

Auburn Relocation Guide 2025-26

A Guide for Newly Arriving Graduate Students to Auburn





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Availability and Leasing Structure

There is currently no university-based housing for graduate students. Most graduate students rent an apartment near the main university campus. Many graduate students live alone in a 1 bedroom or efficiency apartment. Others live in a shared apartment with one or more students. Students with a spouse and/or family may want to explore 1-, 2-, or 3-bedroom rental options.

Many rentals in Auburn are leased by room/suite within a multi-bedroom unit rather than lease of an entire unit, so it is important to clarify the lease terms when exploring options. Also, most rentals require a 12-month lease to begin in August and end July of the following year.

We encourage Fall arrivals to begin exploring rental options as soon as possible, as availability of units becomes more limited as the Fall term start date approaches. For new arrivals in Spring or Summer term, a sublease can be a good option.

Resources for Your Housing Search

The purpose of this guide is to gather key information in one document to assist with relocation to Auburn. An additional helpful resource for students is the [Off Campus Housing page](#) hosted by AU Student Affairs. The page contains search tools to view available rentals and/or search for potential roommates. Login is required for certain features. You can also learn helpful information about being a tenant in Auburn.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING | Housing | Roommates | Resources | Add a Listing | Sign In / Sign Up

Welcome to Auburn University

Student Housing Locator

[View Rentals](#)

Find your next home!

SPRING HOUSING FAIRS!

February 3 & 25 | 10 AM - 2 PM
Student Center, Main Lobby

Housing Fair

February 3rd & 25th - 10AM-2PM CST - Student Center, Main Lobby
University Housing is hosting two housing fairs

Students, Faculty & Staff

[Register here](#) to create an account and start your housing search today.

Find a Roommate

Need a roommate? [Sign Up](#) to create a profile and search for a roommate.

Post a Sublet

Need to sublease your apartment? [Register](#) or [login](#) to your account to post your available sublet.

Local Realty Companies

The following is a list of local realty companies. Each of these manages multiple residential rental properties at various locations throughout the Auburn area.

* = Rental companies most used by international graduate students

360 Management*

- Office Location: 411 Opelika Road, Auburn, AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.887.3606
- Email: rentals@concepttoclosing.com

Auburn Realty *

- Office Location: 233 West Glenn Avenue, Auburn AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.887.8777
- Email: rentals@auburnrealty.com

Evans Realty

- Office Location: 729 East Glenn Avenue, Auburn AL 36831
- Phone: +1 334.821.7098

First Realty *

- Office Location: 428E Magnolia Avenue, Auburn AL 36831
- Phone: +1 334.887.3425
- Email: info@firstrealtyservices.com

Fucci Realty

- Office Location: 429 Glenn Avenue, Auburn AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.821.6581
- Email: admin@fuccirealty.com

Hayley Management Company

- Address: 930 Avenue A, Opelika AL 36801
- Phone: +1 334.319.4724
- Email: info@hayleymanagement.com

Local Realty Companies Continued

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Liberty Properties

- Office Location: 318 North College Street, Auburn AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.821.1600

Northcutt Realty *

- Office Location: 248 South Gay Street Auburn AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.826.7720

Prestige Properties

- Office Location: 472 North Dean Road Suite 101, Auburn AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.887.5274
- Email: info@prestigeprops.com

