

FINDING HOUSING IN SEATTLE

Here is basic information to find a place during your stay in Seattle. Look on the [IELP website](#) for more information.



A typical house in Seattle



The Wilsonian Apartments



Poplar Hall in West Campus

Homestay

You will live with an American family in their home and experience their customs and culture. Homestays are often an affordable option and provide meals.

Average price (per month):
\$650 + placement fees

Location: Varies

Important: Homestays may be much farther from the UW

Application: To apply for a homestay, click the link below for a list of homestay companies. If you want to live in a homestay, you should get in contact with the company months in advance in order to be placed.

[More information](#)

Off-Campus

There are many apartments and rooms available for rent near the UW. You can cook your meals or eat on The Ave, and live alone or with other people.

Average price (per month):
Studio - \$750-\$900
1 bedroom- \$900-\$1200
2 bedroom - \$1200-\$1600

Location: Many near UW, other areas: Northgate, Lake City

Important: Be extremely careful to avoid rental scams

Application: For apartments, you will want to look around and talk to landlords. There may be difficulties if you are not planning on staying 1 year as leases are usually 12 months long. You may be able to sublet as well.

[More information](#)

On-Campus

If you live on campus in a residence hall, you can easily walk to your classes. On-campus housing gives you many opportunities to meet American students

Average price (per quarter):
\$2000 - \$3000 + meal plans

Location: On Campus

Important: Autumn Quarter housing is usually unavailable

Application: To apply for on-campus housing click the link below to read more, and then apply on the UW Housing & Food Services website. You will need a UW NetID to apply. If you have not set this up, please read page 16.

[More information](#)

TIPS & ADVICE FOR RENTING

1. **Arrive early** and take time to visit housing options in-person. [Here](#) is a list of hotels near the UW.
2. Make sure to **see the room in-person** before you pay any deposits.
3. Make sure you **understand the rental agreement completely** before you rent.
4. Know if your **utilities (water, sewage, electricity)** are separate & how much they usually cost.
5. **Talk over everything** with your potential landlord. Do not be afraid to **ask questions**.

HOUSING VOCABULARY

Furnished: all furniture is supplied

Unfurnished: a stove and a refrigerator may be provided, but all other furniture must be bought or rented yourself. You may need a car to carry it home or pay a small fee for delivery.

Lease: legal contract that defines the terms of your rental, including the amount of rent, when rent is due, deposits and fees, damage policies, parking, maintenance and more .

Studio: a style of apartment with the living room, bedroom, and kitchenette in one room

Sublet/Sublease: renting a room or unit for a period of time rather than the whole lease

WHERE TO LOOK Click the links to go to the sites!

Well Known Apartments Near UW:

- [*The Commodore Duchess*](#), [*the Wilsonian & Lothorian*](#), and [*Identity Apartments*](#) are all very close to UW, but there many other apartment complexes you may want to look at.

Newspaper Classifieds Online:

- The University of Washington's newspaper, [*The Daily*](#) and [*The Seattle Times*](#) all have housing sections that you can look at.

UW Housing groups on Facebook:

- Join the [*UW Facebook Group*](#) using your UW email address. Within this group, you can join Housing groups, and see apartments and rooms for rent. You can sublet a room for one quarter from UW students.

Rental Websites:

- There are many websites online for housing, but be very CAUTIOUS of scams and requests for immediate payment by money transfer! Remember the tips above when renting. Here are few: [*Apartment List*](#), [*My Apartment Map*](#), [*Rent Jungle*](#), [*Hotpads*](#), and [*Padmapper*](#)



SHORT-TERM PLACES TO STAY

When you arrive in Seattle, you may need a place to stay for a short time until you can move into long-term housing. You should make reservations before you arrive. See below for different types of short term housing in Seattle.



Airbnb



Hostels



Hotels

Airbnb is an online community which allows people to rent a place to stay (apartments, houses, shared or single rooms). Rentals are available all over and may be more comfortable for you. Remember to be careful and look at reviews.

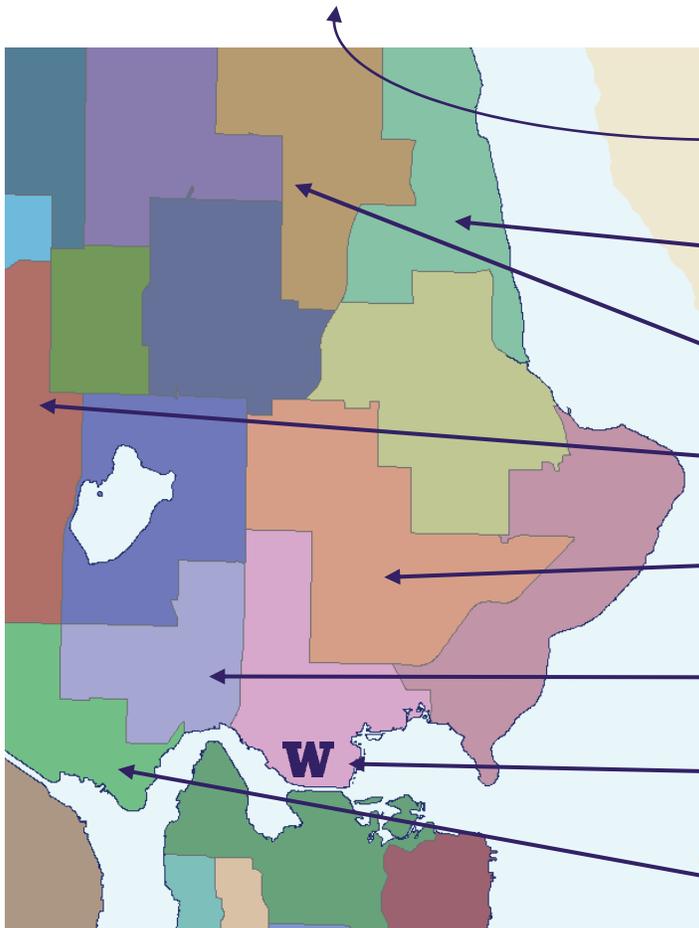
- Check out the [airbnb Seattle](#) to browse available places for your arrival

Cheaper than hotels and often in shared rooms, hostels are an affordable place to stay. Many hostels do not accept cash so you need a bank card that works in the U.S! Note where the hostel is located; some places may be far.

- Check out websites like [hostels.com](#) and [hostelworld.com](#)

Hotels are typically a little pricier than hostels or Airbnbs. Hotels are good for groups, and usually require a credit card number. There are a few hotels around UW, including College Inn, the Hotel Deca, and University Inn.

- Use [TripAdvisor](#) to look at some of the hotels or see [here](#)



WHERE TO LIVE?

SHORELINE— a city north of Seattle where some students get homestays

LAKE CITY— many students get apartments in this area because they tend to be cheaper

NORTHGATE— there is a large mall in Northgate, and many students live in the area

GREENWOOD— this area is near Greenlake, a beautiful lake and a great place for exercise

RAVENNA— many college students live in Ravenna in small houses

WALLINGFORD— across the freeway from UW, this neighborhood is a 15—20 minutes walk to the U-District

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT— this neighborhood is a college town with stores catering to students

FREMONT— there is a Sunday farmer's market and many quirky shops in the area

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