

2023

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

FOR NC STATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS



NC STATE

Global

HOUSING OPTIONS

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

University Housing at NC State has a variety of on-campus housing options and learning programs that help students develop a sense of community. Living and Learning Villages are communities within residence hall buildings that allow for student connections around a shared interest, area of study or identity. The Global Village, housed in Alexander Hall, provides a living environment and programming that allow students to learn from others and share their culture with the Village community. University Housing has a variety of living options such as suite-style, hall-style, hotel-style and apartments. E.S. King and Western Manor apartments provide housing options for students interested in living with immediate family (spouse or dependents).

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Off-campus housing options include: (a) rooms in private residences, (b) apartments or houses which can be rented by oneself or (c) apartments or houses shared by 2 to 4 students depending on the leasing options of the property.



Helpful hint: It's best to secure housing as soon as possible, anywhere from 6-3 months in advance is recommended. Students typically move in to their housing in August or January.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Undergraduate students can apply to traditional residence halls and students categorized as upperclassmen may be able to apply to on-campus apartment communities as well.

Please note that NC State University has a requirement that first-year undergraduate students live in on-campus housing. This requirement will remain in place for the 2023-2024 academic year but an appeals process exists if you have a situation that exempts you from the requirement.

LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Living and Learning Villages are residential communities where students, staff and faculty learn side-by-side. You can choose to live with other students based on a common identity, skill or academic interest. Village members develop personally and professionally in a tight-knit social atmosphere. For example, the Global Village located in Alexander Hall provides programming and community for students who want to live and interact with people from different backgrounds, experiences, countries and viewpoints..

[APPLY FOR HOUSING](#)

[LIVING & LEARNING](#)

[RESIDENCE HALLS](#)



GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduate students are able to apply to university apartments like E.S. King Village, Western Manor, Wolf Village, and Wolf Ridge. E.S. King Village and Western Manor, in particular, are more suitable for family housing.



DID YOU KNOW?

**RALEIGH'S
NICKNAME IS THE
CITY OF OAKS**

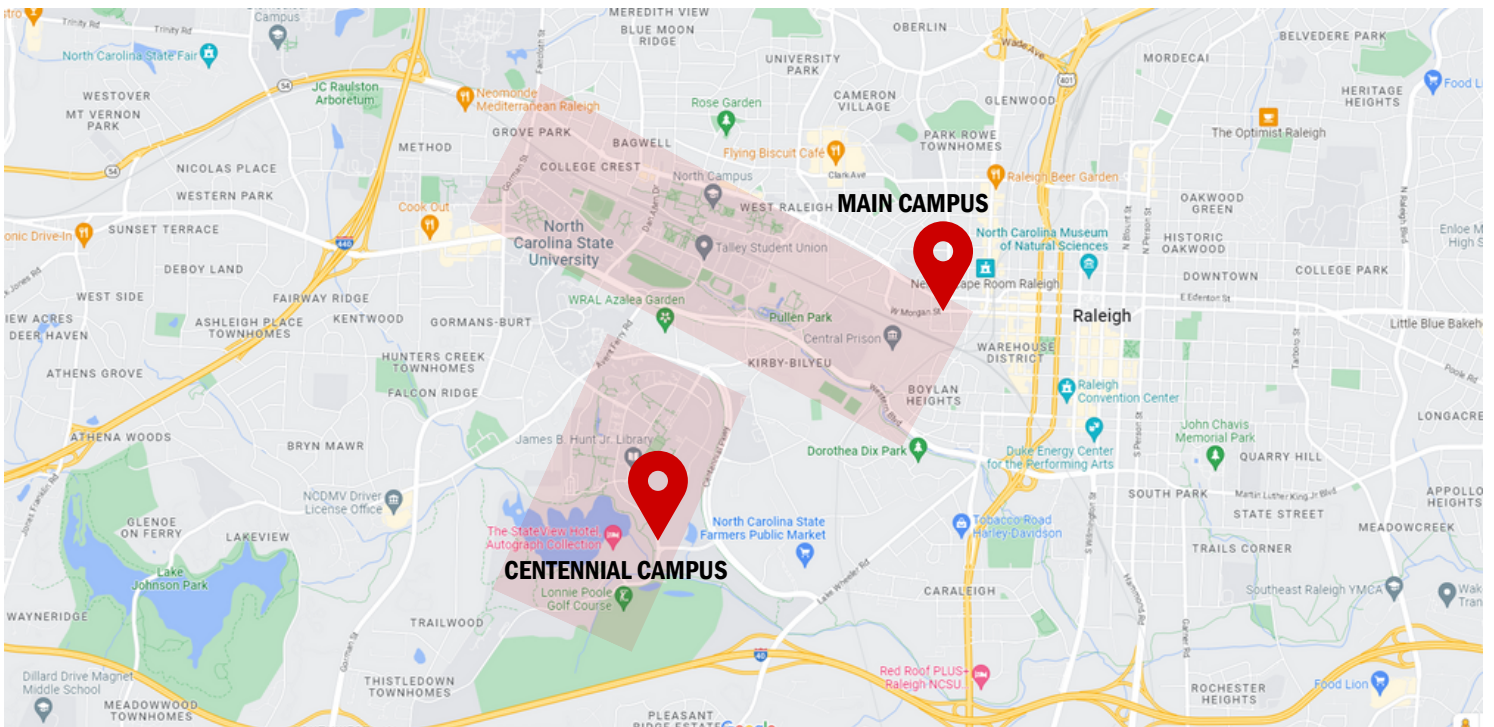
OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

