Housing Cost Comparison Worksheet

Apartments come with a long list of expenses, many of which you may not anticipate. See below for a preview of the additional bills you could take on in an apartment. Fill in the rest as you shop around!

	Option 1 University Housing Residence Halls	Option 2 Housing's Ashton Woods Apartments	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
UTILITIES					
Water	Included	Included	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
Electricity	Included	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
Heat	Included	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
Garbage/Waste Removal	Included	Included	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
Basic Cable (per room or apartment)	Included	Included	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
High-Speed Internet	Included	Included	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
Lounge/Study Space	Yes	No			
Computer Lab	Yes	No			
Laundry Facilities	Yes	Yes	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
Lawn Care and Snow Removal	Yes	Yes	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
SECURITY & MAINTENANCE					
24/7 Security and Maintenance	Yes	Yes			
24/7 On-Call Professional Staff	Yes	Yes			
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS					
Daily Cleaning of Common Areas	Yes	Yes			
Community Building Activities	Yes	Yes			
Leadership Opportunities	Yes	Yes			
Meal Plan Available	Yes [1]	Yes			
Dining Hall in Neighborhood	Yes	No			
Front Desk Services	Yes	Yes [2]			
LEASE/CONTRACT					
Length	Academic Year [3]	Aug – Aug [4]			
Co-Signer Required	No	No			
Accommodates Study Abroad	Yes	Yes			
COSTS					
Application Fee	$200 [5]	$0	$	$	$
Security Deposit	$0	$250	$	$	$
Cleaning Fee	$0	$0	$	$	$
Parking (academic year)	Varies	Included	$	$	$
Monthly Rent (per person)	$515 – $1,182 [6]	$650 – $750	$ /mo	$ /mo	$ /mo
LOCATION					
Close to campus	Yes	Yes			
Near gym facilities	Yes [7]	Yes			
Accessible to MTD bus system	Yes	Yes			
OTHER					
Cleaning Supplies					
Furniture	Included				
Groceries/Take-Out					
Kitchenware					

1 Daniels and Sherman residents are not required to purchase a meal plan.
2 Services are coordinated by the Family & Graduate Housing Office during regular business hours.
3 12-month option available in Daniels Hall.
4 Lease dates are flexible.
5 $50 application fee and $150 advanced payment.
6 Range includes most popular room types in undergraduate and graduate residence halls. Other room types are available. Undergraduate hall rates include meal plans.
7 Many residence halls offer fitness rooms on site.