

# PRE-SEARCH CHECKLIST

**We get it, finding housing can be overwhelming.**

But that's why we are here!

Use this checklist to help guide your first steps in the off-campus housing journey. Start at the top and sort out each item on this checklist to be fully prepared to find your next off-campus home.



For more checklists, tips, and resources, check out our website or reach out to Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) directly.



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## ☐ **Budget**

Assess your income/savings, calculate your current and estimated future expenses and plan for your savings.

## ☐ **Roommates**

Determine if you want any and sort how to find them if you do.

## ☐ **Transportation**

Assessing your transportation needs will help narrow which options you can consider.

## ☐ **Location**

Each neighborhood has a unique feel as well as set of conveniences to consider.

## ☐ **Term**

Most places are 12-month leases, so be sure to account for that extra expense or sublet need.

## ☐ **Style**

Determine if you want an apartment, a room, a house or duplex.

## ☐ **Furnishings**

You need furniture, but there are many ways to get it... roommates, family, rental or buy.

## ☐ **Amenities**

Assess whether you need parking, laundry or other amenities.

## ☐ **Pets**

Determine if you plan to have pets and what types are allowed in housing options.