THE RALEIGH AREA

Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, is a rapidly growing city of about 470,000 people. It is one of three cities that comprise the "Research Triangle," which also includes Durham and Chapel Hill. NC State University is located immediately west of downtown Raleigh, and east of I-440.

DID YOU KNOW?

Raleigh is named after English Explorer Sir Walter Raleigh



NEIGHBORHOODS & ZIP CODES

The neighborhoods within walking distance to NC State include Boylan Heights, The Village, West Raleigh, University Park, Bagwell, College Crest, Grove Park, Method, Kentwood, Gormans-Brut, Hunters Creek Townhomes, and Falcon Bridge. In these areas, there are many walking paths and greenways that lead in and out of town and campus.

Helpful hint:
Interstate I-440 is a major road, with little walking options. Neighborhoods west of I-440 would not be considered safely walkable to campus.



OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

OFF-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION

Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill have a shared bus system called "Go Triangle." Within Raleigh, the bus system is known as "Go Raleigh."

Downtown Raleigh also has a train station, connecting the capital to other NC, and US cities.

Share The Ride NC encourages carpooling. Use their website to find possible carpooling matches in your area.

Cardinal Bikeshare is a bikeshare program in Raleigh, with docking stations all around the downtown area.

[GO RALEIGH TRANSIT MAP](#)

[NC BY TRAIN](#)

[AMTRAK](#)

[SHARE THE RIDE NC](#)

[CARDINAL BIKESHARE](#)



Helpful hint: while Raleigh is well connected and has a robust transportation system, buses do not typically run as regularly or as punctually as buses in other countries. Please keep this in mind when planning to rely on the bus for transportation.