Redmont Properties Auburn

- Phone: +1 334.703.0341
- Email: auburn@redmontproperties.com

The Vue – Auburn*

- Phone: +1 334.887.3606
- Email: rentals@concepttoclosing.com

Wade Management Company *

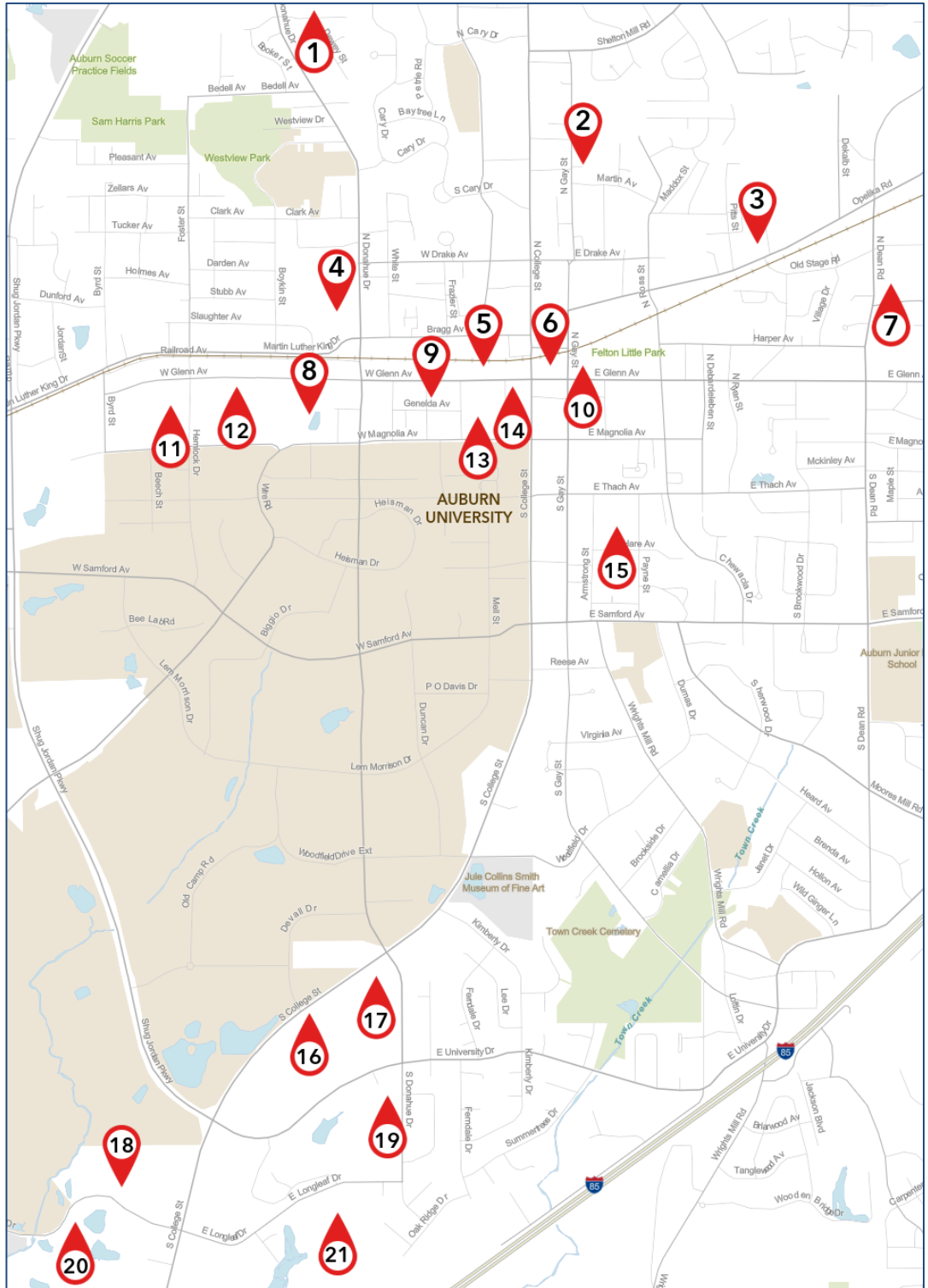
- Office Location: 337 East Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn AL 36830
- Phone: +1 334.209.0773
- Email: info@waderentals.com



Individually Managed Properties

The following are individually managed housing properties within a short distance of the main campus. With many of these properties, the typical arrangement is individual leases of a private room or suite. For some properties listed, one-bedroom apartments or multiple bedrooms with shared baths are available options.

1. [Club 34](#)
2. [The Avenue](#)
3. [Summer Brooke](#)
4. [Riverwalk Auburn](#)
5. [Uncommon](#)
6. [The Balcony](#)
7. [Grayton on Dean](#)
8. [Eagles West](#)
9. [oLiv Auburn](#)
10. [The Standard](#)
11. [The Grove](#)
12. [Logan Square](#)
13. [320 West Mag](#)
14. [West & Wright](#)
15. [221 Armstrong](#)
16. [The Beacon](#)
17. [Evergreen](#)
18. [Samford Square](#)
19. [French Quarter](#)
20. [The Magnolia](#)
21. [The Mill at Auburn](#)



Additional Online Resources for Housing

The following are third party sites that allow users to search for rental listings using filters such as location, number of bed/bathrooms, price range, and amenities.

