

# 2011 Grad Student Housing Guide

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A guide to the apartments and housing in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and surrounding areas

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# Carrboro Apartments

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## Ashbrook Apartments

601 Jones Ferry Road  
Carrboro, NC 27510-6114

**Overall:** 4.4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 5 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/o roommate  
\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

less than \$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.2  
Cleanliness: 1.6  
Amenities: 1.8  
Size: 1.4  
Nearness to bus line: 1  
Nearness to campus: 1.4  
Safety: 1.6  
Maintenance: 1.8

**Comments:** Easy commute to campus via the JFX which has a stop right outside. Very pet friendly, lots of dog owners, some cats- probably not the place for you if you don't like dogs because you can't really walk too far without running into someone walking their dog. The current management is terrific, really nice people and the maintenance guys are really good and usually very quick to fix anything. Pool is open year round, they have a small gym with some weight equipment, a few treadmills other various cardio equipment. They have propane grills by the pool you can use, but I have yet to do so. Generally a safe place, but there have been some reported break-ins recently. I would not rent anywhere else personally though. I will only be leaving to purchase house.

My only complaint is poor cell phone reception! I've tried two different carriers (AT&T and Verizon) and I've had problems with both. My only solution was to get an extra landline.

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## Autumn Woods Apartments

222 Old Fayetteville Road  
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 4.75 stars out of 5  
(Based on 8 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)  
\$800-\$1000 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)  
\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)  
<\$400 w/ roommates (3 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1.9  
Cleanliness: 1  
Amenities: 1.1  
Size: 1.3  
Nearness to bus line: 1  
Nearness to campus: 2  
Safety: 1.1  
Maintenance: 1.3

**Comments:** Very flexible lease terms regarding length of lease and start/end dates. Great for the ambiguous last days before graduating and moving on to your next position. / Can easily bike to campus. / I know many graduate students and post-docs that have lived here. No one that I know has moved out because they didn't like it. / It's on the pricier end, but definitely the nicest apartment complex in Carrboro. The buildings are relatively new and well-kept. Maintenance and management are great. /

Most apartment complexes have high turnover at the end of May, and most complexes require a 60-day notice (end of March) of an intent to renew or vacate. I took advantage of an "early-bird" special and put a deposit down for an apartment in mid-March.

On both the CM and CPX Bus lines; the office staff is very friendly and helpful; maintenance requests are fulfilled very quickly

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**Berkshire Manor**

101 Highway 54 Bypass  
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.5

Cleanliness: 2.5

Amenities: 3

Size: 2.5

Nearness to bus line: 2

Nearness to campus: 3.5

Safety: 1.5

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:**

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**Berkshire Manor West**

112 Highway 54 Bypass  
Carrboro, North Carolina, 27510

**Overall:** 3.6 stars out of 5  
(Based on 3 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$800-\$1000 w/o roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)

\$400-\$600 w/roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100 - \$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus/Cycle

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.6

Cleanliness: 2.3

Amenities: 2.3

Size: 1.6

Nearness to bus line: 1.3

Nearness to campus: 2.3

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 2.3

**Comments:**

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**Bridges at Chapel Hill**

142 BPW Club Road  
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 4.3 stars out of 5

(Based on 6 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100 - \$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.5

Cleanliness: 1.3

Amenities: 2

Size: 1.5

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 1.3

Safety: 1.16

Maintenance: 1.16

**Comments:** Convenient J safe ride for the weekend to Franklin!

If you want to throw large parties, you should probably live elsewhere.

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**Chateau Apartments**

201 Nc 54

Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5

(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 1

Amenities: 3

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5

**Comments:**

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**Colonial Village at Highland Hills**

180 Bpw Club Road

Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5

(Based on 4 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (3 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.25  
 Cleanliness: 1.75  
 Amenities: 2.25  
 Size: 1.5

Nearness to bus line: 1  
 Nearness to campus: 1.5  
 Safety: 1.5  
 Maintenance: 1.75

**Comments:** This is a nice enough apartment complex, but nothing fancy. The units are clean and come with new carpet and paint, but the kitchen and bathroom fixtures are very old. The maintenance staff is great - I've had several issues that needed to be taken care of and they were there within days and did a great job fixing things up. This complex gets electricity from the PEMC, which is more expensive than Duke Energy. Cable TV is included in the rent price. Some units come with stackable washer and dryers, otherwise laundry is available in the apartment office building.

Colonial Village at Highland Hills was designed to look as if it is intertwined with nature (on the outside only). It makes the environment very peaceful and serene. You will see an occasional squirrel, cat, and family of deer lingering around. Amenities are convenient, some of the best features of living here are the laundry room (\$1.25 to wash, \$1.00 to dry) or washer and dryer rental (\$40/month) and the secured gym. Slightly pricey, but I think it has been well worth it.