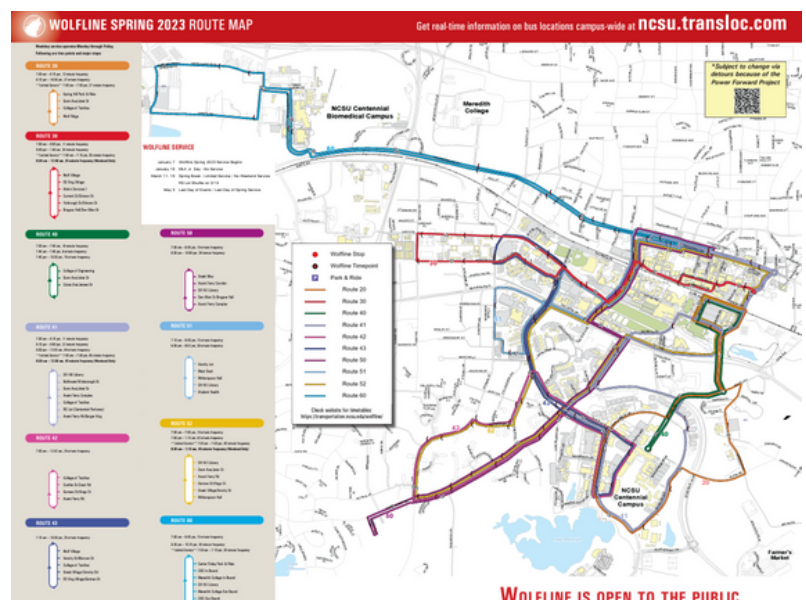
ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION

[WOLFLINE BUSES](#)



Wolflines buses operate every day classes are in session, serving all three campuses, three park & ride lots, official NC State housing and privately-owned apartment complexes located on city streets traveled by Wolflines buses on the way to or from these areas. No university ID, pass, or fare is required to ride! Buses are red and white and black with the Wolflines logo lettering.

Helpful hint: the Wolflines service changes every semester, with limited bus service on holidays, and during Summer and Winter break



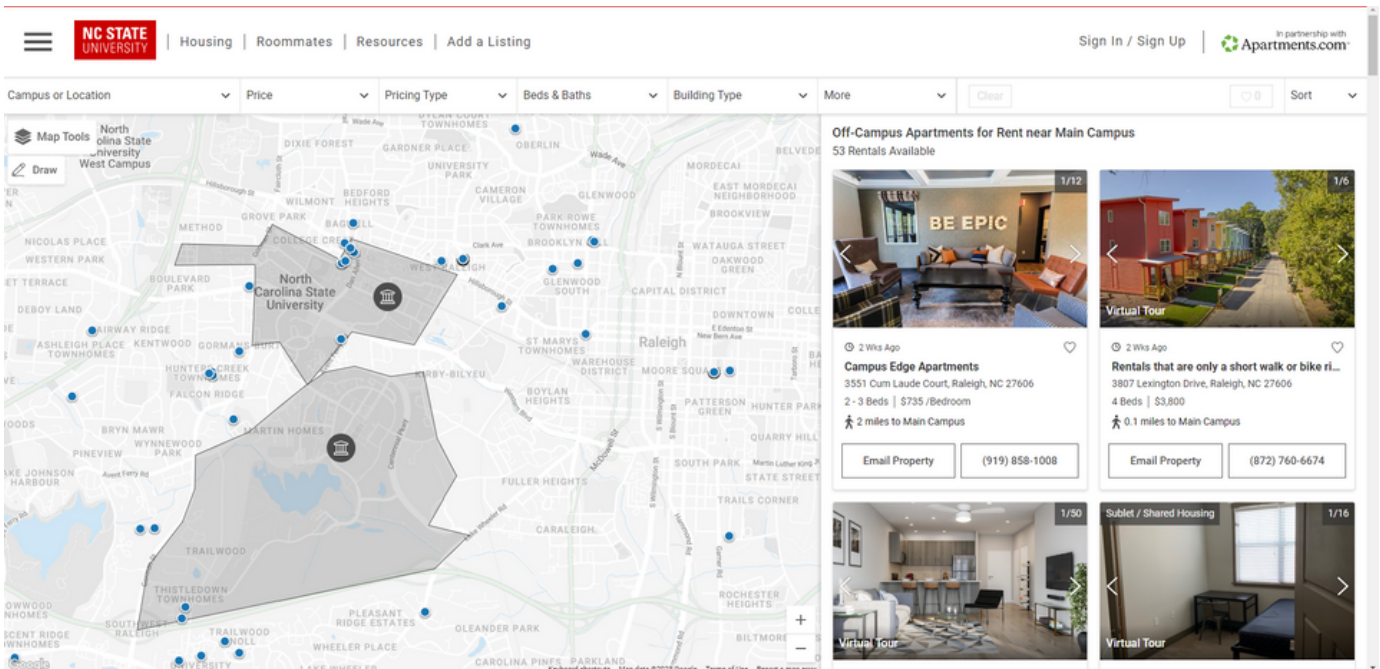
FINDING AN APARTMENT

The resources on the following pages are meant to help provide information on finding an off-campus apartment, whether for a short term or long term stay.

