

HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND VISITORS

General Housing Information

- Monthly rent in Syracuse averages between **\$600-\$1400 USD per month** per person.
- Be prepared to pay a **security deposit** that is usually the amount of one month of rent. Your deposit should be returned to you when you have completed your lease, so long as there is no damage to the apartment.
- Typical lease term options include **month-to-month**, **10-month**, and **12-month**. Be sure to confirm the lease term with your landlord.
- Most apartments around the University will be **furnished**, but you should ask.
- If your apartment does not include **utilities**, ask the landlord to provide you with an estimate of the monthly cost for these utilities.
- **Review the entire lease** before you sign in order to learn details such how to pay your monthly rent, does your apartment have a parking space, does your apartment allow for pets?
- If you are planning to come to Syracuse with your **family**, please refer to the information below regarding school districts around Syracuse, New York:
 - The [Jamesville-Dewitt School District](#) is in a suburban area located very close to Syracuse University. They will allow students to enroll in kindergarten so long as they are 5 years old before November 30, 2018. They make no exceptions for this policy. Full day Pre-K program offered.
 - The [Fayetteville-Manlius School District](#) is in another suburban area but it requires that students be 5 years old by the time they start kindergarten. No Pre-K program offered.
 - [The Syracuse City School District](#) is an option if you choose to live in the city of Syracuse. There are two elementary schools located in/near the neighborhood just east of Syracuse University (H.W. Smith Elementary School and Edward Smith Elementary School).
 - The [Jewish Community Center](#) (JCC) is a very popular private school option for Pre-Kindergarten. They also offer other programs for young children outside of school.
 - Two other private schools on the east side of town are [Iowonio](#) (offering Universal Pre-Kindergarten for City of Syracuse residents) and [Manlius Pebble Hill](#) (offering Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten in its Lower School).

Arriving to Syracuse & Local Transportation

By air: Daily flights are available from New York City's airports (JFK or LGA), Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, Charlotte, Detroit, and other cities to Syracuse's airport (SYR). Check [Orbitz.com](https://www.orbitz.com), [Expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com), or [jetblue.com](https://www.jetblue.com) for times and fares.

By train: Train travel from New York City leaves from New York's Penn Station (NYP) to Syracuse's Regional Transportation Center (SYR). Check train schedules and book tickets on [Amtrak.com](https://www.amtrak.com).

By bus: Buses leave from New York City's Port Authority Terminal or Boston's South Station Bus Terminal and arrive to Syracuse's Regional Transportation Center. Check bus schedules and book tickets on [Greyhound.com](https://www.greyhound.com) or [MegaBus.com](https://www.megabus.com).

Hotels: Local hotels near Syracuse University include [SU Sheraton](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/su-sheraton), [Hotel Skyler](https://www.hotel-skyler.com), [Collegian Hotel & Suites](https://www.collegianhotel.com), [Parkview Hotel](https://www.parkviewhotel.com), [Crowne Plaza Syracuse](https://www.crowneplaza.com), and [Marriot Residence Inn](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/marriott-residence-inn) (Downtown).

In Syracuse: Syracuse has UBER and LYFT ride-share services. Taxi service is available on call at the Syracuse airport and the Syracuse Regional Transportation Center to your local destination. One popular service is 4SU Taxi: (1-315-410-1010.) The City of Syracuse and Syracuse University are serviced by the reliable [CENTRO](https://www.centrobus.com) bus service. In addition, students may rent a [ZipCar](https://www.zipcar.com) to travel locally. For students seeking to obtain a driver's license in New York State, please review the information on Syracuse University's [website](https://www.syr.edu).

Neighborhoods

Students living in Syracuse reside in a variety of neighborhoods located around the Syracuse University campus and in downtown Syracuse. The map below provides a list of these neighborhoods:

- **Westcott Street *BEST OPTION*:** a popular area for students, this neighborhood includes the Westcott Street business district, with restaurants, bars, and shops.
- **Euclid Avenue:** this tends to be the most popular, and most convenient, neighborhood for students because of the high volume of student apartments within walking distance to campus.
- **South Campus:** this neighborhood offers quieter surroundings for families that is a quick bus ride to the Syracuse University main campus
- **Downtown:** home to many stylish apartment buildings in Syracuse's Armory Square, Hanover Square, Clinton Square, and Franklin Square.

Your Search for Housing

Syracuse University does not offer guaranteed housing for graduate students. However, the institution provides ample resources via the [Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services](#) to aid in your search.

Students should consult the [LinkedIn group](#) on their own should they be looking for a roommate.

Students planning to move into an **apartment building** should visit the following websites:

- [Campus West Apartments](#) (West Campus/University)
- [Copper Beech Commons](#) (Outer Euclid Avenue/East Genesee Street)
- [Theory Syracuse](#) (Outer Euclid Avenue/East Genesee Street)
- [U-Point](#) (Outer Euclid Avenue/East Genesee Street)
- [Nob Hill Apartments](#) (South Campus)
- [Stonegate Apartments](#) (Jamesville-Dewitt School District)
- [The Bradford](#) (Jamesville-Dewitt School District)
- [Suburban Park Apartments](#) (Fayetteville-Manlius School District)
- [Clarendon Heights Apartments](#) (South Campus)
- [Park Point on Comstock](#) (Outer Euclid Avenue/East Genesee Street)
- [University Village Apartments](#) (South Campus)
- [Madison Towers](#) (Downtown)
- [Jefferson Tower](#) (Downtown)

Students planning to move into a **house/home-style apartment** should visit the following websites:

- [orangehousing.com](#) (*very popular*)
- [Craigslist](#)
- [Campus Hill Apartments](#)
- [University Hill Apartments](#)

[Important dates](#) to consider when looking into housing:

- M.P.A. begins on the first business day July and ends the following summer in late June.
- M.A. International Relations begins in August and ends the following fall term.
- M.A. Public Diplomacy and Global Communications begins in July and ends in Washington D.C. the following fall term.
- Dual M.P.A./ M.A. International Relations begins in July and ends in June after 2 years.

Official start dates for the M.P.A. program and all other programs will be communicated to you and posted on the [admitted student webpage](#).

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