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Jaxon Meeks

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READING THE FINE PRINT

The endless paragraphs of legal jargon might have you skimming through your lease as fast as possible, but it's important to actually understand what you're committing to before signing off. These guidelines will help you avoid any unexpected costs or conflicts after move-in.

ACTUALLY READ THE ENTIRE LEASE

It may take some time, but it's important to read every page before you sign. This will give you the chance to double check all the major lease terms, like the price, your roommates, term length, pet policies and fees.

If a representative from your complex promised you anything — lower rent, discounted utilities or a specific floor plan — make sure it's reflected in writing. Take note of any additional fees outside of rent and utilities, like required deposits or processing fees.

Save your own copy of the lease, whether it's electronic or paper. If your landlord loses your lease, it could result in a change in price or even a last-minute search for a place to live. It's also good to keep a copy on hand as a reference in case any conflicts arise.

KNOW WHAT'S INCLUDED AND WHAT'S NOT

Some properties include certain utilities in the price of rent. Your lease should outline which, if any, are included, so you'll know what you're responsible for setting up on your own.

Amenities like a campus shuttle or a resort-style pool might influence your decision to pick one complex over another, but sometimes these optional perks aren't included in the rent and can be discontinued by the landlord at any time.

Ask for details about your parking situation. Some complexes may not provide parking at all, and others may have assigned parking spots. Taking the wrong person's spot could result in your car getting towed. Guest parking policies also vary, as well as any special game day parking rules.

SAVE THE DATE

In Athens, most leases aimed at students begin in August and end in June or July. If you're planning to stay in town all summer, make sure you have a place to crash between the end of your current lease and the beginning of your new one. Some complexes will allow you to move in early, usually for a fee.

You can also be charged for breaking your lease early. Be prepared to pay a termination fee and any remaining charges your property manager requests.

If you decide to study abroad for a semester, go home for the summer or graduate in December, you may end up paying rent for an apartment or house you aren't living in. Most lease terms last a year, but the termination fee might actually be more expensive than just paying rent for the remainder of the lease.

Depending on your landlord, subletting might be an option. Some allow private subletting, some require you do it through a leasing officer and some ban it outright. If you sublease, ask your new property management about anything you're unsure about, like pet policies or security deposits.

INSPECT YOUR UNIT BEFORE MOVING IN

As soon as your lease begins, do a thorough assessment of your new place. Your apartment might not look exactly like the model unit or the one in the virtual tour. Take pictures of anything that needs attention or repairs, and try to get the landlord to confirm a maintenance schedule.

Just like in the dorms, it's important to do this inspection before you move in. Your landlord might not be considered responsible for anything broken or damaged if you take possession of the apartment without requesting repairs.

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SETTING UP UTILITIES FOR THE FIRST TIME

Since residence halls include utilities in upfront costs, many students living off-campus for the first time haven't had to pay for water, power, cable, internet or trash before. Your new property might provide some of these, but you'll need to set up anything that's not included on your own (see list).

If you live with roommates, it's important to coordinate with them on how utility payments will be shared. Some complexes will automatically split utility charges evenly, but if you have to set up your own accounts, they will likely be charged to one person.

A good way to manage utilities is to have each roommate take over the bill for one, then reimburse each other at the end of the month.

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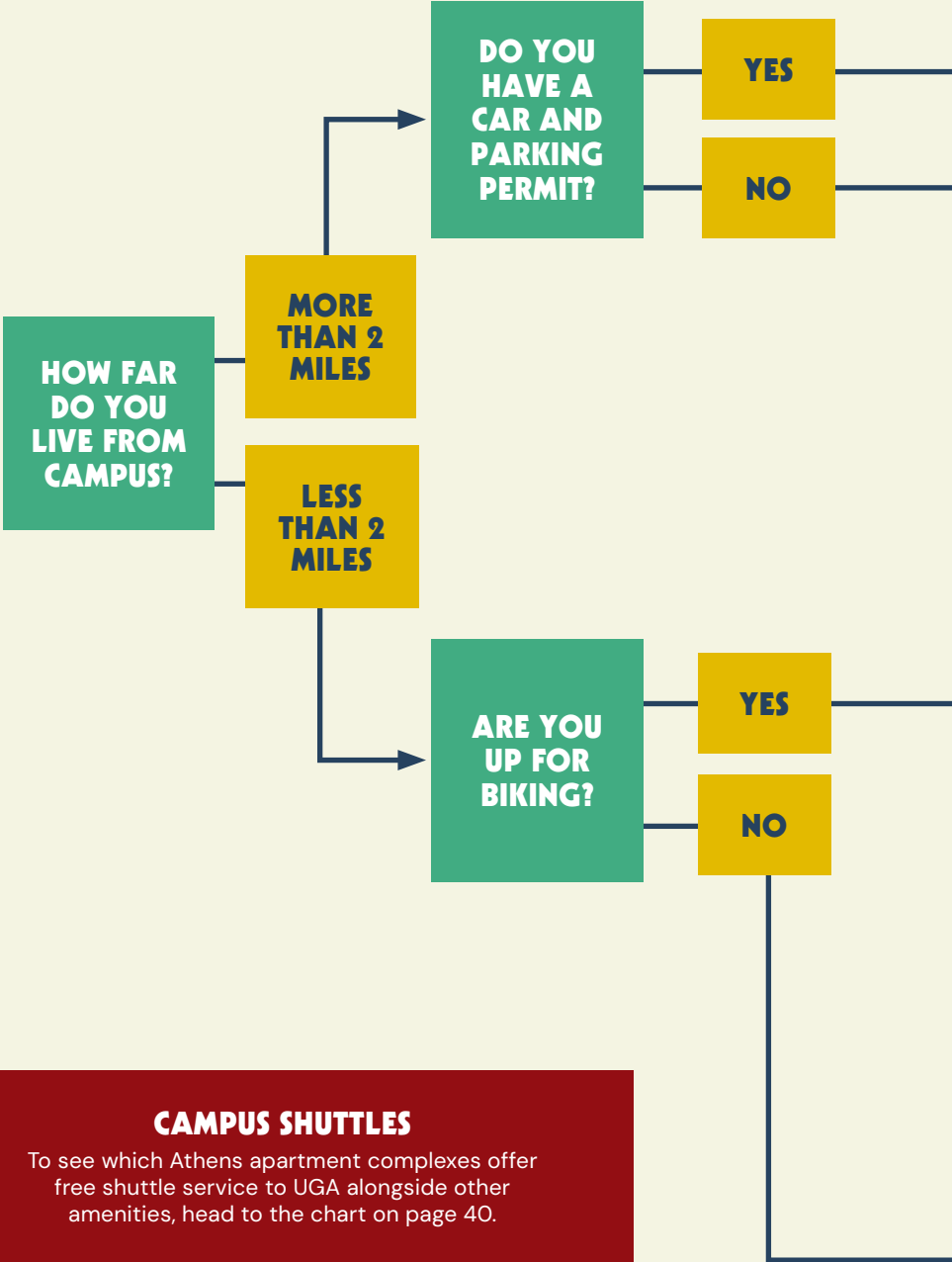
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COMMUTER QUIZ

HOW TO GET TO CAMPUS FROM ANYWHERE IN TOWN

When you're house hunting, it's important to keep your commute in mind. You may love your West Side apartment, but are you prepared to make the drive to campus every day? Your house on Milledge Avenue might be a short walk from class, but will you still want to make the trek in December? Here are a few questions to help you plan your commute.



