Living Off Campus

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Community Ambassadors

- Peer resources and advocates
- Coordinate workshops and events
- Lead community service projects
Find a Neighborhood

- Decide how close to campus to live, and what amount of rent is reasonable
- Use the Online Housing Database to search for housing in desired neighborhood
- Fenway, Back Bay, and Mission Hill are the closest neighborhoods to Northeastern campus
- Read more about neighborhoods on the Off Campus Student Services website
Find a Roommate

• Decide how many roommates to live with
• **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 on the Roommate tab (can search for people who have an apartment or who need an apartment)
• Does your student’s academic program have a Facebook page to connect with classmates?

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Housing Database

aptsearch.northeastern.edu
LightView, a Northeastern University off-campus housing partner, is Boston’s newest student housing community.

Opening in Fall 2019, any Northeastern University student who will be in their 3rd, 4th or 5th year beginning Fall 2019 can live with us.

Contact us with your questions:
LightViewNU@AmericanCampus.com
617.681.5022

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What we offer.

All apartments are fully furnished with a full-sized bed, dresser, desk, chair, leather-style sectional sofa and TV stand. Plus, internet, cable TV, water, sewer and trash are included! Community amenities include a 24-hour Academic Success Center with iMacs, free printing and group and private study lounges, a state-of-the-art fitness center and much more!

Flexible lease terms available for Co-op, Global Experience and Semester in Silicon Valley.

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Subletting may be for your student if...

- 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
Need temporary housing?

northeastern.edu/offcampus/temporary-housing
What 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 your student?
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FIND A QUALITY REALTOR!

At the fair or on our Off-Campus Housing Database

- List office location
- Can answer questions!
- Shows real, available properties
- Passes “the gut test”
- Good standing with Better Business Bureau

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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
STANDARD FORM APARTMENT LEASE (FIXED TERM)

Date: ________________

Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Lessee, hereby lessees to

(Lessor's Name)

(Address/City/State/Zip) ___________________________ (PhoneNumber) ___________________________

Lessee, who hereby hires the following premises, viz (Apartment/Suite) ___________________________

at (Street or Address) ___________________________, MA (Zip) ___________________________

(consisting 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:

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) Lessor will pay to Lessee 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.
Components of a Lease

- Name, address, contact info of landlord
- All names on lease
- Amount of rent and date due
- Lease start date and end date
- Name and contact info for repairs
- Addendum – the landlord’s extra rules
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Common Problems

- Quality housing at a reasonable rate
- 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
• If it feels wrong – it probably is! Ask Off-Campus Student Services if you have questions
• Use Northeastern’s Off-Campus Housing Database
What you can do!

➔ Talk with your student about the housing search process
  • Where are they looking?
  • What is the realtor like?
  • What does the apartment look like?

➔ Have they read the lease?
  • Encourage them to visit us to read it! Lease Genius
  • Any illegal fees or clauses in the addendum?

➔ Look at the apartment!
  • Out of town? Have student send photos
  • Is it up to code?
  • Fire Safety
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 solidify the material and quiz 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 sleep the night before an exam improves scores. Need statistics? Review [this study](#) to see what sleep strategies work best!

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