



Housing Guide

Biology Department

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

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Hello and welcome to the Biology Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill! We are so delighted that you have chosen to join our department to begin your journey toward your PhD. While we are confident that you chose UNC and our department primarily out of academic considerations, we are also inviting you to make Chapel Hill and the surrounding area your home. This document is to provide you with housing information that has been compiled by current Biology graduate students. This list is not by any means exhaustive and is not an endorsement of these complexes over others, but it does provide a good overview of what is available. We hope you will find this guide helpful in what can sometimes be an overwhelming process. Please see the last page for contact information on the following complexes as well as other relevant information and tips!

Chapel Hill vs Carrboro

While Chapel Hill can be slightly more affordable, graduate students may be more drawn to Carrboro due to the smaller population of undergraduates as well as easier access to local businesses (i.e. coffee shops, restaurants, bars, farmer's market and a co-op).

CHAPEL HILL

Alta Springs

Pool, fitness center, nice staff, dog park, spacious floor plans, garages available. Safe neighborhood close to Meadowmont Village and Harris Teeter for grocery shopping. Coined "luxury apartments" and many residents are graduate students/young professionals (not many undergrads)



Relatively expensive (a 1BD/1BA can run you between \$1100-1180). It is technically in Durham County so if you have children they would be attending schools in the Durham County school system. The nearest bus stop is about a 10-15 minute walk and there is not a lot of sidewalk access.

Crosstown at Chapel Hill

Newly renovated apartments between Chapel Hill and Durham. Conveniently located by Highway 54 and I-40 exit (close to Southpoint Mall). Has 2 pools, a bark park, gym, tennis courts, on-site laundry facilities.

1BR/1BA: \$1055-\$1165; 2BR/2BA: \$1200-\$1310; 3BR/2BA: \$1380.

Not on the Chapel Hill bus line. Would need to take the Triangle Transit or pay for parking for Park and Ride (closest Park and Ride is about 5 minutes away).

Nothing beats that Carolina blue sky

Glen Lennox Cottages

Bus routes include G,V and S. Located about a mile from campus. Across the street from The Fresh Market, restaurants and boutiques. In select units, a washer/dryer is included., D/W, great layout, well-maintained landscaping, quiet. Pet friendly, but fees apply. Call complex for current pricing (1 BD/1 BA generally \$750-\$800). Regardless of floor plan, all have only one bathroom.

Laurel Ridge Apartments

Approximately a 20-25 min walk, or a 10 min bike ride. to campus and/or downtown Chapel Hill/Carrboro

The J bus routes stops right outside complex fairly often, at least every 15-20 min. Very easy to get to campus. It is not within walking distance to a grocery store. , so would need to use a car, bike or ride the bus. There is a shortcut between complex and Franklin Street and the walking time is about 15 minutes. Apartments are nice inside and clean. It's a nice place to live. There is a pool, sand volleyball court, tennis courts, playground and two fenced-in dog parks.

1 BR \$725 - \$755/month; 2 BR \$825 - \$950/month; 3 BR \$1155-\$1305.

Notting Hill Apartments

Very convenient to the D buses (D and D Express). Quiet and safe. Very good management. Lighted tennis court. Pool. Nice place to live. 24 hour fitness center. Lots of natural lighting in the apartments. Close to Trader Joes (in Eastgate Shopping Center) and New Hope Commons shopping area.

More expensive than some. 1 BR \$949-988; 2 BR \$1066 to \$1326; 3 BR starts at \$1230.

One reason for recommendation is that the complex is in the middle of Duke and UNC. Very nice complex. Family friendly. **It can take about 20 minutes by bus from home to school (and vice versa)

Sagebrook of Chapel Hill

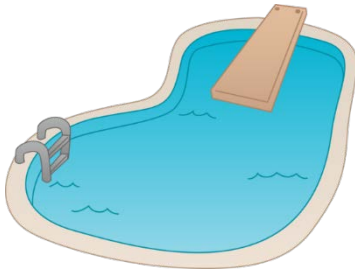
Pool, gas grills by pool area, gym, pet friendly. Washer and dryer in select homes. Excellent community. Located halfway between UNC and Duke (about 3 miles from campus). Within the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school district. Newly renovated apartments. On 3 bus routes: D, DX, and CL. 1BR/1BA or 2BR/2BA.

Call complex for current pricing.

****University Gardens:** Centrally located in Chapel Hill and affordable, but *strongly not recommended* by a student. Bad neighborhood (lots of petty crime and occasional serious crime (robberies involving firearms)), some units are in poor condition, noise travels very easily from unit to unit, not very close to grocery stores.

