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SIMPLIFYING THE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING EXPERIENCE



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TERMINOLOGY & POLICIES

- **Joint v. Individual Lease**

- Joint Lease: ALL tenants are responsible for ALL of the rent. If your roommate stops paying, you may have to pay extra to cover the remaining rent.
- Individual Lease: Each renter is only responsible for THEIR PORTION of the rent.

- **Lease Term**: The length of your lease (12mo/ 9mo/month-to-month)

- **Leases are Legally Binding**: You typically will not be able to get out of your lease easily or without paying additional fees to end contract early.

- **Avoid Scams**: If you are not sure if a rental listing is legitimate, reach out to our team and /or “Flag” a listing

- **“International Student-Friendly” Filter Option**

- **Renter’s Insurance**: Some properties may require you to have a policy in place upon move-in. This helps to protect your personal belongings if an incident were to occur.

LANDLORD EXPECTATIONS

- **Reasonable Expectations for Your Landlord**

- Ensure you have a copy of the lease- read thoroughly before signing
- Properly maintain the unit and complete repairs in a timely fashion
- Notify you (generally 24-48 hours prior) before entering the unit
- Provide notice before increasing rent
- Be accessible for emergencies
- Expect the landlord to pay for regular maintenance
- Expect rent payments on-time and consistently; they can only consider economic hardship with immediate notice

- **Unreasonable Expectations for Your Landlord**

- Expecting a landlord to assist you with financial problems
- Evicting you without proper notice or violation of the lease
- Allowing you to break your lease
- Not paying rent for any portion of your lease term (i.e. going home for the summer)
- Assuming that you can sublet your apartment
- Fully mitigating roommate conflicts

TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Upkeep of Unit**

- Keep the place clean and tidy, free from trash and dirt build-up.
- Your landlord will expect your unit to stay in a clean and habitable state. This includes things such as sweeping, mopping, dusting, and even changing light bulbs and filters.

- **Limiting Damages**

- You are responsible for keeping damages to a minimum.
- While normal wear and tear are generally expected, excessive damage, regardless of if it was caused by you, friends or pets, will need to be dealt with.
- The property is your home, but it's your landlord's property.

- **Report Issues**

- Report any damage or maintenance issues to your landlord immediately. Don't wait for them to discover the issues, especially if the issue is something that is going to get worse over time.
- Prolonged, unreported maintenance issues will become your responsibility if not properly forwarded to the landlord

PLANNING PROCESS

Phase 1

Create a Budget

- Consider living expenses such as rent, utilities, food, etc.
- Consider the amenities that you want and the area you want to live in.
- What is most important to you?

Phase 2

Narrow Your Search

- Begin your search using AggieSearch.
- Gather your top choices & create a spreadsheet.
 - This will help you compare price, amenities, location and more.
 - *If you are not able to travel before move in, you can ask most properties to do a virtual tour.

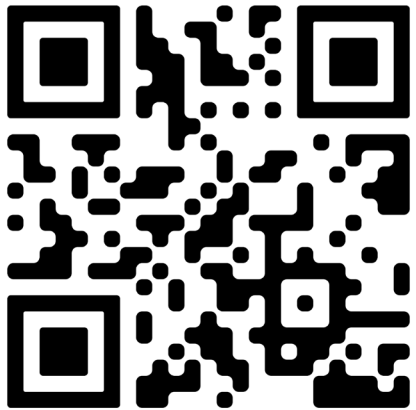
Phase 3

Ask Before Signing

- Is renter's insurance required?
- How do I pay rent?
- What are my initial move-In costs?
- What are my lease terms?
- What utilities are included & how do I pay them?
- What is the parking situation?
- What is the pet policy?
- What is the guest policy?

START YOUR SEARCH

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YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP

- Housing Search
- Roommate Finder
- Educational Resources
- Find/Post Sublets
- Avoid Scams



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AggieSearch Website

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Know Your Occupancy Limits

Per College Station and Bryan ordinances, no more than four unrelated individuals can reside in most single-family homes. Those found to be in violation are subject to fines ranging from \$250 to \$2000 per summons or




Introducing the Good Neighbor Network

This exciting collaboration between Student Life and local property managers is designed to create a supportive off-campus living experience for students. By committing to



Be a Good Neighbor





Being a good neighbor covers everything from knowing when the trash gets picked up to understanding ordinances for noise. Here are some tips to follow: meet your neighbors and offer your cell phone number; respect



Accessibility Assistance

If you are experiencing an accessibility issue with the off-campus housing website, please contact Off Campus Student Services at ocss@tamu.edu or (979) 845-1741.

