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### Moving Off Campus

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   & Neighborhood-Catherine Tyner
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# OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OPTIONS

Off-Campus Housing Website





Housing | Roommates | Resources | Add a Listing

Sign In / Sign Up



### Welcome to the **Tulane University** Off-Campus Housing Website View Rentals

### Sign In

Students, Faculty & Staff

Sign In with your TU SSO credentials

<b>Property Listers &amp; Guests</b>
(users without TU SSO credentials)
Username
Enter username
Password
Enter password
Remember Me
Sign In



Celia B

Campus: Uptown Campus

I'm an international nondegree student coming from France to New Orleans, where I'll be teaching French at Tulane as a teaching assistant, while takin...



#### Carlton-Raymond S

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Campus: Uptown Campus

Hi! My name is Carlton-Raymond. I'm a political science pre-law major. I'm a major foodie and I love learning about different cultures and trying new ...



#### Almas K

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Campus: Uptown Campus

Hello there! I'm a Crypto Project Manager from Russia, currently pursuing my MBA at Tulane University. I'm excited about immersing myself in the vibra...



Have A Place (1)

Add Profile

Advanced Search

View Favorites (0)

My Roommate Search

To narrow your search results, select a filter below.

Need A Place (21)







#### WHEN?

ROOM

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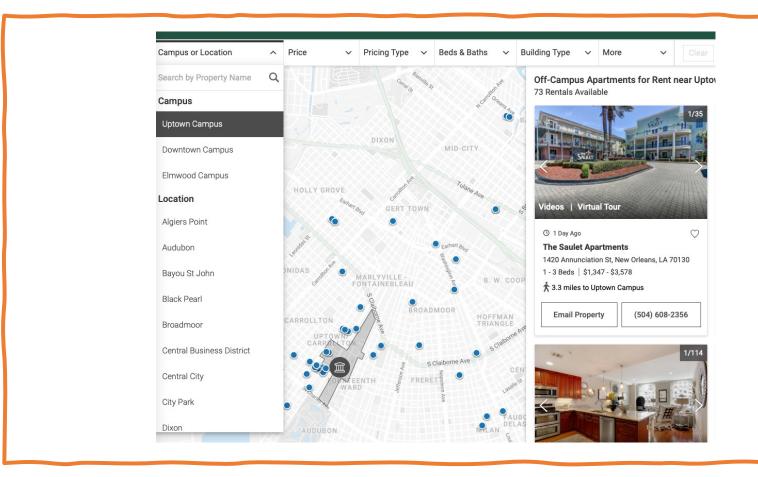
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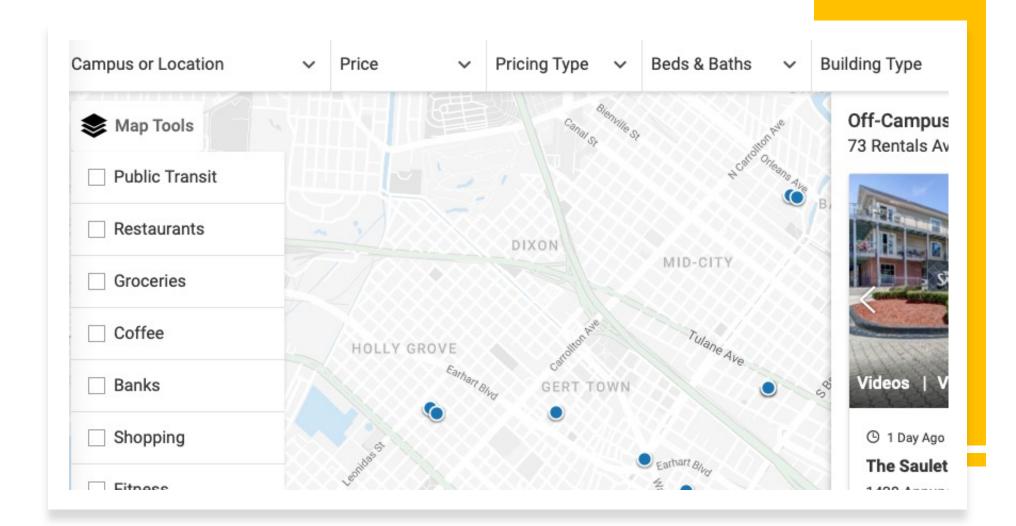
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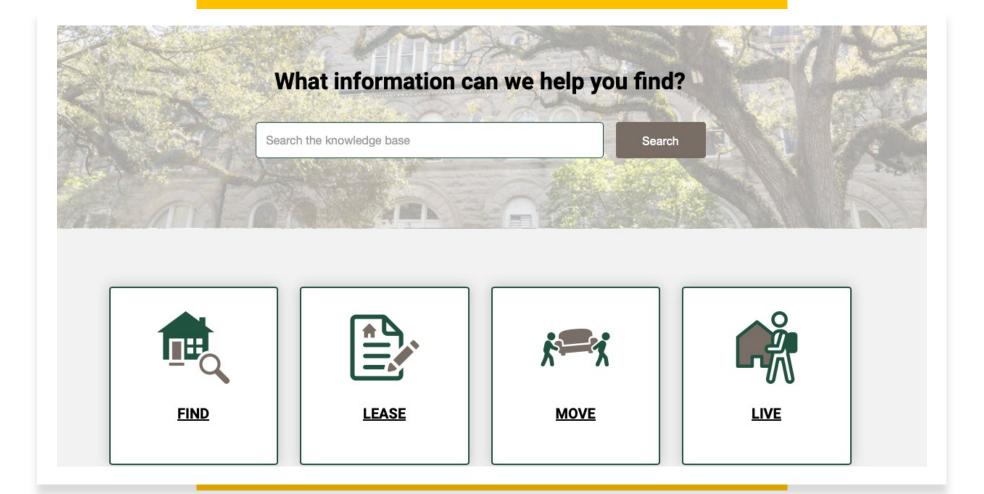
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#### **GENDER IDENTITY**

