ARRIVAL INFORMATION on HOUSING and TRANSPORTATION

For Visiting International Scholars

Temporary Housing Accommodations

**Umass Lowell Inn & Conference Center**
50 Warren Street
Lowell, MA 01852
Phone: 978-934-6917
Fax: 978-934-4040
http://www.uml.edu/Public_Affairs/Special_Events/ICC/default.html

This Hotel is on the UMass Lowell Campus and very convenient to stay while you look for permanent housing. When you make your reservations make sure to tell them that you will be a UMass Lowell International Scholar. You can mention that you referred to them by the UMass Lowell International Students & Scholars Office.

**Courtyard by Marriott**
30 Industrial Avenue, East
Lowell, MA 01852
Phone: 978-458-7575
Fax: 978-458-1302

**Commonwealth House**
87 Nesmith St., Lowell, MA
Phone: 978-452-9071

If you require temporary accommodations for a few weeks or more, you’ll need kitchen facilities as it gets very expensive to eat out everyday. Short term accommodations with kitchen facilities are available at:

**Hawthorn Suites**

Drum Hill Technology Center
25 Research Place
North Chelmsford, MA
Phone: 978-256-5151
You can find furnished and unfurnished apartments in Lowell and the surrounding area, but rental costs and convenience (distance to campus, public transportation, shopping, etc.) can vary significantly.

**Renting an Apartment**

**Decisions you will need to make:**

- What is your annual budget, including monthly rent, heat, hot water and broker’s fee?
- How close to you want to live to UMass Lowell?
- Do you want to live alone or have roommates?
- If you’re bringing a family, and have children that need to attend public school, we can provide you with additional information.
- Are you looking for a furnished or unfurnished apartment?

**Other considerations:**

- **What is the lease commitment?** *(For your first rental, upon arrival, it is advisable not to sign a one-year lease until you are more familiar with the renting process, location, etc.)*
- How safe is the neighborhood?
- Are heating and hot water included with your monthly rent?
Is there a basement laundry?

Will the apartment be noisy (Is it near an elevator or entry? Are the walls thin?)?

Is the apartment, especially the kitchen and bathroom, in good and clean condition?

Are you allowed to keep your bicycle in your apartment or in the basement?

Are there any security features (particularly for ground floor apartments)?

What is the overall size of living space?

If you have roommates, how will the utility bills be shared?

Is there sufficient natural sunlight and/or overhead light fixtures?

Is the apartment close to public transportation?

Is there a grocery store or shopping nearby?

The classified section in the local newspaper, The Lowell Sun, ([http://www.lowellsun.com](http://www.lowellsun.com)) is a good resource of information regarding apartments for rent.

Also, there are several rental agencies that can help you find an apartment. A few of them are listed below. (Please note this list is provided for your convenience and does not constitute an endorsement of these agencies by the University.)

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To apply to rent an apartment, you will need:

- Proof of enrollment
- Bank statement, loan statement, or evidence of how you will pay your rent
- First and last month of rent

You may also need:

- Security deposit, which can be up to one month’s rent
- Broker fee, which can be up to one month’s rent

Rental fees for an apartment can range from $800 to $1250 per month (excluding utilities such as gas, electricity, telephone service, etc.) depending on the size of the apartment. If you share an apartment, which many students do, the cost may be reduced significantly.

Legal Rights and Responsibilities. - Visit the Residents section of [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) for information on:
1) Renting in Massachusetts; 2) Tenant/Landlord Rights and Responsibilities; 3) Housing Consumer Education Centers;
4) How to File Consumer Complaints; 5) Face-to-Face Mediation Program; 6) United States Postal Moving Guide