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**Popular Place Apartments**

605 Jones Ferry Rd.  
 Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 3.75 stars out of 5  
 (Based on 4 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$800 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.75  
 Cleanliness: 1.75  
 Amenities: 2  
 Size: 1.75  
 Nearness to bus line: 1  
 Nearness to campus: 2.25  
 Safety: 1.5  
 Maintenance: 2.5

**Comments:** I live right next to the park and ride so my commute to campus is only about 8 minutes. It's pretty awesome.

Direct Bus to medical campus, lots of grad students seem to live in this area, but not really Walkable to downtown Carrboro. / The Bus line is pretty friendly to get there, though.

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**Rock Creek Apartments**

100 Rock Haven Road  
 Carrboro, NC 27510-5553

**Overall:** 4.2 stars out of 5  
 (Based on 5 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)  
 <\$400 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1.8

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 1.6

Size: 1.8

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 1.4

Safety: 1.4

Maintenance: 1.4

**Comments:** Nice place, staff is super friendly and competent, especially in the maintenance department. Only downside is it's far away from Route 40, and Piedmont Electric does the power and is more expensive than Duke power, which does Durham places.

Staff goes the extra mile to please the tenants.

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**The Crest Apartments**

200 Hwy. 54 By-Pass

Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5

(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 4

Amenities: 4

Size: 3

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 3

Safety: 3

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** I got a really good deal on my apartment because there was little-to-no time between when the former occupant moved out and when I moved in.

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**The Villages of Chapel Hill Apartments**

1000 Smith Level Road

Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 4.2 stars out of 5

(Based on 5 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 2 bath)

<\$400 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1.6

Cleanliness: 1.8

Amenities: 1.8

Size: 1.2

Nearness to bus line: 1.2

Nearness to campus: 1.4

Safety: 1.2

Maintenance: 1.8

**Comments:** I love the apartment complex, it's quiet and I feel safe (especially being a female living alone). The only complaint I have about the apartment complex is that it is relatively old, so there are a few things that are not ideal (cracks in the ceiling and so forth). Other than that, it's a great place to live (2 pools, multiple tennis courts, gym and a nice neighborhood for the outdoor runners).

This neighborhood is mostly graduate, medical and law students and some families. It's pretty quiet and really safe.

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**Wilson Apartments**

1104 N.Greensboro St

Carrboro NC 27510

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed)

**Utilities:**

&lt;\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 1

Amenities: 3

Size: 1

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:** The Wilson is a small (16 units), locally owned, apartment building in Carrboro. Having lived in some of the big apartment complexes, I would never go back. We know who owns our building, and since we deal with him directly, problems get fixed quickly and our landlord actually cares if we're happy or not. Small buildings don't have the amenities that the big complexes do -- no pool, gym, or club house - but we love it.

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**University Lake**

501 NC 54

Carrboro, NC 27510

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

&lt;\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Cycle



**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 2

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 3

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:**

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**White Oak**105 Fidelity Street  
Carrboro, NC 27510**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5

(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

&lt;\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Cycle

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 3

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 2

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:**

# Chapel Hill Apartments

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## Alta Springs

100 Spring Meadow Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (3 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Park and Ride

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 2

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 3

Nearness to campus: 3

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:**

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## Camden Governor's Village

100 Durant Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-7340

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$700-\$800 w/ roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 1

Amenities: 2

Size: 1

Nearness to bus line: 3

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:**

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## Chapel View Apartments

2701 Homestead Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 review)

**Rent:**

\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

Included in rent

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 3

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 1.5

Size: 1

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 1.5

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** For a small additional fee you can get already furnished living and the rent includes cable/HBO, utilities, water, and internet. There are no additional costs I can see to living here.

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### **Farrington Lakes Apartments**

6123 Farrington Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w roommate

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Park & Ride

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 2

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 4

Nearness to campus: 4

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** A little far, but good if you or a roommate needs to be in Durham or Raleigh (54 and 40).

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### **Foxcroft Apartments**

545 Ashley Court  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 5 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

<\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1.2

Cleanliness: 2.2

Amenities: 2

Size: 1.2

Nearness to bus line: 1.2

Nearness to campus: 2.6

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 1.4

**Comments:** Maintenance is bad in the sense that stuff breaks, but good in the sense that they fix it pretty quickly. The location w/r/t the Bus lines is superb in the morning, but less so in the evening; trips home take much longer (if you take the long loop around), or require a run across 15-501, or require you to take the CL which runs hourly. The location w/r/t shopping is mediocre. Again, it's very fast to get TO things, but getting home takes longer because of the bizarre 15-501/Erwin intersection. Price is pretty good.

The buildings are slightly older, so there is some settling and cracks in some of the walls. However, the complex is fairly inexpensive, and the maintenance has fixed any problem within a day. The complex is also very quiet and in a wooded area.

The complex is relatively old so the apartments certainly don't look brand new and have some wear and tear on them. However the complex is very clean. The management is very nice and will respond to a maintenance call very quickly.