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Apartment Search Checklist Student Budget Worksheet Roommates - Things to Consider Suggested Questions for Landlords Tulane University Off-Campus Living Guide

#### **New Orleans Resources**



City of New Orleans

**New Orleans Police Department** 

**New Orleans Fire Department** 

New Orleans Trash & Recycling Collection

311 Non-Emergency Services

211 VIA Link Resources

**Entergy New Orleans** 

New Orleans Sewerage & Waterboard

Regional Transit Authority Bus, Streetcar, & Ferry Routes

Bike Easy Bike Maps

**NOLA Blue Bikes Bike Share** 

#### **MOVE**

Keys to Successful Off-Campus Living

New Orleans Resources

#### **LIVE**

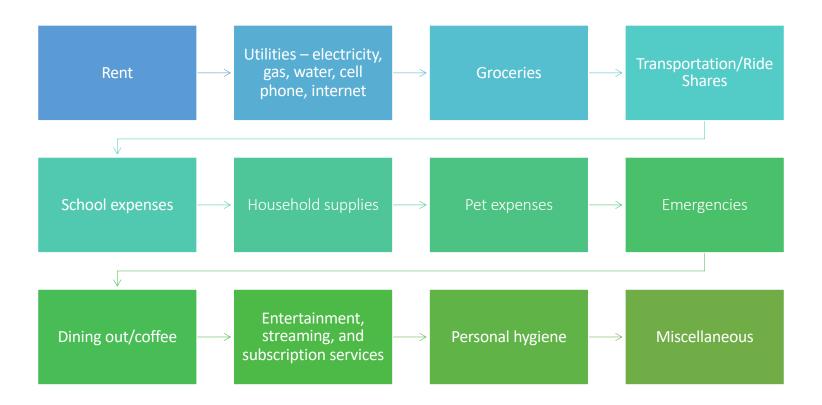
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- **Student Budget Worksheet**
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- Tulane Resources
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### Rental Costs-Things to Consider