*What is important to you?
Amenities? Pet friendly? Easy
access to public transportation?
Being close to local shops and the
downtown area?*

Pools are usually open May to September



Carrboro

Autumn Woods

Convenient for the bus during the morning and late afternoon but not during the middle of the day (only the CM is running). Apartments are average to nice inside (updated kitchens, big bedrooms and closets). Any problems are fixed quickly. Call complex for prices.

It's a very nice place--just a little expensive. Mostly young families and graduate students so it is relatively quiet most of the time. Close to grocery stores and a 10-15 minute bus ride to campus. The maintenance staff is generally good about fixing things timely. Many of the reviews state that is family friendly.

Ashbrook Apartments

Convenient bus routes (JFX, CM, CW). Reasonably large apartments and are easy to share with roommate. Quiet (very few, if any, undergrads) and recently renovated. 2 miles from campus. Tennis courts, pool, grills and picnic area, and on-site dog park. Washer/dryer included. Friendly management and quick repairs. Please call complex for current pricing.

Berkshire Manor West

The apartment is next door to Carrboro Plaza which has a few restaurants and a grocery store. Several bus routes are within ½ mile. There are both UNC students and families living in the complex. It has two pools, a 24 hour fitness center and is pet friendly. Management is pretty quick to fix problems. Far from downtown Chapel Hill so a car/bike is a must.

\$869/mo for a 2 BR/1 BA. Electricity is extra and is provided by Piedmont which has higher rates than Duke Power. Furnished apartments available.

Bridges at Chapel Hill

On the J and D bus lines. Units have washer/dryer and nice updated appliances and carpeting. Fireplace in living room. Spacious—about 1000square feet in a one bedroom, one bathroom. Pet friendly (breed restrictions). Fitness center, tennis court, pool, and dog park. Staff is great and they take care of work orders very quickly.

1BR/1BA \$810-\$919/month; 2BR/2BA \$969-\$1074/month

Chateau Apartments

This apartment complex is very nice for its age. The managers and maintenance staff are very accessible when needed. Rent and utilities are affordable for a 1 bedroom (student quoted \$650 for rent plus approximately \$110 for utilities). All units are 1 bedroom and are 800 square feet. Water is included in rent and each unit includes a dishwasher, microwave, and gas range. On the CPX and CW bus routes. There is a pool, picnic and grilling areas and two laundry facilities (the units do not have washers/dryers, but the laundry facilities are nice).



Chapel Hill transit is free!

Landmark at Chelsea Commons

Pool, gas grills by pool area, gym, tennis courts, pet friendly. Washer and dryer in select homes. Cable included. Very quiet and backs up to woods.

\$775-\$1105 for 1 BR/1 BA; \$850-\$1215 for 2 BR/2BA; \$1005-\$1560 for 3 BR/2BA. There are apartments and townhomes available which accounts for the price ranges.

Poplar Place Apartments

Three bus lines (JFX, CM, CW) pick up right by the main entrance of the property and it's only about a 10-15 minute ride to campus. It's a quiet property tucked back in a pretty wooded area. Higher population of graduate students versus undergrads. Right across the street is University Lake and Willow Creek shopping center is a block away. Willow Creek has a grocery store (Food Lion) and other shops. It has a nice pool and most standard amenities. Staff is pleasant. No tennis courts. Cheaper than other complexes of equal quality (1 and 2 BR apartments typically range from \$750-\$1000). Older appliances, non-refundable pet deposit. Not the nicest or most upscale, but good for the price.

Between 10am and 3pm, buses run only approximately every 50 minutes. JFX stops running after 9:30am and resumes at 4:05pm. "Fitness center" is very small.

Rock Creek Apartments

Very convenient bus access (J-Line), the maintenance and staff are very responsive, quiet, pool, tennis courts, and fitness center. Pets welcome, but certain breed restrictions. Can be a bit far to walk to campus or to a grocery store, but biking is probably okay. There have been comments that the building is a little old so the heating and cooling costs can be high.

1BR/1BA \$745-\$860/month; 2BR/2BA \$865-\$940/month

Additional Housing Options:

Townhomes/Condos Rented Out By Non-Corporate Landlords:

A few of our current graduate students live in townhomes/condos that are owned and rented out by individual landlords. Please consult Craigslist, Zillow, or Realtor.com for current rental offerings. Below are a few townhouse/condo complexes where units are usually owned and rented out by individual landlords

- Finely Forest*
- Oak Tree Condominiums*
- Kensington Trace*
- Weatherstone*

Local rental agencies that have been used by students include, but are not limited to, Mills Rentals, Mill House Properties, Louise Beck Properties, and Red Door Company.