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### **Franklin Woods Apartments**

1521 East Franklin Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2815

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 4

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** The appliances in most apartments were older than those found in other apartment complexes, however I did not have any maintenance issues.

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### **Glen Lennox Apartments**

5 Hamilton Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-4029

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (3 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 3

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 1

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:**

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### **Hamlin Park Apartments**

Ephesus Church Road at Legion Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5

(Based on 1 review)

<b>Rent:</b> \$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 2 Cleanliness: 2 Amenities: 4 Size: 3 Nearness to bus line: 4 Nearness to campus: 4 Safety: 2 Maintenance: 2
<b>Utilities:</b> <\$100	
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:**

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### **Laurel Ridge Apartments**

1100 Highway 54 Bypass  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Overall:** 3.6 stars out of 5  
(Based on 6 reviews)

<b>Rent:</b> \$600-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath) <\$400 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath) <\$400 w/ roommate (3 bed, 2 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 1.5 Cleanliness: 2 Amenities: 2.5 Size: 1.67 Nearness to bus line: 1.17 Nearness to campus: 1.17 Safety: 1.83 Maintenance: 2
<b>Utilities:</b> <\$100-\$200	
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:** I heard that the Kingswood Apts opposite to Laurel Ridge Apts are a little sketch so there is a safety concern. But i think overall its decent. There were a couple of car break-in incidents I heard of in the past 3 yrs.

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### **Meadowmont Apartments**

100 Village Crossing Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

<b>Rent:</b> \$600-\$700 w/ roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 4 Cleanliness: 1 Amenities: 1 Size: 2 Nearness to bus line: 1 Nearness to campus: 2 Safety: 1 Maintenance: 1
<b>Utilities:</b> <\$100	
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:** Expensive, but well worth it. Especially if you are planning on living with a significant other and can split the cost of a one bedroom. Community and apartments are very well maintained. The area is great, and very convenient.

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### **Mill Creek Apartments**

700-716 MLK Blvd.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

<b>Rent:</b> \$400-\$600 w/ roommate 4 bed, 2 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 3 Cleanliness: 3 Amenities: 4 Size: 4 Nearness to bus line: 1 Nearness to campus: 2 Safety: 3 Maintenance: 3
<b>Utilities:</b> <\$100	
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:**

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### **Northampton Plaza Apartments**

600 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 3.5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

<b>Rent:</b> \$600-\$700 w/o roommate 1 bed, 1 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 1.5 Cleanliness: 2.5 Amenities: 5 Size: 4 Nearness to bus line: 1 Nearness to campus: 2 Safety: 2.5 Maintenance: 2
<b>Utilities:</b> Included in rent	
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus/walk	

**Comments:** Old furniture, old bathroom material, don't like here, gonna move soon! Also not suitable for couples

I would recommend this place for students who are moving in to chapel hill for the first time especially for international students.

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### **Notting Hill Apartments**

100 Drew Hill Lane  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5

(Based on 1 review)

<b>Rent:</b> \$400-\$600 w roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 3 Cleanliness: 1 Amenities: 1 Size: 2
<b>Utilities:</b>	Nearness to bus line: 2 Nearness to campus: 3 Safety: 1 Maintenance: 1
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:**

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### **Sagebrook of Chapel Hill Apartments**

165 Sage Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 3.5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

<b>Rent:</b> \$600-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath) \$400-\$600 w roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 2 Cleanliness: 2.5 Amenities: 4 Size: 2
<b>Utilities:</b> <\$100	Nearness to bus line: 1 Nearness to campus: 2 Safety: 1.5 Maintenance: 1.5
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:** They're still in the process of renovating so there will be a new gym and pool in the future. Also, you can choose from either an already renovated apartment or an older model (with the older models being a bit cheaper than the newer units).

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### **Shadowood Apartments**

110 Piney Mountain Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2422

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

<b>Rent:</b> \$700-\$800 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath) <\$400 w roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)	<b>Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)</b> Price: 2.5 Cleanliness: 1.5 Amenities: 2.5 Size: 1.5
<b>Utilities:</b> <\$100	Nearness to bus line: 1 Nearness to campus: 1 Safety: 1 Maintenance: 2.5
<b>Transportation to Campus:</b> Bus	

**Comments:** There are a lot of undergrads living in Shadowood. Management is not efficient nor very friendly.

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### **Spring Garden Apartments**

Holland Drive  
Chapel Hill NC 27601

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

**Transportation to Campus:**

Walk

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 3

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 2

Nearness to campus: 1

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 3

**Comments:**

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### **Sunstone Apartments**

208 Conner Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 3.4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 5 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

\$800-\$1000 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus, Cycle

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.6

Cleanliness: 2.2

Amenities: 2

Size: 1.8

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 1.6

Safety: 1.6

Maintenance: 2.4

**Comments:** Just FYI, my water bill here is between 40-80 dollars PER MONTH!! Ridiculous! I didn't have to pay water at all in my previous apartment so I would definitely ask about that when looking. I don't like all of the office staff here and I feel the apartments aren't as good as what you are paying for.

