Accepted Students Day 2019

Wondering Where to Live?

A common concern for incoming students, particularly those living outside of the D.C. area, is where to live. Typically, the farther away from the city, the less the rent, but it is then important to budget for monthly transportation costs to get into the city for classes. Due to limited and costly parking on campus and in the District, the majority of students walk or take public transportation to school.

Public Transit Costs

- **MetroRail** | for more information visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)
  - $2.25 - $6.00 per trip during peak times
  - $2.00 - $3.85 per trip off peak
  - $72.00 - $216.00 per month for SelectPass
- **MetroBus** | for more information visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)
  - $2.00 any regular route trip
  - $4.25 for express route trips
- **D.C. Circulator Bus** | for more information visit [www.dccirculator.com](http://www.dccirculator.com) | FREE
- **Capital Bikeshare** | for more information visit [www.capitalbikeshare.com](http://www.capitalbikeshare.com)
  - $2.00 any regular single trip
  - $8.00 for a 24 hour pass
  - $85.00 Annual Membership

Where do students live?

When asking current students where they lived, the majority of respondents lived in D.C. followed by Virginia and then Maryland. Popular neighborhoods to live in within the District were Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights, Capital Hill, and NoMa. Areas in Virginia include Ballston, Clarendon, Rosslyn, Crystal City, and Pentagon City, and areas in Maryland include, Silver Spring and College Park.

Depending on your Neighborhood, rent can typically range from the following:

- **Efficiency/Studio:** $1,300 - $1,700 per month
- **1 Bedroom Apartment:** $1,350 - $2,600 per month
- **2 Bedroom Apartment:** $1,500 - $3,200 per month
- **Room with Housemates:** $800 - $1,100 per month

It is important to keep in mind that it is possible to pay less than the above listed prices. This depends on location, if you live with roommates and how rent is split among the group.
Housing Search Resources

Take advantage of these resources to make your housing search a little bit easier!

- **GW's off Campus housing website** | [http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu](http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu)
- **GW Grad Housing Message Boards** | [http://www.gwoffcampus.com](http://www.gwoffcampus.com)
- **GW’s Guide to living off Campus** | [http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu/guide-living-campus](http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu/guide-living-campus)
- **Craigslist** | [https://washingtondc.craigslist.org](https://washingtondc.craigslist.org)
- **Move.com** | [http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu/guide-living-campus](http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu/guide-living-campus)
- **Rent In Washington D.C.** | [http://www.rentinwashingtondc.com](http://www.rentinwashingtondc.com)
- **Pad Mapper** | [http://www.padmapper.com](http://www.padmapper.com)
- **Facebook Groups**
  - D.C., Northern Virginia, and Maryland Housing, Sublets, and Roommates
  - George Washington University (GWU) Housing, Sublets & Roommate
  - Washington D.C. Housing, Rooms, Apartments, Sublets
  - Washington DC Housing, Sublet, Rooms, roommate finder

Real Housing Scenarios

Below are examples of living situations based on the experiences of real Trachtenberg Students. Names have been changed to protect anonymity.

- Kate and Juan live in a $2,600/mo 1 bedroom apartment in the Shaw neighborhood of D.C. They each pay $1,300/month in rent and utilities and have a 30 minute Metro ride to campus.
- Liv and Mark live in a $1,560/mo 1 bedroom apartment in Silver Spring, MD. They each pay $780/month in rent and utilities and have a 45 minute Metro ride to campus.
- Adam lives in a shared 2 bedroom apartment in Arlington, VA. He pays $850/month in rent and utilities and has a 45 minute bus and Metro ride to campus.
- Vish lives in a shared 4 bedroom row house in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood of D.C. He pays $1077/month in rent and utilities and has a 20 minute bus ride to campus.
- Maggie lives in a studio in Foggy Bottom. She pays $1,620/month in rent and utilities and has a 10 minute walk to campus.