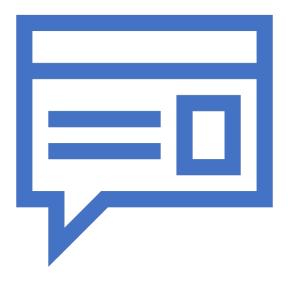
### Costs to Consider:



Roommates/ Housemates -Things to Consider



### Choosing a Roommate



If your student is planning to live with roommates/housemates off-campus, it's important they spend time defining their ideal roommate. Before deciding on a roommate, they should consider a few important factors, including temperament and reliability. Before agreeing to share their living space with a roommate, they should interview them and make sure that the they can live together comfortably.

# Things to consider

What do they want out of it? Friend, housemate, or both.



Make sure that temperaments match



Make sure they can pay their share of rent/utilities



Schedules that fit each other's needs

# Things to Consider

Good communication

Shared interests

# Where Does Your Student Want to Live?

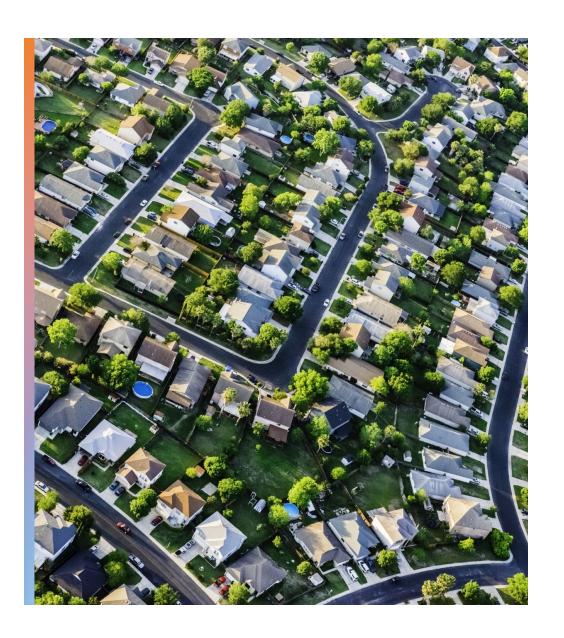
The New Orleans rental market is unique. There are few multi-unit complexes, so finding a safe apartment often takes more research and effort than in other cities. Apartments near campus are most likely to be in "shotgun doubles" with mirror-image units' side-by-side, duplexes on separate floors, or part of a large house. Some apartments are managed by their individual owners. Other apartments are handled by a management company. Some landlords live nearby; others may be out of town. Most leases are yearlong and run June 1—May 31.



Visit <a href="https://www.neworleans.c">https://www.neworleans.c</a>
<a href="https://www.neworleans.c">om/plan/neighborhoods/</a>
<a href="https://www.neworleans.c">and/neighborhoods/</a>
<a href="https://www.neworleans.c">and/neighborhoods/</a>
<a href="https://www.neworleans.c">and learn more about the different neighborhoods in the city!</a>

\*not all neighborhoods are featured in this map.





- Location, location
- How will they get to campus?
  - Don't underestimate how far a "couple of blocks off campus" can feel
  - Can they take advantage of TU Shuttles at night?
- Is the neighborhood kept clean? Are the houses and lawns well kept?
  - Check Google street view!



# What is in the Neighborhood?

- Where is the closest grocery store?
- Where is the closest pharmacy?
- Access to shops
- Access to healthcare facilities
- Is it close to transportation?
- Are there activities nearby?
  - Parks, music venues, restaurants, etc.