CAMPUS SHUTTLES

To see which Athens apartment complexes offer free shuttle service to UGA alongside other amenities, head to the chart on page 40.

DRIVING

Driving to campus is fast and convenient, but parking permits are expensive, and you might not be able to snag a spot near your classes. It's still the best option for students who need to stay on campus longer or commute to a job after class, just be prepared for traffic during class changes and at the end of the work day. If you don't have a parking pass, you can still park in the Tate Student Center Deck and various other lots; but the hourly rate adds up fast. Parking in permit-only lots without one can (and probably will) result in a \$50 ticket, with an additional \$75 fee for your third or fourth citation.

BUS

Don't think that the UGA bus system is confined only to campus. If you live nearby, you might be able to use UGA buses to commute. The Health Sciences route, for instance, can be convenient for those renting in Normaltown and Five Points. The buses get crowded quickly, especially during class change, so it may take a few weeks to find a reliable route and stop. Athens Transit is a free city bus with 20 different routes. Hours of operation end at 9:45 p.m. during the week and at 10 p.m. over the weekend. Several apartment complexes, like Athens Ridge, The Connection and Abbey West have shuttles to campus.

**ARE YOU
ON THE
BUS LINE?**

YES

NO

BIKING

Biking to class will help you get around campus quicker and avoid parking fees. If you're ready to invest in a reliable bike, try local stores like The Hub Bicycles, Georgia Cycle Sport and Sunshine Cycles, just remember to get a bike lock too. The Hub also offers rental plans for \$40 to \$75 a day if you want to see how biking around campus would go. For an even cheaper option, download the Spin app to rent e-bikes around campus through Bulldog Bike Share. Rides start at \$1 plus 25 cents per minute, but monthly passes are also available.

COMBO COMMUTE

If you aren't on the bus line, you'll probably do some combination of walking, riding and cycling to class. UGA and Athens Transit buses have bike racks on the front, so feel free to keep your bike with you for your entire commute.

WALKING

Walking is a healthy, eco-friendly way to get around — and it's free. But be sure to consider weather and walkability. (Do you need to walk along major roads? Is it 90 degrees outside?) Late nights at the library can also pose a safety concern, so be aware of your surroundings when walking in the dark. Stick to well-lit paths and sidewalks and always try to have a friend with you.



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

APARTMENT HACKS

By Jaxon Meeks

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Ella Kemmerly

Moving off campus can bring a whole new set of challenges. Strict landlords, noisy roommates and cramped spaces put a damper on what's supposed to be a fun, freeing transition. Here are a few practical tips for navigating apartment life.

DOOR SEALS

Living with other people tends to come with a lot of unwanted noise, especially if you and your roommates have different sleep schedules. One way to get some peace and quiet is soundproofing your bedroom door with weatherproof strips.

CHORE LIST

To keep common areas clean, try to divide chores up evenly between you and your roommates. You might not need a strict physical schedule, but an initial discussion of who's responsible for what could ensure that everyone's pulling their weight.

COMMAND STRIPS

If your apartment doesn't let you make holes in the wall to hang decorations, you can always try command strips. They're easy to apply, hold more weight than you'd think and usually detach from the wall without damaging the paint.

STUD FINDER

If your landlord is more lenient about decor, a stud finder can come in handy if you're hanging framed art, shelves or anything heavier. Securing it to the wall in front of a stud will keep it stable and make it hang straighter.

UNDER BED STORAGE

Need a little more storage than what your closet can offer? Try storage organizers that slide under your bed for your out-of-season clothes, holiday decorations or anything else you don't need constant access to.

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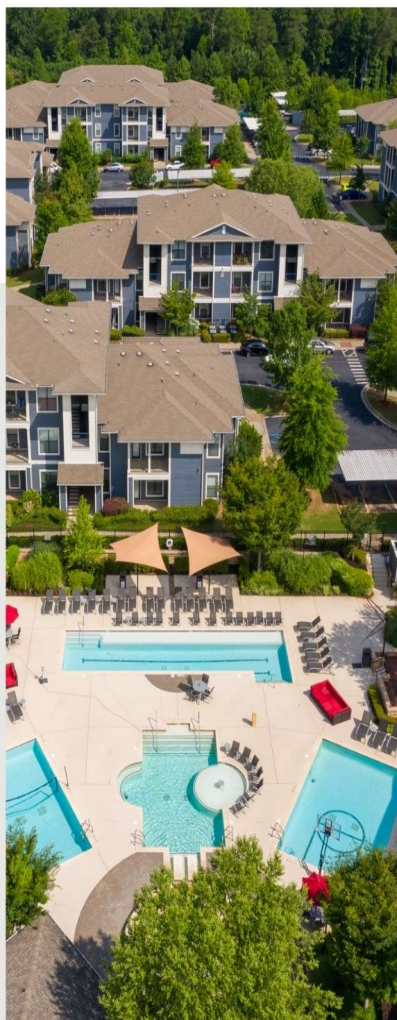
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WHAT KIND OF ROOMMATE ARE YOU?

POP QUIZ!

By Mary Ryan Howarth

WHAT DO YOUR WEEKEND PLANS LOOK LIKE?

A Thursday to Sunday you can find me downtown or at a house party to pregame or postgame.

B I usually check in with my roommates earlier in the week to see what the plans are. I just want to be with friends. I'm down for whatever!

C I don't make weekend plans, I just see how I feel on the day.

D I'll be on the couch watching a movie or TV with my pet.

E I'm down for anything, but I need to know the plan ahead of time so I can finish my homework and clear my schedule.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU CLEAN?

A If I've had people over I'll clean/tidy up after them, but it only happens occasionally.

B My roommates and I all do chores together, so if I see them cleaning I'll jump at the opportunity to help out.

C I'm usually too busy to think about cleaning.

D I end up cleaning my room about once a week when things start to pile up.

E I'm cleaning pretty much constantly, there's always a mess somewhere to address.

WHEN DO YOU DO LAUNDRY?

A I try to get it done once a week but I usually forget or leave my stuff in the dryer. Sometimes my roommates just throw my clean clothes in my room.

B I do it whenever no one else needs to do laundry, I always check with my roommates first.

C I only find the time to do it once my hamper is overflowing.

D I usually only do laundry when no one else is home.

E Every weekend, typically in the morning unless I'm busy.

WHAT TIME DO YOU GENERALLY WAKE UP AND GO TO BED?

A During the week I try to get plenty of sleep so that I make it to class on time, but on the weekends I'll be up until 3 a.m. and sleep until noon.

B I wake up early so I don't miss out on anything going on in the house, and I usually go to bed when everyone else in the apartment does.

C It just depends on the day and what I have planned, but I'm out late more often than not.

D I love my sleep, I'm usually the last one out of bed and the first to call it a night.

E Early to bed and early to rise!

