



Off-Campus Housing Guide

What to Look For:

- The best options for your short-term purposes will typically be what we call a **“sublease”** or a **“lease take over”** for the term you will be here. This usually means you are taking the place of a student who was living there in the fall but is not returning for the spring semester, or vice versa. That way you will not have to worry about initiating a full year-long lease which would not fit your short-term purposes.
 - Most leases in Blacksburg start August 1 and run through July 31st. That means that many places or subleases you will find may extend before or beyond when you would actually be occupying the unit (ex: August 1st – December 31st or January 1st though July 31st). This is not ideal but may need to be considered. You can certainly try to find someplace that might offer Jan 1-May 31, but they will be rarer.
- You should look for **furnished places** which luckily is common for student housing.
- The range for monthly rent will likely run from \$500-\$1000 USD per room/person, per month.
 - Prices can range significantly between these options depending on how new the community is/distance to campus.
 - Sometimes utilities (gas/trash/electric/internet/etc.) will be separate from this amount and usually based on usage. Make sure to clarify this as you are looking so that you can budget properly.
- Look for a place with walking **proximity to a BT bus stop**. BT is Blacksburg Transit and it goes almost everywhere in town, so luckily most locations in Blacksburg have good access to a BT stop.
 - Even though rent prices may be less in Christiansburg (our neighboring town), BT does not service Christiansburg well enough to make this location an option for you all. Please only look for housing in Blacksburg.
- You do have the option to purchase a dining center plan if you would prefer not to cook off campus. We can help you arrange that upon your arrival.

Off-Campus Search Resources:

- VT Off-Campus Housing Site: <https://offcampus.vt.edu/>
 - Provides general resources, available rental listing search function, and a roommate profile finder
- Rental Search Websites:
 - <https://www.apartments.com/blacksburg-va/>
 - <https://www.zillow.com/blacksburg-va/rentals/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/361159194086916/> (sublets/roommates Facebook group!)
- Popular Apartment Complexes to browse directly (Note, this is a general list and not based on current availability. Some buildings may already be full.):
 - <https://www.retreatatblacksburg.com/>
 - <https://www.cmgleasing.com/property/the-edge-aps/>
 - <https://www.cmgleasing.com/property/chasewood-downs/>



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