- [Apartmentlist.com](https://www.apartmentlist.com)
- [Apartments.com](https://www.apartments.com)
- [auburnapartmentguide.com](https://www.auburnapartmentguide.com)
- [Hotpads.com](https://www.hotpads.com)
- [Rent.com](https://www.rent.com)

Facebook Resources

The following are Facebook groups with housing-related posts:

- Auburn University (AU) Housing, Sublets & Roommates
- Auburn Alabama Rentals
- Auburn Graduate Student Online Forum (moderated by AU Graduate Student Council)

You can [check out a list of international and cultural student organizations](#) on the AU Involve website. AU Involve is a database to help you explore active student organizations and events hosted by these organizations. The profile page of each organization includes links to any social media.



Questions to Consider

Beginning graduate study, as well as settling in a new environment, can have many challenges. Your living space can impact how well you manage. Answering the following questions can help determine the best option for your housing.

- **Do you want to live alone, with roommates, or with your spouse or family?**
- **Where do you want to live? Near campus? Near certain stores? In a certain environment? Near a park or public school?**
- **What kind of housing do you prefer? Efficiency? 1 bedroom? 2-3 bedrooms?**
- **What is the monthly rent?**
- **What utilities will be needed? Are any of these utilities included with the rent?**
- **Is the unit within walking distance to my primary location for classes/research?**
- **Is the apartment near a Tiger Transit route? If yes, which transit route? (Be aware that Tiger Transit service is not available on weekends.)**
- **What is my earliest move-in date? Move-in dates for Fall term could be as late as mid-August, so it is important to ask.**
- **What amenities are included?**
- **Which of the following are near the apartment: grocery store, pharmacy, park, or recreational destination?**

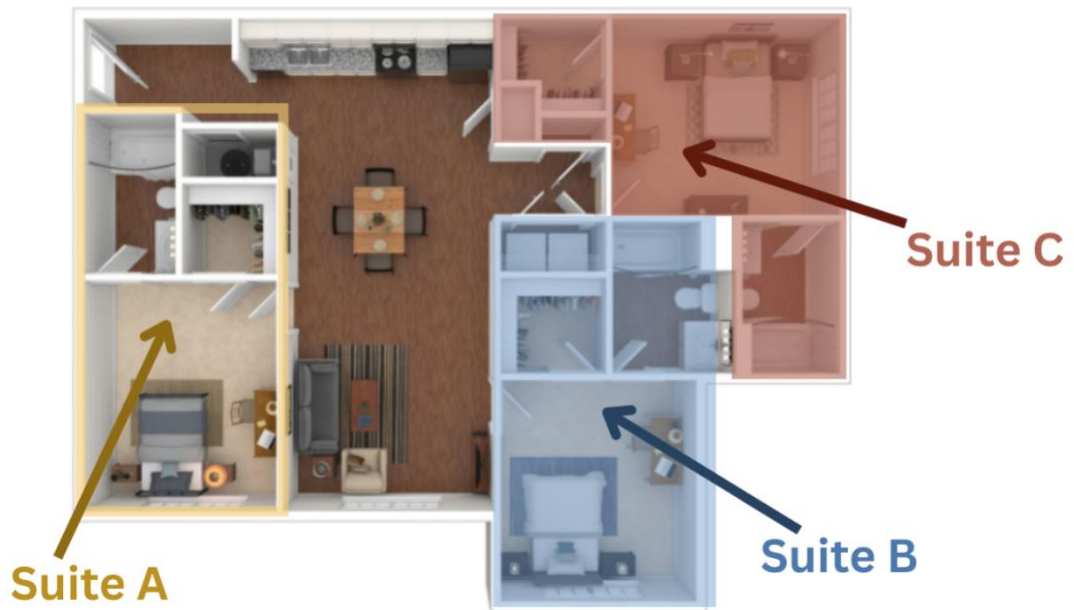
Consider what is important to know about potential roommates before you decide to live with them. Assess/compare expectations of the household.



Types of Apartment Housing

Room/Suite

Each occupant leases a private suite (bedroom and bathroom) or private room with shared bath. Common areas (living room, kitchen, and laundry) are shared by all occupants.



Studio

Entire unit is a single large room with attached kitchen or kitchenette and a separate bathroom.



Types of Apartment Housing Continued

One bedroom

One-bedroom apartments have a separate bathroom and a separate bedroom; some have a kitchen that is separate from the living room, while others are open concept, with the kitchen open to the living room.