WHAT DO YOU USE YOUR SPACE FOR MOST?

A I love hosting friends and throwing parties, I want my place to be where everyone comes to hang out.

B It's a home base where my roommates and I can spend time together.

C I'm never really home. My room is just a place to crash between work, school and socializing.

D My room is my safe space. I love to be alone and decompress.

E Having a space where I can relax is important to me. I take pride in keeping my place clean, organized and decorated.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO GROCERY SHOPPING?

- A** I get groceries a couple times a week. Snacks, frozen meals and energy drinks are my staples.
- B** I go on Sundays when nothing else is going on. I plan meals and go shopping with my roommates so we can eat together.
- C** I run to the store whenever I have time. I try to eat simple, healthy foods but stocking up on caffeine is a must.
- D** I'll get groceries whenever I'm already out doing other errands. I keep a lot of snacks in my room.
- E** I go shopping once a week. I keep the fridge organized and make sure everyone's food is labeled.

HOW DO YOU NAVIGATE ROOMMATE CONFLICTS?

- A** I'm not scared of confrontation so I'll usually be the first person to say something.
- B** I hate confrontation and will usually try to keep the peace. If something is bothering me I try to forget about it.
- C** I'll wait and address it in the roommate group chat while I'm not home.
- D** I don't have any problems with my roommates because I barely see them.
- E** I'll confront them and try to have a productive conversation, especially if it's disrupting everyone's day.



IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY A's

You love going out and hosting hangouts, and hopefully your roommates do too. Make sure to give them a heads up when you're planning on having people over or coming home late, or invite them to join you! Cleaning might not be a priority for you, but you owe it to the people you live with to help out around the house.



IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY B's

You're kind of a clinger. You hate to be alone and want to be with people all the time. It's nice to have friends for roommates, but try to be mindful of their privacy, too. Remember that you live with these people, and you have plenty of time to be together. They'll probably be more inclined to hang out with you when you respect their space.



IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY C's

You're a ghost in your apartment! It's nice to have a full social calendar and be involved on campus, but your roommates might never see you. Your room and groceries are probably pretty neglected too. Make an effort to check in with your roommates more often and do your part to keep your place clean.



IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY D's

You're probably pretty introverted and need alone time to recharge. College can be overwhelming, but try to get a little more human interaction throughout the day. Getting to know your roommates can actually help you feel more comfortable at home. Plus, if you avoid them completely, they'll probably think you hate them.



IF YOU ANSWERED MOSTLY E's

Your roommates should definitely appreciate all the effort you put into keeping your place clean, but don't take on all the chores yourself or get annoyed when they don't have the same need to keep things organized. Try to delegate household tasks evenly and remember that your room is the only one you have total control over.



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

WHAT 10 ATHENS APARTMENTS DO BEST

By Jaxon Meeks

MOST LIKELY TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Uncommon Athens • 165 E Dougherty St.

Just a few blocks from the heart of downtown, Uncommon Athens provides furnished units and unique amenities like a sauna, fitness center and a golf simulator. You can host your friends or neighbors on the patio, which has grills, TVs and a sunset view.

MOST CONSISTENT

Polo Club • 110 International Dr.

Constructed in the 1990s, Polo Club Athens has cemented itself as a reliable choice for student housing. It's right next to Kroger, Publix and lots of East Side restaurants, and the complex amenities include 60-inch TVs, sports courts and a swimming pool.

MOST LIKELY TO BE CAUGHT TAKING SELFIES

Georgia Heights • 150 West Broad St.

This upscale downtown apartment building is definitely one of the most photogenic, with a courtyard featuring hammocks, fire pits, and a pool. There's lots to enjoy outdoors, but the modern finishings help create a big city vibe right here in Athens.

MOST ATHLETIC

The Retreat on Milledge • 2555 S Milledge Ave.

Situated between the UGA Golf Course and the Club Sports Complex, the Retreat on Milledge is one of the most convenient for student athletes. They also have a fitness and yoga studio, a pool and a volleyball court.

MOST POPULAR WITH PARENTS

The Mark • 130 Hickory St.

While you'll probably spend most of your time exploring Athens when family comes to visit, it's also nice to show them around your apartment (especially if they're paying for it). The Mark offers a relaxing atmosphere with its infinity pool, game rooms, and lounge areas.

MOST LIKELY TO BE FAMOUS

Farmer's Exchange • 580 E Broad St.

Built in 1897 by Billups Phinizy, an Athenian who helped construct Clarke County's courthouse and The Georgian Hotel, Farmer's Exchange sits between Broad and

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BEST DRESSED

The Rambler • 558 W Broad St.

The Rambler, a high-rise complex that opened earlier this year, offers elevated amenities like an on-site dog spa, an enclosed pool with a jumbotron and a huge fitness center with a sauna. It also has a coffee shop on the ground floor, Daydreamer Cafe, that's open to the public but has resident-only study areas.

MOST LIKELY TO LIVE ON A FARM

Summit of Athens • 1035 Barnett Shoals Rd.

The Summit of Athens provides a unique cottage-style community center that exudes Southern hospitality. These two- and three-bedroom townhomes and condos have warm, cozy furnishings and access to recreational courts and a pool.

MOST CHANGED

The Lodge • 211 North Ave.

The Lodge is nestled in an alcove of trees on North Avenue. After a summer overhaul, the once green and brown rustic buildings have become sleek and monochromatic. Their renovated units feature new flooring, furniture and countertops.

MOST LIKELY TO SURVIVE THE OUTDOORS

The Flats at Carrs Hill • 592 Oconee St.

The Flats offers a variety of fully-furnished floor plans two blocks from campus, but it's also close to the Firefly Trail and Dudley Park, perfect for any students trying to get their steps in or spend time in nature.



Daydreamer Cafe at The Rambler |
Merielle Gatlin



LIVING ALONE

HOW TO BE YOUR OWN ROOMMATE

By Mary Catherine Dodys

When you start college, everyone prepares you for sharing a small space and getting along with your roommates. However, this isn't the case for everyone at UGA. You might actually find yourself living alone for the first time.

Some students opt for the solo living experience, and while it's definitely a privilege not everyone gets to enjoy, it can also be anxiety-inducing or isolating at times. Here are a few tips on how to make the most of having a place all to yourself.

HOLD YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE

With roommates, you can divide chores and responsibilities among the entire household. When it's just you, you only have your mess to clean up, but no help doing it. No one else is going to take pity and wash the dishes lingering in the sink.

If you find the upkeep overwhelming, try making a chore schedule for yourself. It can help you remember what day you need to take the recycling out, how often you should disinfect the bathroom or the last time you organized the fridge.

Take your lifestyle into account and be realistic. Once you find a method that works, it can be even easier than communicating with roommates and having to rely on them to keep the space tidy.

GET A PET

Many student housing complexes in Athens allow residents to have cats, dogs or smaller pets (see page 40), some with a fee and some without. Adopting a pet can be a great way to combat loneliness or avoid rotting in bed. Sometimes it can be easier to take care of an animal than yourself.

Being able to walk a dog is a great way to keep yourself active and make sure you're getting outside multiple times a day. A cat will always greet you when you arrive home from class, providing a low energy, but highly affectionate friend. Having a pet also teaches responsibility and can keep you balanced. It might require you to stay in for the night and be productive, rather than going out again.