NC STATE OFF CAMPUS WEBSITE



This website is an official NC State resource for finding housing off-campus. The website includes DASA approved apartment listings, as well as other resources for finding housing.



The search function allows users to see apartments posted by both leasing companies, and private owners. Both entire apartments, and single rooms are available. There's also an "international student friendly" filter under "community features."

OTHER RENTAL SITES

These sites will show you all rental properties available in the area, and are not affiliated with NC State.



Helpful hint: Average rent for a 1-Bedroom apartment in Raleigh is about \$1500/month, however properties can be found for the \$1000-1400 range. Renting a single room costs roughly \$700-900.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

FUN FACT: RALEIGH HAS OVER 180 MILES OF GREENWAY TRAILS. GREAT FOR WALKING, RUNNING, AND BIKING!



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VALENTINE COMMONS

UNCOMMON RALEIGH

THE STANDARD

YUGO RALEIGH LOGAN

STANHOPE

**LIVE ON HILLSBOROUGH
(MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)**

CAMERON COURT

APARTMENT COMPLEXES ON WOLFLINE OR WITH BUS SHUTTLE TO CAMPUS

THE WILDE

PARKWOOD VILLAGE

GORMAN CROSSINGS

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE

KENSINGTON PARK

UNIVERSITY SUITES

CREST TOWNHOMES

VILLAGE GREEN

IVY COMMONS

CAMPUS CROSSINGS

WESTGROVE TOWER

PALOMA RALEIGH



DID YOU KNOW?

RALEIGH IS THE 2ND MOST POPULOUS CITY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Helpful hint: Note that most of the apartments listed here offer leases for rooms, and not the entire apartment. This helps keep rent low, however, you'll want to ask about roommate matching.

Inclusion of any property or rental unit on this list does not constitute and shall not be construed or reported as (1) an endorsement or approval by North Carolina State University, of the landlord, its properties, or its business practices, or (2) a warranty or representation by North Carolina State University to the equality, safety or other features of such property and/or its owners or management agent(s). North Carolina 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.

TIPS FOR SHORT TERM STAYS

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Short-term rentals, units that would be rented anywhere from 1 week to 6 months, can sometimes be more difficult to secure. However, there are a few resources available to you in addition to searching the Off-Campus housing site, and other rental sites, including subleases, AirBnbs, and extended stay hotels.

FUN FACT: RALEIGH IS HOME TO 3 MAJOR STATE MUSEUMS ALL OFFERING FREE ADMISSION

REVIS EXECUTIVE APARTMENTS

TOWNEPLACE SUITES RALEIGH



EXTENDED STAY & CORPORATE HOUSING

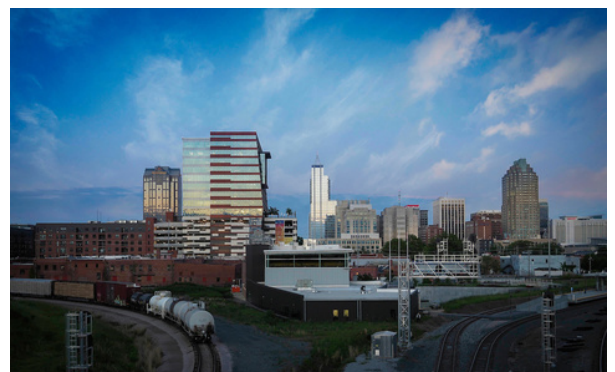
Extended stay hotels offer long term rentals of rooms that are typically complete with a kitchenette. Corporate housing, or executive rentals, offer furnished apartments for short-term stays, typically intended for business travelers staying somewhere 30 days or longer.

