How to Search for and Make Housing Arrangements
On-Campus Housing

• Close to classes
• Peer advisors available
  – 24-hour on-call staff
• Close access to campus amenities
  – Swimming pools
  – Picnic areas, grills, volleyball courts etc.
• Fills up fast!
• Requires a partially non-refundable application fee

Apply online at:
http://www.utdallas.edu/housing/
University Commons

• For first-year freshmen who choose to live on campus

• Features 3-bedroom suites:
  – Furnished with a bed, desk, chair, and dresser
  – Living area
    • Couch
    • Countertops
    • Shared bathroom with sink, shower, and toilet
  – Cable, internet, and other utilities are provided

• Meal plan required

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University Village

- Upperclassmen and graduate students
- Apartment-style housing
- Unfurnished, includes:
  - Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, air-conditioning/heat
  - Some units have microwaves and washer/dryer
  - Internet and cable included

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Canyon Creek Heights

- Upperclassmen and graduate students
- Apartment-style housing
- Furnished, includes:
  - Bed, desk, dresser, chair, sofa, tables
  - Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, microwave, air-conditioning/heat
  - Community laundry room
  - All utilities included

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Searching for Off-Campus Housing

- Proximity to campus
- Amenities provided
- Cost
  - Utilities cost as well
- Size
  - And number of tenants who can stay in one apartment
- Access to stores, restaurants, public transportation etc.
- Safety and appearance of the neighborhood
Searching for Off-Campus Housing

• **Most apartments include**
  – Refrigerator
  – Stove
  – Oven

• **Some may include**
  – Dishwasher
  – Microwave
  – Clothes washer/dryer

• **Amenities that may be available**
  – Swimming pool
  – Gym
  – Community space

• **Utilities may cost extra**
  – Water
  – Gas
  – Electricity
  – Internet service
  – TV service
How do I select an apartment?

• **Research the area**
  – Find online reviews apartments
  – [https://www.apartmentratings.com](https://www.apartmentratings.com)
  – [https://www.apartments.com/reviews](https://www.apartments.com/reviews)
  – [http://www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com)

• **Look up crime statistics**
  – Find public data and crime mapping for neighborhoods
  – Richardson City Website
    • [https://www.cor.net](https://www.cor.net)
  – Dallas City Hall
    • [Dallascityhall.com](http://Dallascityhall.com)

• **Check for pictures online**
  – Some complexes post photos of the apartment
  – Ask a friend to check the apartment or take pictures
Where should I live?

• **883 Comet Cruiser**
  – Many apartments along this route

• **Dallas Off-Campus Housing site**
  – Not affiliated with UTD

• **Cultural Student Organizations**
  – Great resource
  – [http://www.utdallas.edu/icp/housing](http://www.utdallas.edu/icp/housing)
  – Will often assist with temporary housing as well

• **Bookyoursubleasenow.com**
  – Managed by a UTD student
  – Can help you find a sublease, or someone to take over your sublease
  – Shows popular apartments near UTD
I found an apartment, now what?

• Submit an application to the apartment complex
  – Call, e-mail, or check the apartment website for more information
  – Some apartments require a non-refundable application fee
    • Some apartments require an additional fee if you do not have a Social Security Number
    • Many apartments don’t accept cash, it’s not recommended to bring large amounts with you

• Read and sign your lease
  – Very important to read thoroughly
  – Review length of lease, start and end date of lease, terms and rules, items included, termination fees etc.
  – Discuss any questions or concerns with your landlord
Temporary Housing

• View hotels and residence suites near UTD
  – Prices vary
  – Will often charge per night or per week
  – utdallas.edu/icp/housing

• Cultural Student Organizations
  – Often provide temporary housing
  – utdallas.edu/icp/housing
  – Contact groups directly for information
Additional Expenses to Consider

• Furniture and household items
  – Look for stores along the Comet Cruiser 883 route for convenience
  – ICF Garage Giveaway
    • Held every fall to collect and distribute furniture and household items

• Renter’s insurance
  – Check your lease regarding apartment requirements
  – Talk to current students to learn about companies and policies
Additional Questions?

Intercultural Programs
ISSOPrograms@utdallas.edu

University Housing
reslife@utdallas.edu
Helpful Websites

• International Center Housing Site
  – utdallas.edu/icp/housing
  – Provides links to housing options, temporary housing, cultural student organizations and a housing video

• University Housing Site
  – utdallas.edu/housing
  – Provides detailed information regarding on-campus housing
  – Provides links to apply for on-campus housing

• UT Dallas Road Warriors
  – utdallas.edu/roadwarriors/offcampus
  – Provides helpful tips and resources for students who live off campus

• Texas Apartment Association
  – Provides information for renters
  – https://www.taa.org