Realism is key here, too. Make sure you have the time, money and energy to care for an animal before you get attached to a picture of a shelter cat. If you're really



Foxglove Plantbar | Melanie Velasquez

ready to adopt, check out the Athens Area Humane Society or Athenspets to find your new bestie.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Athens' housing layout creates clusters of students in small areas, meaning there are usually lots of potential friends nearby. If you don't already have familiar faces in your neighborhood or complex, try reaching out to your neighbors or hallmates.

Small talk outside your front door could lead you to your new gym partner or Bachelorette-watching buddies. Even if they don't become an instant addition to your friend group, it's nice to have someone close by that you know you can trust in case of emergencies (or just water your plants while you're away).

STAY SAFE

Living alone can be scary at times. With no roommates to blame every creak and squeak on, it may take longer to settle into your place and feel secure.

If it helps you sleep better at night, there are precautions you can take to protect your house or apartment. Ring doorbell cameras alert you if there's motion outside your door, but will also come in handy when you're waiting for a package to arrive. Door security bars help prevent intruders, but don't fortify exits to the point that you can't get out quickly in case of a fire.

APPRECIATE ALONE TIME

After graduation, you'll probably end up living with roommates, family or significant others at some point. There will be days that you yearn for college life, when you could live in pajamas, cook for one, and have no one witness your hair mask or whitening strips. You might never have this much alone time again, so try to appreciate it while it lasts.

It can be liberating to have total privacy and not have to accommodate for anyone else's schedule. Use this phase of your life to get to know yourself better. When you get to choose how much social interaction you have, you'll find out how introverted or extroverted you really are. You might be counting down the days until you move in with someone else, or you could discover you're more independent than you thought.



HOME DECOR GUIDE

THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD BEYOND TARGET

By Mary Ryan Howarth

ATHENS INTERIORS MARKET

250 Old Epps Bridge Rd.

If you're looking for sophisticated pieces to tie your space together, head to this locally-owned boutique for furniture, wall art, table settings and more. Their showroom setup makes it easy to browse their selection and picture things in your own home. Athens Interiors also sells a huge amount of UGA themed decor and gifts.

AT HOME

2656 Atlanta Hwy.

At Home may not be the place for vintage knick-knacks or one-of-a-kind items, but it does have a wide range of decor staples. Shop for throw pillows, blankets, doormats or anything else you're looking to get for a lower price.

BIZARRO-WUXTRY

225 College Ave.

Head upstairs to Wuxtry's sister store to find comic books, graphic novels or art books for your coffee table. They also have a curated selection of action figures and collectibles to fill your bookshelf.

INDIE SOUTH

470 Hawthorne Ave.

Indie South may be a go-to spot for crystals, incense and tarot decks, but they also have plenty of home decor on offer. Find staples like pillows, prints and tapestries alongside houseplants, windchimes and candle holders.

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

590 Olympic Dr.

This marketplace has endless vintage pieces, from antique chairs to crocheted blankets to one-of-a-kind paintings. The store houses more than 80 vendor booths, so prices vary.

LEXINGTON VINTAGE

1743 Lexington Rd.

If you're on the East Side, head to Lexington Vintage for records, antiques, furniture and knick knacks. It's also a great place to complete a gallery wall, with lots of art, frames and larger wall hangings available.

MOTHER LODE

1005 Baxter St.

This eclectic multi-vendor vintage market doesn't just sell clothes and accessories, but also unique trinkets and home decor. Some items are handmade by Athens artists (look for ceramics and wall art), while others are vintage (furniture and coffee table books). The prices vary depending on the vendor, but are overall moderate.

STARLITE SHOWROOM

750 W Broad St.

This vintage store near campus specializes in mid-century modern and designer furniture. Stop by to pick out a statement piece for your bedroom, get retro glassware for your kitchen or add to your record collection.

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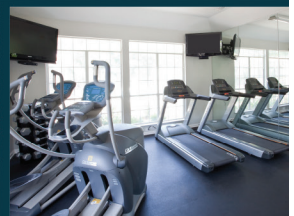
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GET COOKING

YOUR STARTER KITCHEN CHECKLIST



That \$300 KitchenAid stand mixer may add a pop of color to your counter, but do you really need it? No. Focus on gathering the basics before curating a pinterest-ready kitchen.

APPLIANCES

Not everyone needs a food processor or Instant Pot, but there are still some essentials worth purchasing. Start out with a toaster or toaster oven and a coffee maker if you need one. It might also be worth getting a plug-in kettle and a hand mixer.

BAKEWARE

Opt for glass dishes that can go in the oven or microwave and have lids so you can store leftovers easily. A sheet pan for frozen pizza or cookies is also a must-have.

CANNED GOODS

A jar of pasta sauce will always get used and can last a few meals. Canned beans and veggies can come in handy if you're out of produce or between trips to the grocery. Soups are good to have on hand when you're short on time.

COOKWARE

It's best to have a range of pots and pans, including a stockpot, a frying pan and a saucepan, all with lids. Big box stores like Target offer cookware sets for a low price, but thrift stores and yard sales are also a good source for gently used items.

DRY GOODS

Unopened pasta will last in your pantry for up to a year, and most white rice will last indefinitely if unopened. For baking, you'll need all-purpose flour, granulated and/or brown sugar, baking powder and baking soda.

OIL, VINEGAR & CONDIMENTS

Different types of vinegar are used for different kinds of cooking, but if you want just one, red wine vinegar is a good all-purpose option. Lots of recipes call for olive oil or vegetable oil, and it won't take long to find out which condiments are must-haves for you.

PREPWARE

Cutting boards, different sized mixing bowls and measuring cups are necessities. You'll want a serrated knife for bread, a paring knife for slicing and a big chef's knife for chopping.

SEASONINGS

Beyond salt and pepper, herbs and spices are essential for flavorful cooking. It's fun to build your personal collection of seasonings over time, but you can also pick up pre-packed spice racks for about \$25 at Walmart.

UTENSILS

Silverware is expensive! Check Target and Walmart for more affordable sets. Other than cutlery, you'll want a spatula, tongs, wooden spoons, a whisk and a ladle. A colander, can opener, peeler and a grater will also come in handy.

MINI MADNESS

If you're not ready to invest in a full collection of quality appliances, there are plenty of affordable mini versions readily available, perfect for anyone cooking for one.

FRIDGE

Your dorm room mini fridge might become redundant once you have a full one, but smaller, 6-can fridges are perfect for keeping drinks (or refrigerated skincare) in your room.

WAFFLE MAKER

Mini waffle makers are so popular that you can find one that makes waffles in almost any shape, from hearts, to pumpkins to Snoopy.

BLENDER

Single-serving blenders are perfect for smoothies, take up less space than a full-size processor and cost a fraction of the price.

RICE COOKER

Rice cookers come in mini sizes too, and often make more than one serving. If you've never had a rice cooker it may not seem like an essential, but once you get one you'll never look back!