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### **The Pointe at Chapel Hill Apartments**

100 Saluda Court  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-6686

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)



**Rent:**

\$800-\$1000 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)  
\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.5  
Cleanliness: 1  
Amenities: 1.5  
Size: 1  
Nearness to bus line: 1  
Nearness to campus: 2.5  
Safety: 1  
Maintenance: 1

**Comments:** The rent is increasing but the neighborhood is beautiful and very friendly. The apartment complex is under new management and they are very organized. The apartments are big but the walls are thin.

It is really close (like 3 min Walk) to a shopping center that has some awesome restaurants, post office, hardware store. There are also 2 movie theatres and 2 grocery stores. The location is really awesome. The biggest drawback though is the commute. It is 5 miles from campus so it's like a 20 minute Bus ride. But the apartments themselves are super nice and there's tons a grass for Walking my dog.

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**Timber Hollow Apartments**

101 Timber Hollow Court  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-5415

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 7 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)  
\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.3  
Cleanliness: 1.7  
Amenities: 1.4  
Size: 1.7  
Nearness to bus line: 1  
Nearness to campus: 1.7  
Safety: 1.3  
Maintenance: 1.4

**Comments:** Nice complex, but starting to show its age. Great office staff, maintenance. Great access to campus. Primarily grad students and young families.

It's older, but the staff are wonderful and accommodating and it's relatively quiet and pleasant. The grounds are well maintained and the apartments are decent (some have wonderful Walk-in closets)... every apartment has a fireplace. Pets are welcome, but combined weight if more than one pet has to be less than 75lbs. Some odd issues... my bathroom floor slopes down due to building settling. First floor apartments have porches! 3 different Bus lines serve the apartment as well. Parking is never an issue. There are some steep hills if you plan on biking to campus but it's pretty easy to do even if you are not used to biking hills (in my case, as a previous flatlander). All in all I like it a lot!

Pros-It's very affordable; my roommate and I pay a bit extra to live on the 3rd floor and have skylights and still only pay \$415/mo each. There's tons of space, a washer/dryer and a fireplace. We each have our own full bath attached to our bedrooms. Management is extremely friendly. The complex is mostly graduate students and young professionals, some families, no undergrads. Pool and grounds are very nice. We're on 3 Bus lines that go to Franklin St and to campus. Cons-Bathrooms don't have fans and

appliances are a bit outdated. Location is pretty and woodsy, but is a couple miles from Franklin and campus so one needs to take the Bus. Buses run very frequently Mon-Fri, but only 1 time/hr 9-5 on Sat and none run on Sunday. If you live here, it's better to own a bike or a car.

On really great Buslines! Office staff is fantastic!

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### **University Commons Apartments**

303 Smith Level Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Overall:** 3.5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

**Rent:**

<\$400-\$600 w/ roommate (4 bed, 4 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 4

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 1

Safety: 1.5

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** Each apartment is owned by an individual owner. There is not a complex owner. The pool is not very well maintained, and the club house has never been open. As for the apartment, the rooms are decent sized, and each room has it's own bathroom. The living area is nice, but the kitchen is small. There is a washer and a dryer in the apartment. It's on the D and J Bus lines, and the price for my unit is very good.

The units in this complex are individually owned and not run by an apartment management company.

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### **University Gardens Apartments**

800 Pritchard Avenue  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/ roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2.38

Cleanliness: 1.25

Amenities: 3.5

Size: 1.88

Nearness to bus line: 1.88

Nearness to campus: 1

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1.13

**Comments:** OK place, close to campus and Bus lines. The complex is very old, meaning it isn't insulated very well, has individually controlled baseboard heat (so no thermostat of any kind), and no central air. Plenty of room and lots of closet space.

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# On-Campus Housing

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## **Baity Hill Graduate Student Housing**

1503 Mason Farm Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 4.38 stars out of 5  
(Based on 8 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$800-\$1000 w/ roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

Included in rent

**Transportation to Campus:**

Walk/Cycle/Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 3

Cleanliness: 3

Amenities: 3

Size: 2

Nearness to bus line: 2

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 2

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** Very family friendly, so lots of small children running around.

Parking is a major issue for living on campus. You have to pay about 400 for the year to park and visitors need to have special permits to park too

Baity Hill is family housing, so first preference is given to students with a spouse (fiancee counts) or family living with them. I know many years they end up opening up the extra spaces to non-married students also. The complex is quiet and our neighbors are very nice. We really enjoy where we live.

