1 - August 31
* Unfurnished is the norm
* Is subletting a good option for you?
Stop by our office 151 Speare Hall!

Sign up for our newsletter!

Final Stretch
Welcome to Finals Prep: Research-Proven Edition! Here are some helpful tips to improve your studying and exam scores during this busy time:

- Make a study schedule and start early. The day before the exam will be a lot less stressful if you've already done all of the memorizing! Take the last day to solidly the material and quit yourself. The New York Times sheds light on studying myths and practices here.
- Did you know? Studies have shown that Listening to music while studying can be beneficial, but more so if the songs are lyric-less. Try listening to some of your favorite soundtracks below!
- Understanding > memorizing. If you take the time to understand the material rather than memorize it, you will score higher on exams. Practice this by trying to teach the material to your friends.
- Feel better, do better. Eating nutritious foods in the days leading up to an exam will allow you to focus better. Fruits and veggies, people!
- You've heard it before, but now it's proven: Sleep matters. Getting a good night’s sleep the night before an exam improves scores. Need statistics? Review this article to see what sleep strategies work best!
Stay Connected

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Are you Interested in Becoming a Community Ambassador?

Contact us for more information: CA@northeastern.edu

Recruitment begins in February!
Thank You!
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