# Safety & Security



Safety &
Security –
Tulane
University
Police
Department

The Tulane University Police Department (TUPD) is a full-service law enforcement agency that provides police services to the uptown and downtown campuses. TUPD strives to adhere to the best practices, including nationally recognized standards for the delivery of police services, and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

TUPD officers work collaboratively with the New Orleans Police Department and are commissioned and vested with full powers of arrest at all Tulane University properties and within a one-mile perimeter area surrounding the uptown campus. The downtown campus patrols cover an area bounded by S. Claiborne Avenue to Loyola Avenue and Poydras Street to Canal Street. There are also several Tulane University properties outside of this boundary that are checked daily. TUPD officers patrol our campuses and the surrounding communities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### DID YOU KNOW?

# Safety & Security

Students can ask TUPD to perform a security assessment of the apartment. Contact TUPD at police@tulane.edu or call 504-865-5381.

### Before Your Student Signs:

# Safety & Security

Inspect the residence for fire safety equipment.

Pursuant to New Orleans Municipal Code, all dwelling units should have an operable fire detection system and alarm. Such systems may be hard-wired or battery- operated

The New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) offers free installation of up to two (2) smoke alarms per residence. The Free Smoke Alarm Installation Program Request Form is available at https://nola.gov/free-smoke-alarm/

The Tulane University Uptown Campus is located in the 6th NOFD District

The Tulane University Downtown Campus is located in the 2nd NOFD District

### Before Your Student Signs:

# Safety & Security

Review the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Crime Map, available at https://nola.gov/nopd/data/

The Tulane University Uptown Campus is located in the 2nd Police District

The Tulane University Downtown Campus is located in the 8th Police District.

Ask friends, neighbors, and current residents for feedback about the landlord and the property. Does the landlord respond quickly to problems, such as a broken appliance? How noisy is the area? Is the property well maintained — inside and outside?

Ask TUPD to perform a free security check of the apartment. Your prospective landlord will need to approve this. To schedule an appointment, contact TUPD at police@tulane.edu or (504)865-5381

## Safety & Security

Your student can ask the Tulane Legal Assistance Program (TULAP) to review your lease and explain your rights and responsibilities (see page 5 for more information about TULAP)

Make sure you receive information on lead-based paint and / or lead-based paint hazards. Per the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, (tulane.it/lead-paint- hazard-act) your landlord must provide you with the EPA-approved "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home" pamphlet (tulane.it/lead-paint-protection-pamphlet), provide any records and reports on lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards which are available, and provide an attachment to the lease (or language inserted in the lease itself) which includes a Lead Warning Statement and confirms that landlord has complied with all notification requirements.

### Safety & Security — Personal Safety

The safety and well-being of all students is of the utmost concern to Tulane University. In the event of an emergency or impending threat, Tulane will send critical voice and text messages to our students at multiple telephone and email addresses. To ensure that they receive these messages, students should update their information through Gibson Online or the Registrar's Office every semester.

For more information on the university's emergency response and operating status, visit tulane.edu/emergency.

You can also follow @TulaneNews and @TulaneEmergency on social media for updates.

# Safety & Security – Street Safety

- Students should avoid walking alone at night. Walk with friends, call TUPD for an escort, or take Tulane TransLoc.
- TUPD Escorts are available to all Tulane affiliates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To request a TUPD escort, call: 504-865-5381
- Tulane TransLoc provides on-demand service for Tulane community members and uptown service is available from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Monday—Sunday. Service must be requested through the TransLoc app (see page 21)
- Students should be alert and be aware of their surroundings.
   Talking on a cellphone or listening to head- phones can make them less alert and an easier target for criminals
- Stay in well-lit areas
- If being harassed, try to attract attention to yourself and head toward any well-lit buildings/locations where people are present
- Always carry personal identification (Splash Card, stateissued ID, military ID, etc.). Trust your instincts. If someone or something makes you uneasy, avoid the person and leave the area.