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## **Odum Village Apartments**

211 Branson Street  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Overall:** 3.5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$600-\$700 w/ roommate (2 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

Included in rent

**Transportation to Campus:**

Walk

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 2.5

Size: 2.5

Nearness to bus line: 1.5

Nearness to campus: 1

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1.5

**Comments:** Since it's campus housing, it's difficult to get a parking permit.

If you don't have a car, grocery shopping stores are far.

## **Durham Apartments**

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### **Berkley Apartments at Southpoint**

1400 Laurel Springs Drive  
Durham, NC 27713

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 2 reviews)

**Rent:**

\$800-\$1000 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 1

Amenities: 1.5

Size: 1

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 3

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:** Easy access to southpoint area and the TTA line stops right in front of the complex (about a 25 minute ride to campus). Very convenient.

The Berkeley at Southpoint is considered an upscale apartment community. Therefore it is a little more expensive than many other options around. However, I think you get what you pay for. The office staff is great and maintenance is quick to respond. I think the best part about this apartment is its location. Near to southpoint and the tobacco trail. Additionally, the TTA Bus stops right in front (what I take to UNC).

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### **Duke Manor Apartments**

311 South Lasalle Street  
Durham, NC 27705

**Overall:** 2 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Park & Ride

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1

Cleanliness: 2

Amenities: 3

Size: 4

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 5

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:**

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### **Fox Chase Apartments**

Highgate Drive  
Durham, NC 27713

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**  
\$400-\$600 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**  
<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**  
Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 1  
Cleanliness: 1  
Amenities: 4  
Size: 1  
Nearness to bus line: 1  
Nearness to campus: 4  
Safety: 1  
Maintenance: 1

**Comments:** Living in Durham is less convenient, but definitely better for your wallet. I lived in Carrboro my first year, and paid about \$400 more a month in extra rent and utilities.

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**Southpoint Village**

100 Village Circle Way # 313  
Durham, NC 27713

**Overall:** 4 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**  
>\$1000 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**  
\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**  
Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 3  
Cleanliness: 1  
Amenities: 1  
Size: 1  
Nearness to bus line: 2  
Nearness to campus: 4  
Safety: 1  
Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** I live here because of nearness to area hospitals where my wife can work. They are good apartments, and I like them but they aren't that close to campus, but the Bus commute isn't that bad.

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**The Hamptons**

300 Seaforth Drive  
Durham, NC 27713

**Overall:** 3 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**  
\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (1 bed, 1 bath)

**Utilities:**  
<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**  
Park & Ride

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 3  
Cleanliness: 2  
Amenities: 2  
Size: 2  
Nearness to bus line: 3  
Nearness to campus: 4  
Safety: 2

Maintenance: 2

**Comments:** Great complex, however it takes about 40-45 minutes to get to campus even though it is located only 8 miles away.

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### **The Lodge at Southpoint**

1300 Knoll Circle  
Durham, NC 27713

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$800-\$1000 w/ roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

\$100-\$200

**Transportation to Campus:**

Park & Ride

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 1

Amenities: 1

Size: 1

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:**

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### **Woods Edge Apartments**

4655 Hope Valley Road  
Durham, NC 27707-5615

**Overall:** 5 stars out of 5  
(Based on 1 review)

**Rent:**

\$700-\$800 w/o roommate (2 bed, 2 bath)

**Utilities:**

<\$100

**Transportation to Campus:**

Bus

**Rating (Scale: 1-5, 1=best)**

Price: 2

Cleanliness: 1

Amenities: 2

Size: 1

Nearness to bus line: 1

Nearness to campus: 2

Safety: 1

Maintenance: 1

**Comments:** I really love living at Woods Edge. I'm in my fifth year of grad school, and I've lived there since I started here at UNC. It has really great management, and is convenient to UNC (via TTA or park and ride lots). It's also in a pretty safe area. The only drawback is that over the years, my rent has increased during each renewal rate. I'm now paying about \$100 extra than we I first moved here. I'm not sure if this happens at every apt. complex. But, other than that, I've had a pretty positive experience.