TOASTER OVEN

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NEW RULES

KNOW THE ATHENS LAW SO YOU DON'T BREAK IT

When transitioning to off-campus housing, it's important to be aware of the Athens-Clarke County laws and ordinances you might not have known about while living on University property.

WHERE TO PARK

Athens-Clarke County has an ordinance prohibiting people from parking in unapproved areas, even if it's your front yard. Parking anywhere that isn't specified as an approved area or doesn't meet the paving or graveling requirements is prohibited. This can result in citations or even towing, so take note of the parking practices in your neighborhood.

WHERE TO PUT YOUR TRASH

All recycling and trash cans must be put out in front of your property by 6 p.m. the day before pickup, and removed from the street by the end of the day that the trash is collected. On non-pickup days, the cans must be stored behind or adjacent to your home, or screened from public view. Glass can be included in your regular recycling. Plastic bags can be recycled at grocery stores like Kroger and Publix or at the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials on College Avenue. To find out what day your trash is collected, enter your address into the Solid Waste Department Areas and Collections Schedules interactive map.

WHEN TO PLAY MUSIC

Noise that travels 300 feet is prohibited from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. This ordinance includes sounds made from mechanical devices, human-produced sounds and commercial advertising, so keep your music and TVs at a reasonable volume. At night, noise can't travel more than 100 feet without being considered a disturbance. This applies to party noise between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. during the week and between midnight and 7 a.m. on weekends, so be extra courteous to your neighbors if you're hosting!

WHERE TO PUT FIRE PITS

Open burning is mostly prohibited in Athens-Clarke County, with a few exceptions. Devices like backyard fireplaces, open metal drums, burn barrels or burn pits are prohibited unless the fire is for cooking food or recreational purposes. However, fires in provided grills, fireplaces and fire pits are allowed.



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BOULEVARD / NORTH CHASE / PULASKI HEIGHTS

Founded in the late 1800s as a suburb connected to downtown Athens by streetcar, historic Boulevard is a colorful neighborhood now popular with artists, entrepreneurs and musicians, as well as university staff and students. It's a walkable, friendly community listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A once-industrial area off North Chase Street houses lofts and small businesses, and Pulaski Heights is still dotted with small historic homes that housed a spectrum of laborers. The Pulaski Heights Trail is a paved walking and biking path that connects the neighborhood to downtown.

Cheap eats: Maepole, Pulaski Heights BBQ, Tlaloc, White Tiger Gourmet

Stuff to do: Attend a play at Town and Gown Players. Go indoor rock climbing at Active Climbing. Attend community events like Boo-le-Bark on the Boulevard. Sip coffee or wine at Buvez, then shop for toys and art supplies at Treehouse Kid & Craft.

CHICOPEE-DUDLEY

Stretched along the Oconee River between Third and Oconee streets, Chicopee-Dudley is home to students and longtime locals. It's not far from downtown, but also has plenty of outdoor spaces to enjoy. The area is home to several R.E.M. landmarks, like the steeple of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Weaver D's Delicious Fine Foods of "Automatic for the People" fame.

Cheap eats: Chicken Salad Chick, Mama's Boy on Oak Street, Rashe's Cuisine, Waffle House

Stuff to do: Walk, run or bike on the newly expanded North Oconee River Greenway or the Firefly Trail. Walker Park and Dudley Park offer an outdoor reprieve with large recreation areas.

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In the oldest suburb in Athens, east of the intersection of South Milledge and Prince avenues, you'll find charming historic buildings from the 1800s and some of the city's top locally owned restaurants.

Cheap Eats: Big City Bread Cafe, Donderos', Taqueria Del Sol, The Taco Stand

Stuff to do: Go shopping at Daily Groceries Co-op for local produce and fresh-baked bread. Enjoy live music at Hendershot's, a coffee shop by day and a bar by night. Take a class at Shakti Power Yoga.

DOWNTOWN

The heart of Athens is bustling with restaurants, retail and posh student housing. Downtown living provides easy walking access to the University of Georgia's North Campus and Athens nightlife. With over 80 bars and a dozen music venues (some spaces acting as both), the streets are flooded with students and townies alike most weekends.

Cheap eats: Bubble Cafe, Dawg Gone Good BBQ, Little Italy

Stuff to do: Go on a sustainable shopping spree at Dynamite, Cillies Clothing or Agora Vintage. Eat, drink and play board games at The Rook & Pawn. Catch a show at Georgia Theatre, 40 Watt Club or Flicker.

EAST SIDE

Located off The Loop's exit 7 (College Station) and exit 8 (Lexington Road/Oconee Street), the East Side is a home base for many UGA students. There are plenty of affordable housing options, from duplex communities to huge apartment complexes.

Cheap eats: Blind Pig Tavern, Cali N Tito's, Sweetie Pie by Savie, Taste of India

Stuff to do: Play tennis at Satterfield Park or hit a few rounds of golf at the UGA Golf Course. Go roller skating at Fun Galaxy. Grab a treat at Lil' Ice Cream Dude's Cool World.

FIVE POINTS

Walking distance from campus amid the sorority and fraternity houses that line South Milledge Avenue, Five Points hosts a mix of students and families in both historic homes and smaller apartments. From food to fitness to retail, Five Points is a pedestrian-friendly hub of local business and activity.

Cheap eats: Baddies Burgers, El Barrio Tacos & Tequila, Fully Loaded Pizza Kitchen, Kelly's Authentic Jamaican Food, Condor Chocolates

Stuff to do: Shop for organic groceries at Earth Fare or fresh bread at Independent Baking Co. Browse books at Avid Bookshop. Watch a soccer game at The Royal Peasant.





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MACON HIGHWAY

Just off The Loop headed toward 441 South, Macon Highway is a quiet, developing area. With a few apartment complexes and small restaurants, this is an ideal spot for students who want some distance from the commotion of downtown. Nearby parks and trails provide plenty of opportunities to get outdoors, and the proximity to The Loop shortens the drive across town.

Cheap eats: Butt Hutt BBQ, Mama's Boy at the Falls of Oconee, Amici at the Falls of Oconee, Molly's Coffee Company

Stuff to do: Bring your best game at Showtime Bowl. Visit the State Botanical Garden of Georgia off Milledge Avenue. Have a picnic at Memorial Park. See the black bears at Bear Hollow Zoo.

NORMALTOWN

Normaltown is an eclectic area with a mix of older homes and local businesses lining Prince Avenue and its side streets. It was originally nicknamed for the State Normal School, a teachers' college founded in 1891. Its former grounds are now home to UGA's Health Sciences Campus, putting Normaltown on the UGA bus line.

Cheap Eats: Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant, Automatic Pizza, Marti's at Midday

Stuff to do: Stock up on groceries and goodies at the Athens Farmers Market at Bishop Park on Saturdays. Grab a drink at The Old Pal or compete in a trivia night at Hi-Lo Lounge. Have a specialty latte on the patio at Sips Espresso Cafe.

WEST SIDE

The West Side of Athens runs along Atlanta Highway from the Middle Oconee River and is rapidly expanding with a variety of restaurants and big box stores, from Trader Joe's and Target to Home Depot and Costco. Apartment complexes in the area have close proximity to the popular shopping and dining that most people regularly cross town for.