Two bedroom

In a typical two-bedroom apartment, each bedroom has a window, a closet, a door, and room for a bed and dresser. Often there is only one bathroom, a kitchen, and a living room. Some may have 2 bathrooms.



Types of Apartment Housing Continued

Three bedroom

Three-bedroom apartments typically have 1 master bedroom with a private bath, 2 additional bedrooms with shared bath, a kitchen and a living room. Usually, the student who chooses the master suite pays a higher amount than the students who share the bathroom.



Alternatives to Apartment Housing

The following are additional types of rental housing that may be available through the various rental companies or any of the online resources provided.

- **Traditional single-family house:** a house that is built on its own parcel of land with no shared properties
- **Mobile Home:** a large trailer or transportable prefabricated structure situated in one place and used as permanent living accommodation. Many mobile homes are on lots in mobile home parks.
- **Duplex:** a house divided into two apartments, each with a separate entrance
- **Townhouse:** a multi-floor home that shares one to two walls with adjacent properties but has its own entrance

What is Required to Rent Housing

Documents

You will need to provide documents to an agent or property management company as part of your application to rent housing.

For international students, documents will likely include:

- The I-20 Form
- Passport

Domestic students will likely need to provide documentation regarding income, and a government-issued ID. A credit check may also be part of the application process.

What is a guarantor?

A guarantor (or co-signor) is a person who takes legal responsibility to pay the rent if a tenant does not pay. The guarantor would need to show proof of their income. A guarantor may be required as a standard policy of the property manager or if your monthly income is less than 3 times the monthly rent. In the U.S., guarantors whose income is made overseas are typically not accepted.

Fees

A rental will typically include the following fees:

- Application fee: A charge for processing your application
- Security deposit: Fee to secure against damage to the apartment. Tenants are refunded this fee at end of lease if rental remains in good condition.

Depending on included utilities, there may be a monthly fee and/or overage fee for utility usage. Be sure to ask.



Household Utilities

Essential utilities normally include water and electricity, though some residences may also include natural gas. If a service is not included in your monthly rental fee and rental agreement, one individual in the household will typically need to open an account with the relevant utility company. The account holder will be billed monthly based on usage, and other occupants will agree to pay that person for his/her share.

Auburn Water Works Board



- City unit that provides residential water and waste management.
- Address: 1501 West Samford Avenue, Bailey-Alexander Complex
- Residential Customer Service: (334) 501-3050, option 4
- Initial costs: New user charge; deposits for water, sewer, and garbage

Alabama Power



- Company that provides residential electricity.
- Address: 1699 South College St, Auburn, AL 36832
- Residential Customer Service: 1-800-245-2244
- Initial costs: Deposit

Spire



- Company that provides natural gas
- Residential Customer Service: 1 800-292-4008
- Initial costs: Deposit

Laundry Facilities

Many apartments do not have in-residence washer and dryer units or on-site laundry facilities. The following locations have pay-per-use machines for public use.



Thach Hut Laundry

1219 East Thach Ave
Auburn AL
334 826 6435

Varsity Enterprises

343 N College St
Auburn AL
334.821 6155

Wash House

3605 Pepperell Pkwy
Opelika, AL
334.821.6155

Internet Service

The following are the primary providers of residential internet service in the city of Auburn. These companies also offer cable TV service.

AT&T

- Residential Customer Service: 1-800-288-2020
- Address: 1121 S College St, Suite B, Auburn, AL

Spectrum

- Residential Customer Service: 1-855-710-8180
- Address: 1990 Mall Blvd, Auburn, AL

WOW

- Residential Customer Service: 1-866-376-7003
- Address: 1570 S. Phillips Rd, Lanett, AL

Cell Phone Service

- Verizon
- AT&T
- T-Mobile
- Cricket



Cell Phone Service: Pre-Paid

Prepaid cell phone service or “pay as you go” service does not require a formal contract. You pay for a designated amount of phone service upfront and can cancel at any time without penalty.

- Walmart Family Mobile
- Mint Simm

Local Shopping: Furniture and Housewares

Thrift Stores/Charity Shops

The following shops sell gently used furniture, clothing, appliances, household items and more. The proceeds from their sales support a specific charitable cause.