# Independent Apartments

Town	Apartment or Housing Development Name	# of Beds	# of Baths	Monthly rent/mortgage	Average Utility Bill (your portion)	Roommate	Comments	Campus Transportation	Rate - Price	Rate - Cleanliness	Rate - Amenities	Rate - Size	Rate - Nearness Bus Line	Rate - Nearness to campus	Rate - Safety	Rate - Maintenance	Overall Rating	
Chapel Hill	Independent apartment managed by Louise Beck Properties	3	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Beware of housing in the city of chapel hill that does not have a dedicated parking lot. The city laws only allow 5 street parking permits per unit regardless of the number of residents. So a 40 unit building gets 5 permits and 1 guest permit. And any off street parking available subtracts from the number of eligible permits. If you are looking to live in Walking distance of campus don't bring a car or be sure to check that dedicated parking is available off the street. / / Also, if any graduate students have landlord problems be aware that UNC offers free legal services to all students and they specialize in landlord-tenant disputes. NC tenant law allows for very strict leases that favor the landlord, so UNC legal services can be a very valuable resource when students feel like they are being strong armed. When I first moved in, my roommate and I were not satisfied with the condition of our apartment and due to a roach problem we could not live in it for a week. The lawyer supplied by UNC was wonderful and helped us get everything taken care of, so now we are fairly happy with the apartment.	Walk	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	4	2 stars	
Chapel Hill	605 MLK, no complex name	1	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	No	I signed a lease through a realtor, which I would recommend for those looking outside of traditional complexes.	Walk	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	4 stars	
Chapel Hill	Mercia Rentals	1	1	\$600-\$700	\$100-\$200	No	Close to campus - can Walk, ride bike, or take Bus, so that's great. Amenities in apartments are not efficient (dishwasher, washer/dryer, HVAC, and gas heat) so utilities are very expensive regardless of how careful you are. The size of apartments is nice, the price is OK. The neighborhood is OK. I wouldn't Walk home alone after 9pm if I was a female.	Cycle	2	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3 stars	
Chapel Hill	Winchester Court	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Units are individually owned and some are rented out by their owners - there is no leasing office. Timeliness of maintenance would depend on the owner of the unit. It is a small condo complex so there are no amenities. More than half of the units are occupied by their owners and the complex is usually very quiet (no parties).	Bus	1	1	5	1	1	2	1	2	5 stars - best	
Chapel Hill	Purefoy Rd	2	1	<\$400	<\$100	Yes		Cycle	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	3	4 stars	
Carrboro	Downtown Carrboro - (Mills Rental)	2	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	My apartment was found through Mills Rental in Chapel Hill and is a nice alternative to just looking at apartment complexes	Bus	1	1		2	1	1	2	2	4 stars	

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<b>Renting in Carrboro</b>														
CoolBlue Rentals (Glen Greenstreet)	2	2	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	House	Cycle		3	1 - best	2	2	4 stars	Glen's houses make up a nice little neighborhood about 2 miles from campus and less than a mile from carrboro's farmer's market. Many of the houses are set far back from the road, giving the feeling that you're in the country instead of close to downtown carrboro. It's not a complex, though...there's no pool or gym.
E Carr Street behind open eye cafe	2	2	\$600-\$700	\$100-\$200	Yes	House	Cycle		3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	4 stars	
Eugene St	2	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	House	Cycle		5	3	1 - best	2	4 stars	
High Street in Carrboro	4	3	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	House	Cycle		3	1 - best	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	Living in Carrboro is slightly more affordable than living in Chapel Hill, and the neighborhoods are much more catered toward grad students and young professionals.
Laurel St. in Carrboro	4	4	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	House	Bus			1 - best	2	1 - best	4 stars	
Lloyd St.	3	2	\$700-\$800	<\$100	Yes	House	Cycle		3	1 - best	1 - best	2	4 stars	This is a private rental property, one of MANY available in the area. It is an absolutely excellent home. For couples or small families the UNC area and surrounding towns provide a wealth of private homes for rent. It has been a life-saver for my wife and I, who had no interest in living in a studio apartment.
Cedar Court	2	2	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	Close to J and CW route. 1 block from Harris Teeter and 2 blocks to downtown carrboro and weaver st market
Cedar Court	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	Very near downtown carroboro. Close to CW and J routes. Cheep, nice duplexes. W/D included for 510 a month (plus utilities) cant ask for more
Poplar St.	2	1	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Cycle			1 - best	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	Carrboro is a fantastic place to live because so many interesting things are Walkable. Also, it is easy for me to either take a Bus or Cycle.
Townhouse located off of Sweet Bay Pl.	3	3	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Cycle		4	1 - best	1 - best	2	5 stars - best	
Whispering Hills (Neighborhood)	2	2	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Cycle						4 stars	Mixed community of owners and renters. Units are town homes (i.e. two levels) with two units in each building. Sits on a high hill so it can be a pain to get in/out when there's snow or ice. All units have decks, and outdoor storage.
<b>Owning in Carrboro</b>														
Canterbury Townhomes	2	3	\$500-\$750	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus	\$150-\$200		1 - best	2	2	4 stars	
Weatherhill Townhomes	3	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Scooter	\$100-\$150	3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	My neighborhood has many post-docs, graduate students and young professional couples, many of whom are from different countries. Moving into my neighborhood has given me instant friends and a cozy, active social life.