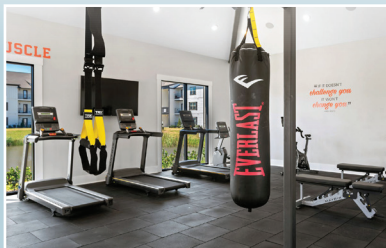
Cheap eats: Locos Grill & Pub, Sr. Sol, Rafferty's, Strickland's Restaurant

Stuff to do: Grab a few drinks and a bite to eat at Akademia Brewing Company. Do some shopping at America's Thrift or Goodwill. Stroll the river trails at Ben Burton Park.

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HOUSE HUNTING

HOW TO RENT A HOUSE IN ATHENS

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As a bustling college town, Athens has a variety of housing options for students at the University of Georgia. Whether it's a dorm, apartment complex or townhouse, there's something for everyone. For many students, renting a home is the way to go.

House hunting can be a little more complicated than applying to one of the dozens of student-focused apartment complexes. Here are some tips to make the process a little smoother.

USE YOUR CONNECTIONS

Gabrielle Loudermilk, a psychology major, rented a house near campus with four other roommates. Despite how daunting the process seemed, she got lucky — her previous landlord also owned other properties.

"We were really lucky in already knowing the people that we were going to be subleasing it through," Loudermilk said.

To ensure that you can find a home and sign a lease in time for the school year, Loudermilk recommends using word of mouth.

While she already knew her landlord, she explained that many college students secure a home by hearing about other tenants moving out.

Start by asking your friends if they or anyone they know is going to have a room or entire unit available next year.

MAKE QUICK DECISIONS

Timing is key when it comes to finding a house in Athens. Because tens of thousands of students already know that they'll be living here again next year, the houses zoned for unrelated tenants tend to go fast.

"If you don't know your decision within the few weeks after you tour the house, the house could be gone," Loudermilk said.

For psychology major Isabel Milner, timing was of the essence as well. When looking for a new place to live, Milner found a set of townhomes that had just been built. She and her roommate needed to decide quickly to score a spot.

PICK YOUR ROOMMATES

Knowing who your roommates will be helps both you and your landlord through the process.

"Make sure you have your roommates picked out," Milner suggested. "Not everyone is going to have a roommate pairing system."

Milner decided to live with her roommate from the previous year. If you want to live with your current roommates, try to have that conversation with them as soon as possible.

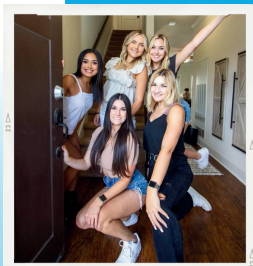
"Communicate with your roommates about renewing leases. That is a big one because you're going to be stuck trying to figure something out," Milner said.



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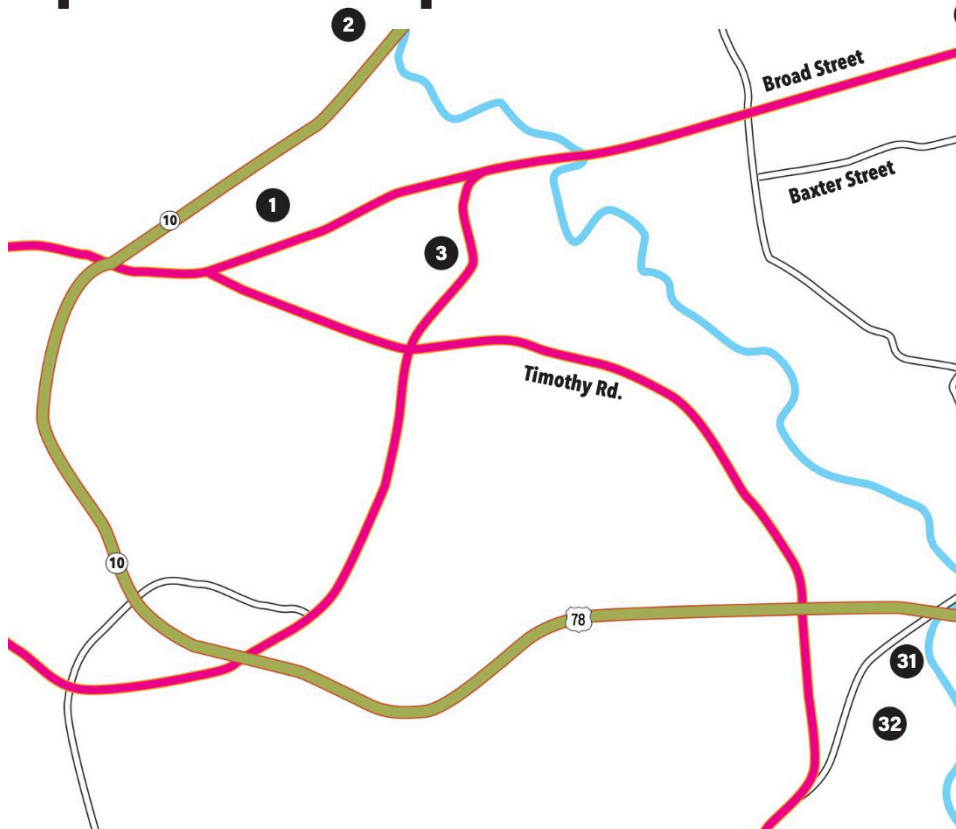
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205 Westchester Dr.