SUBLEASES & AIRBNB

Often for short periods of stay, a sublease is the most economical way to rent. Subleases are often furnished, and offered for different time periods. Subleases, or sublets, are types of agreements where you can rent space from the tenant who is renting directly from the landlord. Subleases can be found via the Off-Campus Housing rental search, as well as via different Facebook housing Groups.

Of course, AirBnb is often a popular choice for short-term rental. However, with AirBnb it is important to be very aware of the neighborhood and location you are booking the AirBnb in, and that it is in an area where you can feasibly get to campus.

AIRBNB



SECURING AN APARTMENT

LEASES & SUBLEASES

Off-campus apartments will require that you sign a lease (contract) and pay a security deposit, usually one month's rent, to secure the apartment. Leases come in different lengths (1 month, 9 month, 12 month, etc.). If you are staying longer than 12 months, you will typically have to renew your lease 60-90 days before it expires. Please note that a lease is a legally binding document. Once signed it is unlikely that the rental agency will allow you out of the lease without penalty.

Subleases, or sublets, are types of agreements where you can rent space from the tenant who is renting directly from the landlord. These often can be shorter, and more flexible than a normal lease. They also may or may not require a security deposit, and may or may not come furnished. However, they are still a legally binding agreement between the two parties.

Helpful hint: NCSU Student Legal Services can help with a variety of landlord/tenant issues, including leases, repairs, security deposits, eviction, early termination, pets, damage, roommate problems, sublease agreements, and bedbugs.

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES



RENTER'S INSURANCE

Renter's insurance is a type of insurance that protects your apartment and possessions from damage or loss due to fire, water, theft, etc., depending on your policy. Many off-campus apartment complexes now require renter's insurance (and provide preferred options through specific companies). Regardless of whether or not renter's insurance is required by your apartment complex, it is strongly recommended that you have renter's insurance coverage.

UTILITIES

Many off-campus apartments include some utilities, which include water, electricity, internet, and sometimes gas, in the price of their rent. However, some utilities are left to the tenant to purchase. Here are some companies that offer utilities in the area:

ELECTRICITY

DUKE ENERGY

WATER

CITY OF RALEIGH

GAS

DOMINION ENERGY

INTERNET & CABLE

AT&T

SPECTRUM

GOOGLE FIBER

DIRECT TV



FUN FACT: RALEIGH'S PULLEN PARK WAS THE FIRST PUBLIC PARK IN NORTH CAROLINA

MOVING & SETTLING IN

AMENITIES AND FURNISHINGS



FURNISHED APARTMENTS

A furnished apartment means that it comes with furniture. Usually this means it will minimally include a bed, couch, table and chairs, and desk. Be sure to check with the landlord or leasing agency to know exactly what comes with the room. Typically, linens will NOT be included.

APPLIANCES

Consider which appliances your apartment comes with, including dishwasher, washer/dryer, and air conditioning. Raleigh gets very hot in the summer, so be aware of this if you opt for a unit with not central air conditioning. Also, many units will list that they have "Washer/dryer hookups." This means only that you can put a washer/dryer in the unit, but one is not provided.

FINDING FURNITURE

The Raleigh Area has a multitude of stores, both with new and used goods, that can help with furnishing your apartment.

HOME GOODS & MORE

[WALMART](#)

[TARGET](#)

[HOME GOODS](#)

[TJ MAXX](#)

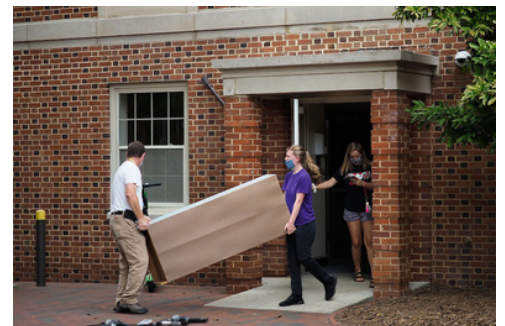
THRIFT STORES

[HABITAT WAKE RESTORE
- RALEIGH](#)

[CAUSE FOR PAWS THRIFT
SHOP](#)

[A-Z THRIFT SHOP](#)

[DORCAS THRIFT SHOP](#)



Facebook is also a great resource for finding local used goods. Both Marketplace, and other "Swap" or "Buy Nothing" Groups are a great resource when you're shopping on a budget.