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<b>Renting in Chapel Hill</b>														
Bradford Place Garden Condominiums	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	condo	Bus						4 stars	You or your roommate have to buy a condo in order to live here, but its a very nice complex.
Finley Forest	2	2	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	condo	Bus						5 stars - best	
Finley Forest	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	condo	Bus						5 stars - best	Units are individually owned and some rented out- it is not one company-owned complex.
Kensington Trace	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	condo	Bus						4 stars	great location, close to park and ride lot and on a direct Bus route. Very convenient because it is in Chapel Hill. Very affordable, one of the cheapest places in terms of rent when looking at other apartments in Chapel Hill. In a safe neighborhood and close to two grocery stores, banks and a shopping center.
15 501 Hwy N (near Old Lystra Rd); not in a development/subdivision	2	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	House	Bus		3	1 - best	2	2	5 stars - best	I highly recommend single family home rentals in Chatham County; there are some beautiful older homes and properties for relatively low rent, and there are park and ride lots with express Buses to campus (CCX and PX routes)
Cameron/McCauley District	2	1	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	House	Walk		3	2	1 - best	2	5 stars - best	
Davie Circle	2		\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	House	Bus		3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	4 stars	
Elliot Rd/Eastwood Lake Rd.	2	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	House	Bus		3	2	3	1 - best	4 stars	We have a private landlord in House that is not in a housing community. Private landlords are hit or miss- our landlord is great but just be careful!
Fisher Fisher	4	2	\$400-\$600	>\$400	Yes	House	Cycle		3	2	2	2	4 stars	Fisher Fisher has been a great rental company and I have been really happy living in a 4 bedroom house with my boyfriend! It is a huge house for a great price \$1075 a month.
Purefoy Rd.	2	1	\$700-\$800	\$100-\$200	No	House	Walk		3	1 - best	1 - best	3	4 stars	
Roberson St	2	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	House	Cycle		3	1 - best	1 - best	3	4 stars	
Timberlyne	2	1	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	House	Bus		3	2	3	1 - best	4 stars	
Bolin Heights Road (it's not really a "neighborhood")	3		<\$400	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Cycle		3	1 - best	1 - best	2	3 stars	It's a single family home basically, split in half. It's kind of old, and things have broken, with the landlord doing his own repairs... For the size it's a great deal but it's kind of a hassle with all the stuff that breaks.
Booker Creek Apartments	2	2	\$600-\$700	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	i work off-campus and drive in as needed		3	1 - best	2	1 - best	4 stars	Not many students live here, mostly young families and professionals, so if that is what you are looking for it is good. Apartments are located on a greenway. No gym. The townhouse apartments are pretty big and the neighborhood is good for children.
Colony Lake	2	3	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		5	4	3	2	3 stars	
Laurel Ridge Apartments	2	2	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		2	1 - best	1 - best	2	3 stars	
Laurel Ridge Apartments	2	2	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Usually ride the Bus in and Walk home		1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	The management is absolutely great and the rent is very inexpensive for a townhome with lots of room. I'd definitely recommend Laurel Ridge to any incoming student - its about a 25 minute Walk to the UNC Hospitals area, and even better, its about a 20 minute Walk to Franklin St or Main St in Carrboro so you never have to worry about taxis or drivers when you go for a night out.
Purefoy Rd.	3	3	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Walk		3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	Purefoy Road is one of the last "student-affordable" neighborhoods that I have found to be reasonable inside the Chapel Hill town limits. In the seven years I've lived in Chapel Hill, rent has been sky-rocketing! The hospitals and research buildings are about 10 minutes away on foot, so location is excellent for the price. Mix of privately-owned and managed properties. Neighborhood also seems to be a nice mix of upperclassmen undergraduates and grad students and does not have the reputation of being a "student slum". Also, I need a third roommate for a June 2011 - June 2012 lease!!!

