Money Matters
- Monthly Rent?
- Security Deposit?
- Brokers Fee?
- Are utilities included? If not, how much will they cost?
- Is it furnished? If not, can I afford furniture?

Safety
- Are the door locks adequate (is there a deadbolt)?
- Are there locks on the windows (especially basement and first floor units)?
- Are the hallways and outside entrance well lit?
- Is there a doorbell or intercom system?
- Are there peepholes in the door(s)?
- Is there an alarm system or security personnel?

Kitchen
- Is it large enough to eat in?
- Is the sink in good condition?
- Does the faucet work?
- Does the sink drain? Does it seal (in order to fill)?
- Is the stove/oven clean?
- Do the burners and oven work properly?
- Are there adequate cabinets and countertops?
- Is the floor in good condition?
- Is there a vent fan?
- Is there a dishwasher?
- Is there a garbage disposal?
- Are the refrigerator and freezer large enough?
- Are there enough electrical outlets?

Heating
- Can I control the heat?
- Is the house/ apartment insulated?
- Are there storm windows?
- Are there heat ducts or radiators in each room?

Landlord
- Is the landlord generally available?
- Will he or she respond promptly when repairs and maintenance are needed?
- Have any of my friends rented from this person before?
- What do other tenants think about the landlord?

Comfort
- What floor is the apartment on?
- Is it within a reasonable distance to campus?
- Are there laundry facilities on the premises?
- Are they safe and well lit?
- Is the apartment near public transportation?
- Is it close to grocery stores?

Bathroom
- Do the faucets leak?
- Are the fixtures chipped, stained, or rusted?
- Is there a shower? Curtain rod or door(s)?
- Are the tiles loose or cracking?
- Is there a medicine cabinet?
- Are there mirrors, toilet paper holder, and towel racks?
- Is there good lighting?
- Is there a vent fan?
- Are the electrical outlets usable and safe?
- Is there adequate water pressure? (to test, turn on water in the tub and sink, and flush the toilet at the same time)
- Will there be adequate hot water?
- Does each apartment have its own hot water tank? How many gallons? (ten gallons per person is recommended)

Electrical
- Are there grounded outlets in each room?
- Is the circuit breaker or fuse box within easy access?
- Do all the outlets and lights switches work?

General
- Is there parking?
- Are there water stains on the ceiling or walls?
- Can I hear the neighbors?
- Can the neighbors hear me?
- Are there signs of mice or pests?
- Is there adequate closet space?
- Has the apartment been freshly painted?
- Can the mailbox be locked?
- Are the doors/hallways large enough to allow moving?
- What storage space is available?

Neighborhood
- What is the general condition of the building?
- Have there been any burglaries or other crimes in the area?
- Is the building on a main street/ high traffic area?
- Will I be happy living in this apartment for nine months or a year?