MOVING & SETTLING IN

GROCERIES

The NC State surrounding area has many options for grocery shopping. There are regular grocery stores, as well as specialty and international markets.

GROCERY STORES

[HARRIS TEETER - OBERLIN](#)

[HARRIS TEETER - WESTERN](#)

[PUBLIX](#)

[FOOD LION - WESTERN](#)

[FOOD LION - AVENT FERRY](#)

SPECIALTY STORES

[WHOLE FOODS](#)

[FRESH MARKET](#)

[WEAVER STREET MARKET](#)

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

[JERUSALEM BAKERY & GROCERY](#)

[ALMADINA MARKET](#)

[ALNOOR MARKET](#)

[GRAND ASIA MARKET](#)

[PATEL BROTHERS](#)



GETTING A DRIVERS LICENSE

You are able to get a North Carolina Driver's License if you choose. To obtain a license, learner's permit, or an ID card in North Carolina, you will need to provide proof of your identity and your date of birth. You will also need to provide proof of your residence address and proof of either a Social Security Number (SSN) or documentation issued by the United States Government indicating legal presence (e.g. your I-20 or DS-2019, visa and I-94 card). You can take the North Carolina driving test at any NC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). More information on obtaining a driver's license can be found on the OIS website.

OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE



Helpful hint: You will be required to provide a vehicle if taking the driving skills test. Your vehicle inspection sticker and license tag must be valid. Insure that your brake lights, turn signals, and horn are operational.

BUYING A CAR

Student Legal Services have a comprehensive website on buying a used car in North Carolina. Please read all information carefully if you plan to purchase a vehicle.

BUYING A USED CAR



SAFETY & STAYING IN THE KNOW

WOLFALERT

Timely and important messages for the campus community are known as WolfAlerts. NC State Campus has a legal obligation to share certain information to students, regulated by different government legislation. This information will be shared by WolfAlert, including other information regarding weather, or other happenings. WolfAlerts are reserved for emergencies that present a broad, immediate and ongoing threat to campus. WolfAlerts are transmitted via text message, email, social media, the university billboards, and more.

 **WOLFALERT**



LOCAL NEWS

These news outlets report on local happenings in the Raleigh-Durham area

WRAL 5 - CBS

ABC 11

CBS 17

THE NEWS & OBSERVER

NCSU POLICE

NC State has a dedicated police force that serves all of campus.

SEVERE WEATHER

The Raleigh-Durham area occasionally experiences severe weather. Most often, this includes severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes, however this can also include hurricanes and light snow. NC State has prepared a helpful website outlining what to do during severe weather.

PACK READY

Pack Ready is an NC State initiative encouraging students to have an emergency plan in place just in case.

NCSU PD

SEVERE WEATHER

PACK READY



Helpful hint: It's best to be prepared for weather events in the area. Make sure to own a flashlight, a portable battery, and check WolfAlert and local news when necessary.

MOVING OUT

CLEARING OUT APARTMENT

Similar to moving in, thrift stores, local groups, and Facebook Marketplace can be your friend when moving out. There are a few organizations in the area who will pick up your furniture for you for free, these include Trosa, and ReStore.



CLOSING OUT UTILITIES

Be sure to check with all utility companies that you are using to make sure you end service with them. Some services like internet might require you to return equipment.

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR LANDLORD

Make sure you know what your landlord expects before moving out. This might include cleaning and small repairs. Make sure you also have communicated how and when you will receive your security deposit back (if you gave one).



DID YOU KNOW?

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS WAS FOUNDED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ITS SECOND ORIGINAL STORE IS LOCATED IN RALEIGH ON PERSON ST.