### Safety & Security -Everbridge

- Everbridge is Tulane University's emergency notification system. In an emergency, Everbridge sends messages via telephone, text message, email and app notification.
- How does the Everbridge app work? Once your student registers with their Tulane credentials, the Everbridge app will give them the ability to communicate via text, emergency call button, and the ability to send photographs of suspicious persons/events directly to Tulane University Police Department (TUPD).
- Virtual Escort Students can safely walk on campus by leaving a breadcrumb of their locations. If they don't check-in, an SOS will automatically trigger an emergency request to TUPD.
- Emergency Call Button (SOS) Through a mobile device, a user can send an alert to TUPD with one click, automatically providing student information and GPS location.
- The Everbridge app can be downloaded from the Google Play or iTunes App Store.

### Signing a Lease



### Signing a lease

Before signing a lease, your student should know the answers to these questions:

- How long is the lease term?
- What is the security deposit and is it refundable?
- What is the monthly rent? What is included in this price? (utilities, lawn care, internet/cable)
- When is rent due and how does it get paid?
- What is the penalty for late payment?
- Is there 24/7 maintenance, if an emergency arises?

# Signing a Lease

#### Questions continued:

- What are the rules for personalizing the apartment? (hanging things on the walls, painting etc.)
- How much notice will the tenant be given before someone enters the apartment?
- How often are the locks changed?
- What will the landlord do to prepare the apartment before move in?
- What are the penalties for breaking the lease should something come up?

# Signing a Lease – Other Things to Consider

- If possible, talk to previous tenants
- Have a third party read your lease to catch any loopholes – students can utilize TULAP
- Get everything (promises, changes) from the landlord in writing
- Talk to neighbors about the property and the area

#### Signing a Lease – Renter's Insurance

- Tulane University strongly recommends all renters purchase some form of renters insurance. Renters insurance can protect their personal property in the event of theft or damage.
- A landlord's insurance policy does not cover any of the tenant's personal belongings.
- If appropriate, check with to find out whether your student is covered under your insurance policy. Students are typically covered under their parents' policies when living on campus but are not typically covered when renting a privately owned property off campus.
- Homeowners insurance policies typically have larger deductibles (\$2,500-\$10,000) which may not provide coverage for smaller losses, whereas renters insurance policies can provide lower deductibles (\$250-\$500).
- Tulane University provides several resources for students to purchase a renters insurance policy directly from insurers to cover damage or theft of personal laptops, smartphones, clothes, books, bicycles and more via tulane.it/renters-insurance.

## Landlord – Tenant Relations: Tips

- Be sure your student obtains a signed copy of their lease at the time they and the landlord sign it.
- Be sure that all the roommates sign the lease. Only those people whose names are signed to the lease are ultimately responsible for rent, damages, or other liabilities.
- Unless the signed lease provides otherwise, Louisiana law states that roommates are considered as joint obligors, which means that each roommate can be held liable for the full amount of the lease, not just their individual share.
- Be sure that any changes to the lease are written into the lease and initialed by both parties.
- If possible, we suggest that you NOT sign any lease containing the following clauses, as they can severely restrict your rights:
  - Lessee waives Lessor's liability for any defects on the premises
     Lessee is liable for attorney's fees
- You should be aware that very large corporate landlords are totally inflexible about making changes in their lease forms



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

#### Being a Good Neighbor

- Living off campus is a very different experience from living in a university residence hall.
- Living in a New Orleans neighborhood is an exciting privilege that brings independence and requires responsibility.
- The neighborhoods surrounding Tulane are full of diverse people whose lifestyles, schedules, and living arrangements may vary greatly from your student's lifestyle.
- Residents of the historic neighborhoods around Tulane maintain and expect a high quality of life. They expect students, as a neighbor, to uphold and maintain that high quality too.

# Being a Good Neighbor – Noise Ordinance

Being a Good Neighbor means abiding by the city's quality of life ordinances regarding trash and noise.

The New Orleans Municipal Code prohibits any noise above conversation level (60 dB) be heard in a neighbor's home for a sustained period of time. This is in effect 24 hours per day. The New Orleans Municipal Code prohibits amplified noise at a level audible in a neighbor's home between 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday—Thursday, and between 10:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

This applies to homes that share an interior wall, such as a double or other multi-unit residence, and to homes that share property lines.