3. ABBEY WEST

250 Epps Bridge Pkwy.

4. TOWNE CLUB

260 Springdale St.

5. THE MAXXEN

230 N Finley St.

6. GEORGIA HEIGHTS

150 W Broad St.

7. UNCOMMON ATHENS

165 E Dougherty St.

8. ARCHER ON NORTH

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9. THE LODGE

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10. NEWBERRY CENTRAL

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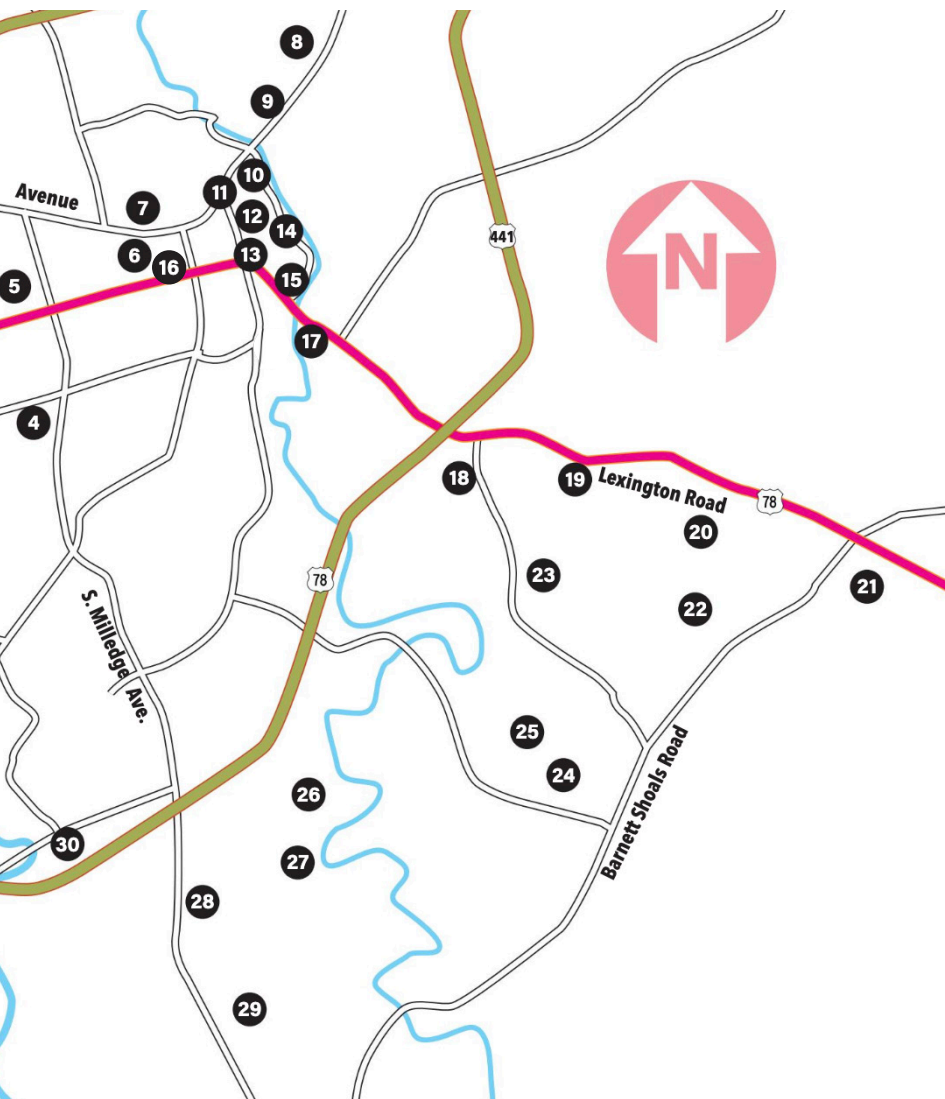
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15. THE MARK

275 / 305 Oconee St.

16. THE RAMBLER

558 W Broad St.



17. THE FLATS AT CARRS HILL

592 Oconee St.

18. IKON

314 Barnett Shoals Rd.

19. HAVEN OF ATHENS

135 Kentucky Cir.

20. ATLAS ATHENS

2400 Lexington Rd.

21. THE OAKS APARTMENTS

175 Woodlake Pl.

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750 Gaines School Rd.

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32. ATHENS RIDGE

1000 Redwood Ln.

COMPLEX THINKING

QUICK FACTS ABOUT ATHENS APARTMENTS

There are dozens of student-focused housing complexes in Athens with the number growing every year. From downtown high-rises to townhouses and cottages, you might feel overwhelmed by all the different options. Here's a breakdown of the most popular complexes and all they have to offer.

NOTE THAT PRICES AND FEATURES ARE THOSE LISTED AT PRESS TIME

PROPERTY	CONTACT	NOTES
755 Broad Downtown	755 East Broad St. 706.850.6787	This downtown high-rise features balconies, a rooftop terrace, pool, gym, resident parking and controlled building access.
Abbey West West Side	250 Epps Bridge Pkwy. 706.549.0098	Located on Epps Bridge, this complex features balconies, a pool, gym, computer lab, sports courts and a gated entrance.
Archer Apartments East Side	210 Spring Ct. 706.395.1400	This complex offers a pool, gym, dog park, a study room and a hammock grove.
Ascent Athens East Side	100 Still Creek Ln. 706.549.7611	Billed as luxury housing, this East Side complex includes a pool, fitness center, business area and dog park.
Athens Ridge Macon Highway	1000 Redwood Ln. 706.548.3244	This complex off Macon Highway is furnished and includes a pool, gym, fire pit, study lounges and attached garages.
Atlas Athens East Side	2400 Lexington Rd. 762.356.4261	This new complex offers a wide variety of furnished floor plans, a pool, study lounge and a shuttle to campus.
Bulldog Crossing Macon Highway	148 Old Will Hunter Rd. 706.521.5886	Features at this renovated complex include controlled building access, pool, clubhouse, picnic area and balconies.
The Connection West Side	255 The Preserve Dr. 706.548.2400	This West Side development features a clubhouse, pools, gym, sports courts, covered parking, dog park and a business center.
Farmer's Exchange Downtown	580 E Broad St. 706.850.7740	These historic lofts are just steps from North Campus and feature a new study lounge, courtyard and a variety of floor plans.
The Flats at Carrs Hill Downtown	592 Oconee St. 762.232.2289	Some of the units in this complex near downtown include balconies. Features include a pool, study rooms, gym, covered parking and utilities included in rent.



Ikon |
Sidney Chansamone

BEDS	BATHS	RATES	UTILITIES	AMENITIES
1, 2, 3	1-3.5	\$1,800-\$4,425 <i>per unit</i>	web	
2, 4	2, 4	\$600-\$720 <i>per bedroom</i>	electricity water	
1, 2, 3	1-3	\$489-\$929 <i>per bedroom</i>	trash water	
S, 1, 2, 3	1-3	\$1,267-\$2,124 <i>per unit</i>	no	
4, 5	4, 5	\$720-\$745 <i>per bedroom</i>	cable web	
S, 1-5	1-5.5	\$940-\$1,730 <i>per bedroom</i>	web	
2, 3, 4	2-4.5	\$580-\$765 <i>per bedroom</i>	web	
1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4	\$715-\$1,229 <i>per bedroom</i>	water web	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	1-2.5	\$595-\$1,570 <i>per bedroom</i>	trash web	
1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3	\$1,139-\$1,799 <i>per bedroom</i>	all	



PROPERTY	CONTACT	NOTES
Georgia Heights Downtown	150 W Broad St. 706.521.0868	This downtown high-rise has a pool, gym and computer lab. Some units also feature balconies.
Haven of Athens East Side	135 Kentucky Cir. 706.752.5936	This newer development features cottage-style units with a variety of floor plans. Features include pool, clubhouse, dog park and outdoor activity space.
Ikon East Side	314 S. Barnett Shoals Rd. 762.212.0136	This East Side complex features a pool, gym, study lounge and a tanning salon. Units come with private patios or balconies.
The Lark Downtown	909 E Broad St. 706.227.6222	This downtown high-rise includes a pool, fitness center, game room, and an attached parking garage. Some units are two-story and some feature patios.
The Lodge East Side	211 North Ave. 706.410.1487	This complex features 2-bedroom furnished units, a huge pool and a shuttle to campus. The academic-minded can enjoy private study rooms and community-wide WiFi.
The Mark Downtown	275 Oconee St. 305 Oconee St. 706.543.5015	This large downtown high-rise includes a rooftop infinity pool, a gym, sports courts, lounges and a parking garage. Some units have balconies. Lower level retail.
The Maxxen Downtown	230 N Finley St. 706.395.6460	This brand new build offers a rooftop pool, private courtyard and resident parking just steps from campus.
Newberry Central Downtown	325 Willow St. 706.909.2286	This downtown complex offers fully-furnished units close to campus, as well as a fitness center, pool and study lounge.
The Park – Hillside East Side	425 Riverbend Pkwy. 706.715.3900	Between Main Campus and East Campus, this complex includes a pool, tennis court, clubhouse and study rooms.



