

Finding the Right Apartment

- ✓ Know your budget- you can't live somewhere if you can't afford it.
- ✓ Create a wants/needs list before you start your search (i.e. walk to campus, one bedroom, close to bus, parking spot, etc.)
- ✓ Decide if you need or want a roommate and have a serious conversation with your roommate(s) about your expectations for each other.
- ✓ Meet the management of your potential apartment/property and take a tour of the apartment.
- ✓ Knock on doors of current residents and neighbors and ask questions about the property's management and the neighborhood.
- ✓ Visit the neighborhood during the day and at night to see if it's quiet and safe.
- ✓ Look for safety features: doors visible from the road, doors have deadbolts, locks work, well lit at night, grounds maintained, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers
- ✓ Check all appliances to make sure they are in working condition
- ✓ Check the bathroom and plumbing and pay attention to water stains on the ceiling, water pressure, etc.
- ✓ Make sure there is enough storage for your belongings.