What is a Lease?

A lease is a legal, binding agreement between you and your landlord. Leases last typically for one year. The lease describes all terms of the rental agreement between yourself and your landlord.

Standard Lease: Sept 1 Through Aug 31

A standard lease must include:

- Name of all tenants
- Landlord contact information
- Address of the apartment
- The term of the lease
- Monthly rent amount and when it is due
- Repairs: Who to contact
- Subletting Conditions
- Utilities included/not included?

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IN ADDITION:
The standard lease may also include an attachment from your landlord, known as an addendum.

These are "extra rules" that the landlord will apply to your apartment.

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Before You Sign

Read the lease thoroughly!

Have questions, or want to better understand the terms of your lease?

Stop by 151 Speare!
Call 617-373-8480 or email offcampus@northeastern.edu to set up an appointment!

Know Your Rights...

- Housing Codes: The landlord must provide a safe and sanitary apartment.
- Fire Safety: Landlords are required to provide AND maintain smoke detectors in the apartments and common area of their building.
- Retaliation: Your landlord cannot evict you or raise your rent in response to you exercising your legal rights.
- Notice: Landlord, maintenance, or realtors must give reasonable notice before entering apartment.

...and Responsibilities

- Provide correct information.
- Sign and keep a copy of the lease.
- Follow all terms in your lease.
- Write down and document any damages upon moving in.
- Pay your rent on time.