Violating this ordinance can result in a misdemeanor charge or citation, which is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

Additionally, these violations can result in a University conduct violation.

Please remember you are now part of a residential community that is comprised of more than college students. There are families with young children, elderly adults and people who work a variety of hours. It is important to obey the ordinance and understand that people want quiet throughout the day and night.

#### Being a Good Neighbor – Trash Ordinance

Trash carts are not to placed curbside before 4pm of the day prior to collection day.

Trash carts are to be removed from the curb before 7pm on collection day.

In between collection days, trash carts are to be stored on your student's property and cannot block any pedestrian or vehicular traffic along sidewalks, streets, and other rights-of-way.

If students have bulk trash (furniture, mattresses), they must schedule a pickup via 311.

Bulk items are not to placed out for collection more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled date provided by the city.

Additionally, trash violations can result in a University conduct violation.

#### Being a Good Neighbor – Trash Ordinance

To register for a trash collection roll cart or report a missed collection call: 311.

If the building has more than four (4) units, then the landlord is required to contract privately for trash collection. This includes bulk items too.

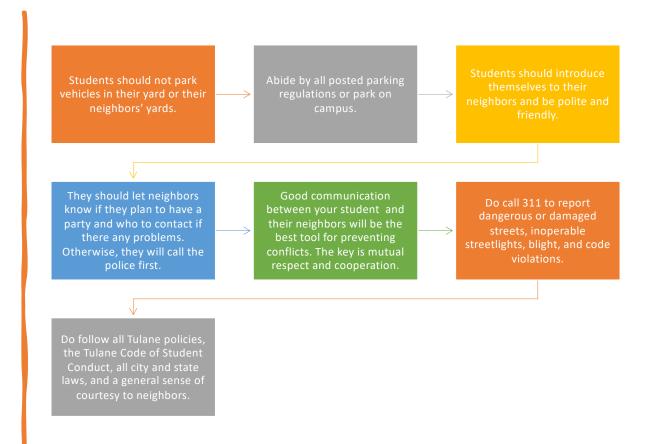
Violation of any of the above can result in fines for tenants and landlords.

The curbside trash and recycling pickup schedule can be found at: <a href="https://www.nola.gov/sanitation/schedules/">www.nola.gov/sanitation/schedules/</a>.

Be a good Neighbor – Code of Student Conduct

- All students are required to know and abide by the Tulane University Code of Conduct. If students are found to have violated the Code of Conduct, appropriate disciplinary consequences may result. The Code of Conduct extends to behavior off campus. Additionally, violations of state or local laws by Tulane University students are addressed by the Office of Student Conduct.
- Visit conduct.tulane.edu for more information.

## Being a Good Neighbor



#### Important Numbers

- TUPD
  - Non-Emergency: (504) 865-5381
  - Emergency: (504) 865-5911
- NOPD
  - Non-Emergency: (504) 821-2222
  - Emergency: 911
  - Tulane's Uptown campus is located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> NOPD District: (504) 658-6020.
- NOFD
  - Non-Emergency: (504) 658-4700
  - Emergency: 911
- To report property code violations, call: 311
- To report inoperable or blocked streetlights, call: 311







# RESOURCES

Resources

Tulane University Off-Campus Housing Portal

Neighborhood Resources Website

2023-2024 Off-Campus Living Guide

Tulane University Legal Assistance Program (TULAP)

<u>Tulane University Police Department</u>

**Everbridge** 

Tulane University Emergency Preparedness & Response

**Tulane University Shuttles & Transportation** 

<u>Tulane University Code of Student Conduct</u>



Renters Insurance

New Orleans Neighborhood Guide

NOPD Crime Map

NOFD Free Smoke Alarm Installation Program

Trash & Recycling Schedule

New Orleans 311