BEDS	BATHS	RATES	UTILITIES	AMENITIES
1, 2, 4	1, 2, 4	\$1,409–\$2,898 <i>per bedroom</i>	cable web	
2, 3, 4	2.5–4.5	\$855–\$925 <i>per bedroom</i>	no	
2, 3, 4	2, 3, 4	\$869–\$1,079 <i>per bedroom</i>	no	
S, 1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3	\$939–\$1,750 <i>per bedroom</i>	no	
2	2	\$779–\$934 <i>per bedroom</i>	web	
S, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1–5	\$1,079–\$1,849 <i>per bedroom</i>	cable trash web	
S, 1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4	\$1,155–\$1,865 <i>per bedroom</i>	trash water web	
2, 3, 4	2.5, 3, 4	\$799–\$1,050 <i>per bedroom</i>	web	
4	2, 4	\$525–\$575 <i>per bedroom</i>	water trash web	

PROPERTY	CONTACT	NOTES
The Park – Lakeside Macon Highway	1000 Lakeside Dr. 706.715.3900	Just down the road from its sister complex, this community near Macon Highway features a pool, volleyball court and clubhouse.
Pointe Apartments East Side	750 Gaines School Rd. 706.707.5158	This East Side complex includes a pool, gym, playground, picnic area, sports courts, laundry room and business center.
The Oaks East Side	175 Woodlake Pl. 706.549.6254	Features at this East Side complex include sand volleyball courts, a pool, tennis courts, dog park and on-site maintenance.
The Polo Club East Side	110 International Dr. 706.549.2058	This East Side complex includes a pool, gym, sports courts and a gated entrance.
The Rambler Downtown	558 W Broad St. 706.659.9476	This brand new upscale complex has a wide variety of furnished floor plans and unique amenities like a coffee shop and a sauna.
Redland Apartments East Side	505 Riverbend Pkwy. 866.912.0925	This complex includes a dog park, gym, clubhouse, resort-style pool, sports complex and a hammock grove.
The Reserve East Side	175 International Dr. 706.548.4400	This East Side complex includes a pool, computer lab and gym. All units are furnished and leases are all-inclusive.
Retreat on Milledge Macon Highway	2555 S Milledge Ave. 706.395.2886	This South Milledge complex offers a gym, yoga studio, private study rooms, a pool, volleyball court, golf simulator and a shuttle to campus.
River Club Macon Highway	1005 Macon Hwy. 400 Timothy Rd. 706.703.4725	These apartments and townhomes include pools, sports courts, clubhouses, business centers, and a fitness center.
The Standard Downtown	600 N Thomas St. 706.247.7704	This luxury downtown high-rise includes a parking garage, study lounge, picnic area, rooftop pool, gym, sauna, and more.
Towne Club Five Points	260 Springdale St. 706.546.5610	This condominium complex features three- and four-bedroom units. (Note: No pets allowed, except service animals.)
Uncommon Athens Downtown	165 E Dougherty St. 762.252.8630	This downtown high-rise includes a clubhouse, gym, sauna and study rooms. All units are furnished.
Westside Commons West Side	205 Westchester Dr. 706.549.0180	This West Side complex includes a pool, dog park, picnic area and laundry facility. Some units have balconies.

LITTLE GEMS

Eclipse on Broad

This downtown apartment complex near the river features a gym, clubhouse, in-unit washer and dryer and resident parking. It's also a short walk to North Campus. Units have balconies and come fully furnished with four bedrooms and bathrooms. Pricing per room starts at \$1,035.

Courtyard South

These apartments are located on South Milledge and have large closets, spacious floor plans and a washer and dryer in each home. They're also near Memorial Park and the Intramural Fields. Units come unfurnished with one-, four-, and five-bedroom options. Pricing per unit starts at \$1,625.

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BEDS	BATHS	RATES	UTILITIES	AMENITIES
2, 4	1, 2	\$415–\$585 <i>per bedroom</i>	water trash web	    
1, 2, 3	1, 2	\$875–\$1,175 <i>per unit</i>	no	    
1, 2, 3	1, 1.5, 2, 3	\$999–\$1,595 <i>per unit</i>	trash water	   
2, 3, 4	2, 3, 4	\$724–\$979 <i>per bedroom</i>	trash web	    
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	\$1,299–\$1,719 <i>per bedroom</i>	web	     
1, 2, 4	1, 2	\$535–\$635 <i>per bedroom</i>	cable water web	     
2, 4	2, 4	\$750–\$880 <i>per bedroom</i>	all but electricity	     
3, 5	3, 3.5, 5.5	\$909–\$945 <i>per bedroom</i>	cable trash web	    
2, 3, 4	2, 3, 4	\$629–\$690 <i>per bedroom</i>	trash water web	    
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	\$1,145–\$2,015 <i>per bedroom</i>	web	    
3, 4	2, 3	\$545–\$595 <i>per bedroom</i>	no	 
1, 2, 4	1, 2, 4	\$1,009–\$1,669 <i>per bedroom</i>	all	   
1, 2, 3	1, 2	\$1,020–\$1,505 <i>per unit</i>	electricity	   

Mathis Athens

A major renovation preserved the historic charm of these vintage apartments on Lumpkin, near the heart of Five Points. Resident parking and some utilities are included. The apartments come unfurnished with studio, one- and two- bedroom options, starting at \$1,475 per unit.

The Rive

This newly renovated apartment complex across the street from Nuçi's space is just steps from campus and Sanford Stadium. Features include furnished four-bedroom apartments, a pool, business center and dog park. Townhomes start at \$799 per room, while flats start at \$799 per room.

AMENITIES KEY

-  DOG PARK
-  FURNISHED
-  GYM
-  PETS
-  POOL
-  SHUTTLE
-  BUS LINE

READY TO MOVE IN?

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU RELOCATE

NUMBERS TO KNOW

15'

Truck size U-Haul recommends
for moving a one- or two-
bedroom apartment

\$70

Cost of renting a small U-Haul
storage unit for one month

1st

Day of the month when
rent is typically due

3

How many weeks in advance
you should set up utilities
for your new place

MY MOVE-OUT DATE

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MY MOVE-IN DATE

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30+ DAYS OUT

- Make plans for a rental truck, storage unit or movers
- Create a budget for new home expenses — from move-in fees to new furniture
- Repaint or fix holes if you made changes to the walls

15 DAYS OUT

- Start packing items you won't need before your move
- Make sure your utilities and Internet are all set for move-in

7 DAYS OUT

- Finalize any move-in plans with roommates
- Start packing more items, like kitchenware

DAY OF

- Complete any necessary paperwork at the leasing office
- Clean the unit before moving all your things in
- Change address for credit card statements, Amazon, etc.

GRAB BAG

When moving, it's helpful to have one bag with you that you unpack first. Here are some essentials to include in your grab bag:

At least two days' worth of clothes

Toiletries and towels

Prescriptions

Necessary electronics and chargers

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