- **America's Thrift Store:** 1640 Parker Way, Opelika, AL
- **Goodwill Store:** 3740 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika, AL
- **Habitat Restore:** 3831 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika, AL
- **Harvest Thrift Store:** 2540 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika, AL
- **Life-Savers Mission Thrift Store:** 2051 East University Drive, Auburn, AL
- **Salvation Army Store:** 1038 Opelika Road, Auburn, AL

Yard Sales/Garage Sales

Held by individuals or groups in the community, gently used items are displayed for sale in a lawn, garage, or parking lot. Hours, location, and prices are set by the organizers. Sales are promoted with roadside signs, ads in local print publications, and postings on social media or websites, including [Auburn's Craigslist](#) and [Opelika-Auburn News](#).

Local Retail Stores:

- **Wal-Mart Super Center (2 Locations)**
 - 2900 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika AL *
 - 1717 South College Street, Auburn AL
- **Mike's Merchandise:**
 - 1322 Opelika Road, Auburn AL
- **Target (2 Locations)**
 - 129 North College Street, Auburn AL
 - 2640 Enterprise Drive, Opelika AL *

Facebook Marketplace

Local listings can be an option for finding pre-owned furniture and home goods

The following local groups whose members post items for sale or free:

- [Auburn Opelika Online Classifieds/Garage/Yard Sale Community](#)
- [Auburn University – Buy and Sell \(students only\)](#)
- [Buy Nothing Auburn](#)

Tip: Please take safety precautions if you agree to meet someone to view/buy a listed item.

Local Shopping: Grocery and Personal Care

Groceries, personal care items, and cleaning products can be found at the following local stores. Please note, in local stores certain culture-specific ingredients or products may be more costly or difficult to find than they would be in a larger city with culture-specific markets.



Aldi

(2 locations)

- 400 Frederick Rd, Opelika, AL*
- 1619 South College St, Auburn, AL

Kroger

(2 locations)

- 300 North Dean Rd, Auburn, AL
- 2460 Enterprise Dr, Opelika, AL*

Publix

(3 locations)

- 138 S Gay St, Auburn, AL
- 2900 East University Dr, Auburn, AL
- 2415 Moores Mill Rd, Auburn, AL

Target

(2 locations)

- 129 S College St, Auburn AL
- 2640 Enterprise Dr, Auburn AL*

Walmart Neighborhood Market

(2 locations)

- 1810 Shug Jordan Pkwy, Auburn AL
- 2047 East University Dr, Auburn AL

Walmart SuperCenter

(2 locations)

- 2900 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika AL*
- 1717 South College St, Auburn AL

The following pharmacy stores have grocery, toiletry, and healthcare items:

CVS (2 locations near campus)

- 333 S College St, Auburn, AL
- 770 East Glenn Ave, Auburn AL

Walgreens

- 765 East Glenn Ave, Auburn, AL

Tip: Addresses marked with an asterisk* are on the Tiger Transit Friday Evening Shopping Shuttle route.



Local Shopping: Specialty and Discount Stores

Specialty Grocery Stores

Asian Supermarket*

- Large selection of Asian grocery items
- 3750 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika, AL 36801

Parkway Farmer's Market

- Fresh produce and select other foods
- 2180 1st Avenue, Opelika, AL 36801

Discount Stores

Dollar General:

- 196 East University Drive, Auburn, AL 36830
- 1106 Opelika Road, Auburn, AL 36830

Dollar Tree:

- 1915 S College Street, Auburn, AL 36832
- 3000 Pepperell Pkwy Ste 2, Opelika, AL 36801
- 1709 Frederick Road, Opelika AL 36801

Mike's Merchandise:

- 1322 Opelika Road, Auburn AL 36830

Ollie's Bargain Outlet:

