

HOUSING



Welcome to Northwestern University! Whether you've come to Northwestern as a student or a scholar, we hope you will find your time here to be both enjoyable and rewarding. Below are a few resources with regards to both on-campus and off-campus accommodation.

Undergraduates: ON-Campus

For undergraduates there are many options ranging from small houses of 50 or fewer residents, to large resident halls with 400 or more students. There is also gender specific housing, co-ed housing, and Residential Colleges that combine your academic and extra-curricular activities. In most cases, on-campus housing at Northwestern means that you will be sharing a room with another student, as well as sharing a common bathroom with all the students on your floor or wing, along with a shared common living area and kitchen. For more information, please visit www.northwestern.edu/housing, or contact the office of Undergraduate Housing at (847)491-7564, or email housing@northwestern.edu. Incoming freshman and prospective students should email: freshman-housing@northwestern.edu.

Graduates:On-Campus

For graduate students, Northwestern also has a few on-campus housing opportunities, specifically Englehart Hall, McManus, and Seabury. You should contact The Office of Graduate Housing at (847)491-5127 with any specific questions, or email gradhousing@northwestern.edu. For more information, visit their website at www.northwestern.edu/gradhousing. For Chicago campus: Limited Housing Opportunities in Abbott Hall, although priority is given to students living with spouses and/or dependents.

Off-Campus:

Off campus housing can take many different forms. You could sublet a room or an apartment from someone who is away for a short period of time. Or you might try to rent a room from someone who has extra space or a family with an empty room in their home. You could also sign a lease with a realty company, or an individual landlord. Below is a list of websites with more information, based on your preference.

Evanston Neighborhood Properties: www.evanstonliving.com

Padmapper: www.padmapper.com- compiles a google map of rentals and sublets in the area

Chicago Rentals: www.chicagorentals.com

My apartment map: http://www.myapartmentmap.com/colleges/il/northwestern_university/

Rent.com: www.rent.com

Chicago Apartment Finders: www.chicagoapartmentfinders.com, or 1-888-346-3377

Apartment People: www.apartmentpeople.com – offices in both Evanston and Chicago

The Chicago Reader: www.classifieds.chicagoreader.com/chicago/realstate

Apartment Guide: www.apartmentguide.com

Craigslist: www.chicago.craigslist.org (various options are listed under “housing”)

Northwestern Resources: Northwestern’s Associated Student Government website NULink (<http://nulink.northwestern.edu/>) provides information on off-campus housing.

Off-Campus Housing Guide: offers valuable information on off-campus housing and resources (<https://asg.northwestern.edu/services/asgoche/nuhousingguide.pdf>)

Off-Campus Housing Evaluations: access reviews of various properties written by students who have lived there (may require an netID and password to view) (<https://asg.northwestern.edu/services/asgoche/>)

Online Sublet: view postings of available rooms and apartments posted by members of the Northwestern community who are away and looking to rent out their room, or have extra space and need someone to fill it (may require netID and password to view) (<http://asg.northwestern.edu/sublet/>)

Some things to consider when choosing to live off campus:

- If subletting: will rent be paid monthly and to whom (the person subletting or the person/company that person has signed a lease with)? Are roommates involved?
- Can the rent go up?
- What, if any, utilities are included in the rent?
- If utilities are not included how much more than the rent can you expect to pay monthly?
- Is there a security deposit?
- How long is the lease period/length of sublet?
- If you are renting a room from a family, find out what parts of the house or apartment are yours to share?
- If you have roommates, make sure to discuss your living arrangements: how to split costs and chores, who is responsible for initiating billing for which utilities, whether and when it’s ok to have guests, whether smoking is permitted (also something to discuss with the person/company you are leasing or subletting from), etc.
- Proximity to campus (is it close enough to walk?)
- Availability of public transportation
- Whether furnishings are provided
- How safe is the neighborhood?
- If you have children, where will they go to school?

DOCUMENTS YOU MAY NEED TO PRESENT TO AGENCY OR LANDLORD:

- current I-20
- Funding offer letter
- Passport
- Credit card for deposit payment