Current Rental Listings



WAYS TO SEARCH

- Create an Account
- Sort and Filter:
 - Distance to Campus
 - Price Point
 - Amenities
- Transit Options
- Plan Your Commute
- Draw Tool
- Favorite Function
- Email Property Directly
- View Listing Details

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Campus or Location Price Pricing Type Beds & Baths Building Type More Clear

Map Tools Draw

Off-Campus Apartments for Rent near TAMU Main Campus
1084 Rentals Available

Matterport 3D Tours

7 Days Ago
Northpoint Crossing
1501 Northpoint Ln, College Station, TX 77840
Studio - 4 Beds | \$889 - \$1,509 /Bedroom
0.5 miles to TAMU Main Campus

Email Property (979) 985-2578

Shared Housing

2 Wks Ago
Callaway Villas
305 Marion Pugh Drive, College Station, TX 77840
2 - 4 Beds | \$704 - \$1,189 /Bedroom
1.6 miles to TAMU Main Campus

Email Property (979) 977-1610

GOOD NEIGHBOR NETWORK PROPERTY

Shared Housing

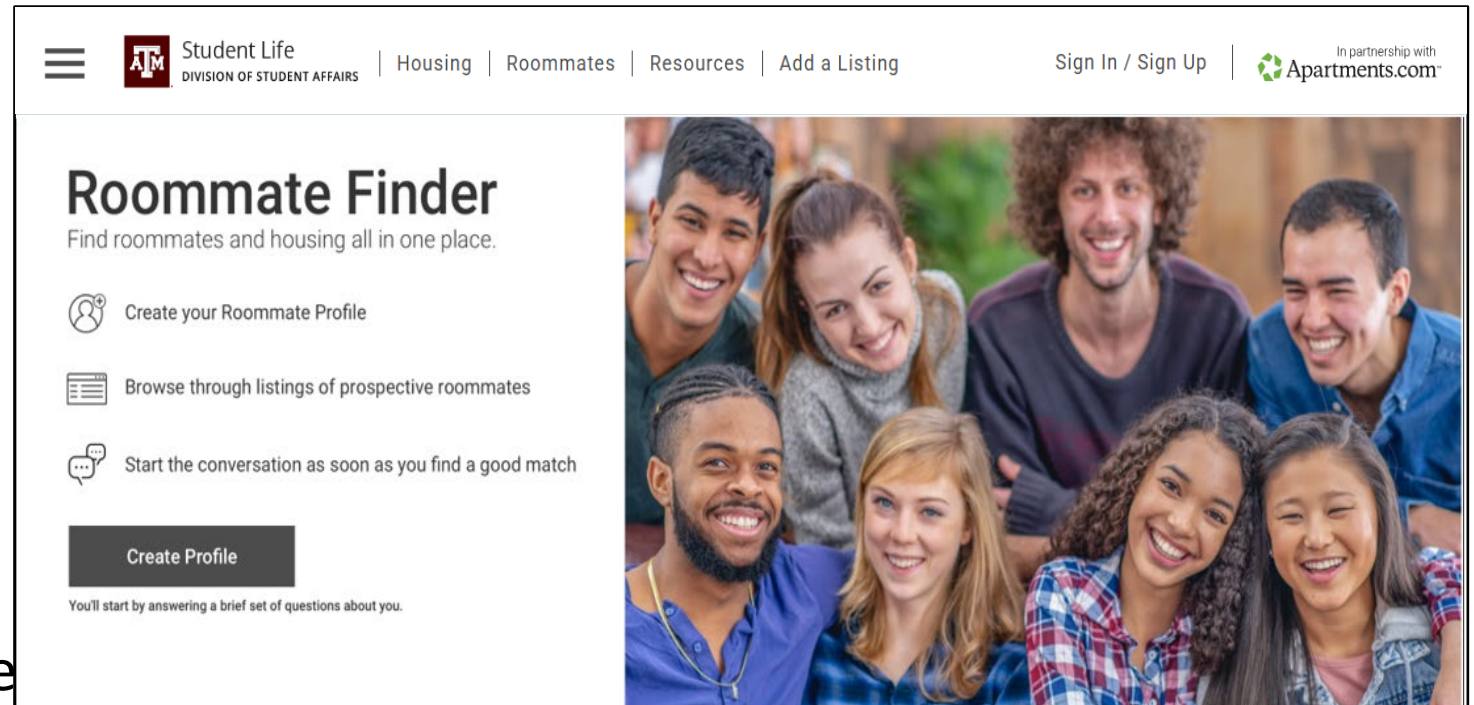
1 Day Ago
Crossing Place
400 Southwest Pkwy, College Station, TX 77840
4 Beds | \$499 - \$555 /Bedroom

Shared Housing

1 Wk Ago
U Centre at Northgate
907 Cross Street, College Station, TX 77840
4 Beds | \$924 - \$1,059 /Bedroom

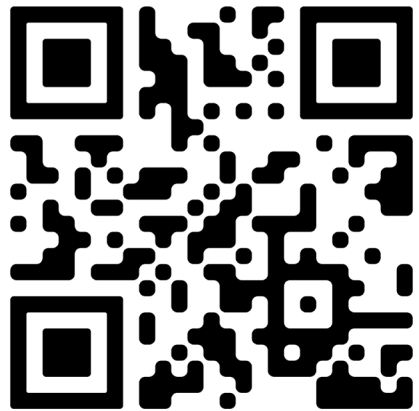
USING THE ROOMMATE FINDER

- Register with Student Email
- Create a Profile
- Sort and Filter:
 - Gender
 - Cleanliness
 - Classification
 - Timeline
 - Smoking
 - Pets
- Inactive Accounts Deactivate
after 30 Days



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