

What will it cost to live off-campus?

Estimates of the total off-campus living cost vary greatly depending on the type of unit you desire, the number of roommates, the number of furnishings you need, and many other factors. Please view the costs below as very rough estimates. Many areas can be begged or borrowed to furnish an off-campus living unit. However, most new apartment owners find themselves buying more furnishings and extras than they had anticipated.

Monthly costs

<i>Expense</i>	<i>Approximate cost</i>	<i>Your approximate cost</i>
Rent	300-1000	
Telephone (local & long distance)	13+	
Electricity	20-150	
Water	20	
Cable	0-60	
Internet service	0-40	
Food	100-250	

Expenses likely to be one-time

Security deposit	250	
Telephone hook-up	20	
Renter's insurance (annual)	80+	
Cable hook-up	20	
Parking (annual)	0-80	
Bedroom furnishings: Bed, mattress, box spring, dresser, night table, chair, bookshelf, lamp(s), etc.	0+	
Kitchen furnishings: Dishes, baking pans, pots, kettle, utensils, plastic containers, drinking glasses, coffee maker, blender, toaster, microwave, towels, hot pads ...and don't forget food!	0+	
Living room furnishings: Television, VCR/DVD, posters, plants, couch, coffee table, recliner, lamp(s), etc.	0+	
Bathroom furnishings: shower curtain liner, shower curtain, rug, toilet paper, toothbrush holder, trash	0+	

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Other: phone, answering machine, clock, vacuum cleaner, other cleaning supplies, coasters, etc.	0+	

Other payments you may have

Car (payment, insurance, fuel)	0+	
Credit card	0+	
Tuition	0+	
Entertainment (movies, concerts, travel, restaurants)	0+	
Clothing	0+	
Toiletries	0+	
Investments	0+	
Other (cell phone, medical, gifts, etc.)	0+	