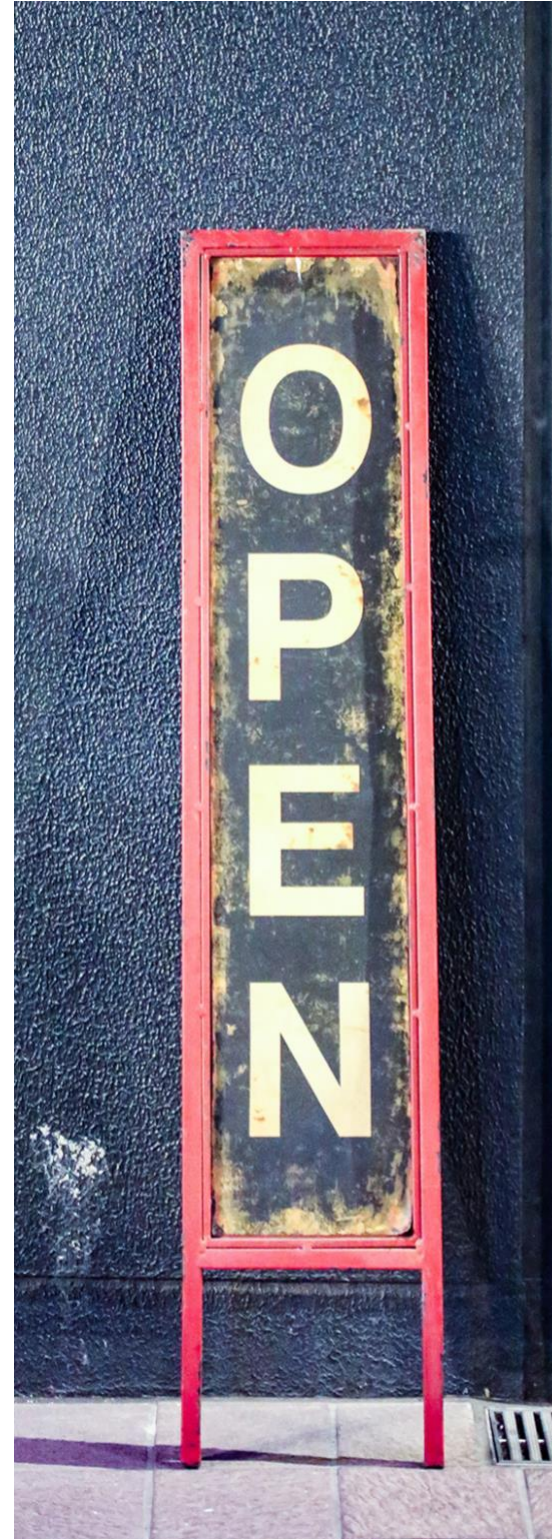
- 2440 Pepperell Parkway, Opelika, AL 36801

Robinson's Overstock Warehouse:

- 1625 E University Dr, Auburn, AL 36830

Thrifty Lizard:

- 1199 S Donahue Drive, Auburn, AL 36832



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The City of Auburn

Toomer's Corner is a well-known location at the intersection of College Street and Magnolia Avenue, across from the main entrance to the AU campus. Within a few blocks are several restaurants, local shops, and cafes as well as a large concentration of apartments.

The “**Loveliest Village on the Plains**” is a nickname for the city of Auburn, originating from the opening line of the 1770 poem [The Deserted Village](#), by Oliver Goldsmith. Though the population continues to grow, Auburn residents appreciate the small-town charm and sense of community Auburn offers.

Learn more about the city you will call home during your time at Auburn University. Visit the [City of Auburn website](#). Also, the [Auburn Opelika Tourism website](#) is a great resource for recreational opportunities as well as cultural and community events.

Auburn Statistics

Population (2023): 78,552
Average Temperature: 12°C - 24°C



Glossary of Terms



Lease

A lease is a rental agreement between the property managers and the person paying rent. Most lease agreements in Auburn are for a 12-month period, beginning in August and ending in July of the following year. Before you sign a lease, be sure to read the agreement thoroughly. Clarify any items you do not understand.

The [University Ombuds Office](#) is a helpful resource to assist students understand the conditions and terms of a lease agreement.

Sublease

A sublease involves renting (to a third party) a portion of the tenant's existing lease contract. Even if a tenant subleases a property, the original tenant is still liable for the obligations stated in the lease agreement, such as the payment of rent each month.

Roommates

In the U.S., we use the term roommates to describe 2 or more unrelated people sharing an apartment or house, though everyone usually has their own bedroom.

Utilities

Utilities are services that are necessary or useful to living, such as electricity, natural gas, water, cable television, internet service, etc. Most rental agreements do not include utilities, so it is often required for the occupant to have an account with each utility company and pay a monthly bill for the service.

Amenities

Amenities are extra benefits or on-site facilities that may be included as part of the lease agreement for residents in a particular apartment complex. Examples of common amenities are swimming pool, gym, laundry facilities, business center, parking space, playground, etc. These amenities are not often available when renting houses, mobile homes, townhouses, or duplex apartments.

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