

How to Search for and Make Housing Arrangements

On-Campus Housing

- Close to classes
- Peer advisors available
 - 24-hour on-call staff
- Close access to campus amenities
 - Swimming pools
 - Picnic areas, grills, volleyball courts etc.
- Fills up fast!
- Requires a partially non-refundable application fee



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University Commons

- For first-year freshmen who choose to live on campus
- Features 3-bedroom suites:
 - Furnished with a bed, desk, chair, and dresser
 - Living area
 - Couch
 - Countertops
 - Shared bathroom with sink, shower, and toilet
 - Cable, internet, and other utilities are provided
- Meal plan required



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University Village

- Upperclassmen and graduate students
- Apartment-style housing
- Unfurnished, includes:
 - Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, air-conditioning/heat
 - Some units have microwaves and washer/dryer
 - Internet and cable included



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Canyon Creek Heights

- Upperclassmen and graduate students
- Apartment-style housing
- Furnished, includes:
 - Bed, desk, dresser, chair, sofa, tables
 - Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, microwave, air-conditioning/heat
 - Community laundry room
 - All utilities included



Multiple floor plan options including;

- 1 person apartment
- 2 bedroom apartment, single rooms
- 2 bedroom apartment, shared rooms
- 4 bedroom apartment, single rooms

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Searching for Off-Campus Housing

- Proximity to campus
- Amenities provided
- Cost
 - Utilities cost as well
- Size
 - And number of tenants who can stay in one apartment
- Access to stores, restaurants, public transportation etc.
- Safety and appearance of the neighborhood



Searching for Off-Campus Housing

- **Most apartments include**
 - Refrigerator
 - Stove
 - Oven
- **Some may include**
 - Dishwasher
 - Microwave
 - Clothes washer/dryer
- **Amenities that may be available**
 - Swimming pool
 - Gym
 - Community space
- **Utilities may cost extra**
 - Water
 - Gas
 - Electricity
 - Internet service
 - TV service



How do I select an apartment?

- Research the area
 - Find online reviews apartments
 - <https://www.apartmentratings.com>
 - <https://www.apartments.com/reviews>
 - <http://www.rent.com>
 - <http://www.rentersvoice.com>
- Look up crime statistics
 - Find public data and crime mapping for neighborhoods
 - Richardson City Website
 - <https://www.cor.net>
 - Dallas City Hall
 - Dallascityhall.com
- Check for pictures online
 - Some complexes post photos of the apartment
 - Ask a friend to check the apartment or take pictures

Where should I live?

- **883 Comet Cruiser**
 - Many apartments along this route
 - <http://www.utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser>
- **Dallas Off-Campus Housing site**
 - <http://www.utdallas.edu/housing/offcampus/>
 - Not affiliated with UTD
- **Cultural Student Organizations**
 - Great resource
 - <http://www.utdallas.edu/icp/housing>
 - Will often assist with temporary housing as well
- **Bookyoursubleasenow.com**
 - Managed by a UTD student
 - Can help you find a sublease, or someone to take over your sublease
 - Shows popular apartments near UTD

Comet Cruiser

www.utdallas.edu/services/transit/cruiser

Effective January 9, 2017

- Major Stop (Hold Point)
- ◇ Midpoint Stop
- ⇨ Direction of Travel

- DART Route 883 East
- DART Route 883 West
- McCallum Express Route
- Cityline/Bush Express Pilot Route, Monday-Thursday
- DART Route 882 West Extension, Friday & Sunday

Switch between routes at shared hold points.



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I found an apartment, now what?

- **Submit an application to the apartment complex**
 - Call, e-mail, or check the apartment website for more information
 - **Some apartments require a non-refundable application fee**
 - Some apartments require an additional fee if you do not have a Social Security Number
 - Many apartments don't accept cash, it's not recommended to bring large amounts with you
- **Read and sign your lease**
 - Very important to read thoroughly
 - Review length of lease, start and end date of lease, terms and rules, items included, termination fees etc.
 - Discuss any questions or concerns with your landlord

Temporary Housing

- **View hotels and residence suites near UTD**
 - Prices vary
 - Will often charge per night or per week
 - utdallas.edu/icp/housing
- **Cultural Student Organizations**
 - Often provide temporary housing
 - utdallas.edu/icp/housing
 - Contact groups directly for information

Additional Expenses to Consider

- **Furniture and household items**
 - Look for stores along the Comet Cruiser 883 route for convenience
 - ICF Garage Giveaway
 - Held every fall to collect and distribute furniture and household items
- **Renter's insurance**
 - Check your lease regarding apartment requirements
 - Talk to current students to learn about companies and policies

Additional Questions?

Intercultural Programs

ISSOPrograms@utdallas.edu

University Housing

reslife@utdallas.edu

Helpful Websites

- **International Center Housing Site**
 - utdallas.edu/icp/housing
 - Provides links to housing options, temporary housing, cultural student organizations and a housing video
- **University Housing Site**
 - utdallas.edu/housing
 - Provides detailed information regarding on-campus housing
 - Provides links to apply for on-campus housing
- **UT Dallas Road Warriors**
 - utdallas.edu/roadwarriors/offcampus
 - Provides helpful tips and resources for students who live off campus
- **Texas Apartment Association**
 - Provides information for renters
 - <https://www.taa.org>