Student Family Housing

Baity-Hill Student Family Housing

Married students and students with children may live in the campus housing complex Baity-Hill. Additional information can be found at <http://housing.unc.edu/baityhill>. Also, an online lease application is also available at <http://housing.unc.edu/baityhill/apply>.

Utilities included in rent. Clothes care center in every building. Basketball courts, playground, picnic area with grills. Play dates and events for children are organized in the community room. Very quiet, study-friendly, and safe. On the U, RU, N, and CM bus routes. 20-25 minute walk and 10-15 minute bike ride to Gardner Hall. Onsite parking is available, but for an additional fee (issued through UNC Department of Public Safety) and a permit for a second car is not guaranteed. Covered (basement) parking.

The 2 BR apartments are \$1000-1060/mo. The 1 BR apartments are \$960-980 (prices based on Baity Hill website for 2015-2016 academic year).

Nice housing at a very reasonable price. If apartments are available, single students are accepted. A few cons include: parking fee, distance from Franklin Street, not close (or within walking distance) to a grocery store, and it can be difficult for visitors to find parking.

Additional Student On-Campus Housing:

Mason Farm Single Graduate Housing provides on-campus housing for graduate students. 1 or 2 BR are available. Rates and amenities are very similar to those of Baity-Hill (see above). Please visit <http://housing.unc.edu/masonfarm> for more information.

Odum Village is another option for on-campus housing for graduate students. These apartments come furnished, while the other on-campus student housing does not. Please visit <http://housing.unc.edu/community/odum-village> for more information.

Resources:

Heels Housing is a wonderful resource to find existing listings and roommate postings. It has been noted by one of our current graduate students that there are more undergraduate postings than graduate postings, but many graduate students still use it (<http://www.heelshousing.com/housing>).



Craigslist: <http://raleigh.craigslist.org/> then look under the housing section.

Chapel Hill Transit and GoTriangle:

Figure out how you intend to commute to campus before signing a lease. Living further away from campus is feasible because of the great public bus system. Chapel Hill Transit is free and serves all areas of Chapel Hill and Carrboro. GoTriangle services the Triangle Area (Wake, Durham, and Orange counties). Patrons of GoTriangle must pay a fare and/or purchase passes in order to use this service. You can find more information at the following websites:

- Chapel Hill Transit: <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-services/transit>
- GoTriangle: <http://www.gotriangle.org/>

Contact Information for Complexes Listed

Complex	Phone	Address	Website
Alta Springs	(919)942-4116	100 Spring Meadow Dr., Chapel Hill 27517	www.altaspringsapts.com/chapel-hill-nc-apartments.asp
Autumn Woods	(919)933-7555	222 Old Fayetteville Rd., Carrboro 27510	www.autnmwoods-nc.com
Ashbrook Apartments	(919)729-9411	601 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro 27510	www.ashbrookcarrboro.com
Berkshire Manor West	(866) 301-6855	112 NC Hwy 54 Bypass, Carrboro 27510	www.berkshiremanorwest.com
Bridges at Chapel Hill	(866)527-0635	142 BPW Club Rd, Carrboro 27510	www.bridgesatchapelhill-apts.com
Chateau Apartments	(919)929-7126	201 NC 54, Carrboro 27510	http://chapelhillgroup.net
Crosstown at Chapel Hill	(844)618-8648	6123 Farrington Rd, Chapel Hill 27517	www.liveatcrosstown.net
Glen Lennox Cottages	(919)967-7081	5 Hamilton Rd, Chapel Hill 27517	www.glenlennoxapartments.com/glenlennox-apts
Landmark at Chelsea Commons	(919)967-0934	180 BPW Club Rd, Carrboro 27510	www.landmarkatchelseacommons.com
Laurel Ridge Apartments	(919)967-6918	1100 W NC Hwy Bypass, Chapel Hill NC 27516	www.laurelridgechapelhill.com
Notting Hill Apartments	(919)928-8000	100 Drew Hill Lane, Chapel Hill 27514	http://nottinghillnc.com
Poplar Place Apartments	(919)967-0955	605 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro 27510	www.poplar-place.com
Rock Creek Apartments	(919)967-2111	100 Rock Haven Rd, Carrboro 27510	www.rockcreekaptsnc.com
Sagebrook of Chapel Hill	(919)929-8600	103 Melville Loop, Chapel Hill 27514	http://sagebrookchapelhill.com