# Off-Campus Housing

**2019-2020 Resource Guide for Students**

This chart details the monthly cost of living in a single studio on campus vs. off-campus in the downtown Portland area. While many believe it is less expensive to live off-campus, students often take for granted the cost of commuting, utilities, furniture, and year-long leasing.

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| **TRANSPORTATION** | Not required | Student Tri-Met pass: $50  
Student parking: $130 + gas, insurance |
| **TRAVEL TIME TO CLASS** | 5-10 minute walk | Depends on location |
| **CONTRACT LENGTH** | Academic year w/ summer option | Typically one-year lease |
| **ORGANIZED EVENTS** | Priceless | Not available |
| **ACADEMIC RESOURCES** | Priceless | Not available |
| **STUDENT-FOCUSED COMMUNITY** | Priceless | Not available |
| **TOTAL** | $1143 | $1361 + furniture & transportation |

*Student-reported data  
**2019 housing market study

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**University Pointe**

PSU's only housing partner, University Pointe, is located on campus and has space for nearly 1,000 PSU students. For more information, contact (503) 924-0003 or visit University Pointe’s website.

**College Housing Northwest**

College Housing Northwest provides student housing in seven apartment buildings, all within a short walk of campus. For more information, contact (503) 222-7105 or visit www.chnw.org.

**PSU Student Legal Services (PDX.EDU/SLS)**

If you decide to live off campus, you should know your rights as a renter. PSU Student Legal Services provides confidential and free legal service for PSU students. If you have any questions about landlord-tenant law or you want them to review your lease, please visit their website to schedule an appointment.

**Disclaimer**

This document is meant to provide assistance in locating off-campus housing. Inclusion of any property or rental unit on this website does not constitute, and shall not be construed or reported as an endorsement or approval by the University Housing and Residence Life Office or Portland State University of the landlord, its properties, or its business practices. The Housing and Residence Life Office and Portland State University expressly disclaim any and all responsibility for any problems that may arise with regard to such property or rental units or with regard to disputes between landlords and tenants concerning such property or rental units. All prospective tenants are encouraged to exercise their own good judgment when evaluating a prospective rental unit or landlord.

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**Online Resources**

Websites you may find helpful for off-campus housing information:
- The Oregonian (realestate.oregonlive.com/for-rent)
- Housing Authority of Portland (homeforward.org)
- Apartments.com
- Hot Pads (hotpads.com)
- Roommates.com
- For Rent University (forrentuniversity.com)
- Trulia (trulia.com)
- Craigslist (portland.craigslist.org)
- Places 4 Students (places4students.com)