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Shadowood	2	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		2	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	4 stars	I know the rent is going to increase this summer, but still quite a nice deal in chapel hill area. / It's right on MLK, very convenient Bus ride to school (e.g. NS, T and A)
University Gardens	2	2	\$600-\$700	<\$100	No	Townhouse	Bus		3	1 - best	1 - best	3	3 stars	There is a washer and dryer within the unit and hardwood floors. Parking is free, and there is plenty of space for guests.
Village Green Condominiums	2	2	\$800-\$1000	<\$100	No	Townhouse	Bus		3	2	2	2	4 stars	These two-bedroom, 2.5 bathroom townhouses are individually owned, so to live here, you would have to find an owner who is renting them. There is a pool and tennis court but no gym. The complex is on multiple Chapel Hill Transit and Triangle Transit Bus lines, and it takes around 35 minutes to Walk to campus. There is a Walking/running trail nearby.
Village Green Condominiums	2	3	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		2	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	Most of the units are privately owned and there are young professionals and graduate students that rent or own the townhomes. Its fairly quiet with Bolin Creek trail right behind. Great location.
Village Green Condominiums	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Cycle						4 stars	
Village West	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus		2	2	2	2	4 stars	
Village West	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Cycle		1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	3	4 stars	Village west is within both Walking and biking distance to campus. There is also a VERY convenient Bus stop however the Buses do not run very often or very late in the evening (service stops ~7).
Weaver Dairy Road	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Park & Ride		3	2	2	3	3 stars	
Woodglen	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Walk		3	1 - best	2	2	3 stars	
Owning in Chapel Hill														
Bradford Place Garden Condominiums	2	2	\$750-\$1000	<\$100	Yes	condo	Bus	\$100-\$150					4 stars	Talking to current students is the single best way to get the lowdown on whether a housing area is good or bad.
North Forest Hills	3	2	\$1250-\$1500	\$100-\$200	No	House	Bus	N/A	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	
Colony Lake	2	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Bus	\$100-\$150	3	1 - best	2	2	4 stars	
Colony Lake	1	2	\$750-\$1000	<\$100	No	Townhouse	Bus	\$150-\$200	3	1 - best	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	The D, D express, and CL Bus stops are within 50 yards of my front door. I feel pretty safe and am close to Walmart and Trader Joes, etc.
Finley Forest	2	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Bus	\$150-\$200	2	1 - best	2	1 - best	4 stars	High HOA fees (if you buy a unit). Walking distance to park and ride lots. Has safe ride routes into subdivision.
Finley Forest	3	3	\$1000-\$1250	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Bus	\$150-\$200	3	1 - best	3	2	4 stars	
Governors Lake Townes	2	2	\$1000-\$1250	\$200-\$300	No	Townhouse	Park & Ride	\$150-\$200	1 - best	2	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	HOA fees are expensive.
Kensington Trace	2	3	\$500-\$750	<\$100	No	Townhouse	Bus	\$100-\$150	2	1 - best	3	1 - best	5 stars - best	It's far away from campus (Off Weaver Dairy Road) but it's on the T, which even runs on Saturday. / I love living out there, it's very close to the interstate, grocery, gym, etc.
Kensington Trace	2	2	\$500-\$750	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	scooter	\$100-\$150	1 - best	1 - best	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	50% own, 50% rent. Most people are grad students or young professionals.
Southern Village	2	2	prefer not to ans	\$200-\$300	No	Townhouse	Bus	>\$200	2	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	5 stars - best	
Townhomes at Cole Place	2	3	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Bus	\$50-\$100	3	1 - best	1 - best	1 - best	4 stars	This area is basically like owning your own home. Its affordable (Purchase price <\$170k), neighbors are friendly, and often younger (medical residents, graduate students, etc.) and there is a gym (you have to pay for entry) next door, and two groceries very nearby. Takes approximately 10 min by Bus to get to campus, less by car.
Village Green Condominiums	2	3	\$500-\$750	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Walk	\$150-\$200	2	1 - best	2	1 - best	4 stars	

Housing Development Name	# of Beds	# of Baths	Monthly rent/mortgage	Average Utility Bill (your portion)	Roommate	What do you live in?	Campus Transportation	HOA Dues	Rate - Amenities	Rate - Nearness to Bus line	Rate - Nearness to campus	Rate - Safety	Overall Rating	Comments
<b>Renting in Durham</b>														
Abron Dr.	3	2	\$400-\$600	\$200-\$300	Yes	House	Park & Ride		3	2	4	1 - best	4 stars	My husband and I found this rental house through the Allenton Management Realty Company in Durham. They are incredibly friendly, prompt whenever we have had any issues, and they are easy to work with. If you're looking for a rental house and you don't mind living a little further away from campus, you should look them up!
Chadford; housing development	4	3	<\$400	Utilities included in re	Yes	House	Park & Ride		3	2	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	One roommate owns the house, and there are 4 total roommates. I split the rent for my room in half with my significant other. The rent for the room for both of us is 750 total but would be 650 if I was by myself. This was a unique situation and is likely not the norm.
Pine Ridge	3	3	\$800-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Park & Ride		2	1 - best	3	2	3 stars	Parking can be troublesome.
taylors pond	2	2	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Park & Ride		3	5	4	1 - best	5 stars - best	Its a great place if you don't mind commuting, which can become frustrating at times. /
The Woodlands at Chancellor's Ridge	2	3	\$400-\$600	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Park & Ride		2	3	3	2	4 stars	
Woodcroft (neighborhood)	3	2	\$600-\$700	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Park & Ride		3	1 - best	3	1 - best	4 stars	Expensive, but well located in relation to shopping/dining, highway access, RTP. Not too far from campus to run in to lab quickly on the evenings/weekends. Well positioned to take advantage of activities in both Durham and Chapel Hill. Ideal neighborhood for married couples, young families, especially if one person has to commute toward Duke, RTP or Raleigh.
<b>Owning in Durham</b>														
Hope Valley North	3	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	Yes	House	park on campus	<\$50		3	3	2	3 stars	
Hope Valley North	3	2	\$500-\$750	\$100-\$200	No	House	Drive	<\$50	3	3	2	1 - best	4 stars	
Parkwood	4	3	\$1250-\$1500	\$100-\$200	No	House	Park & Ride	>\$200	3	3	4	2	4 stars	
Penrith	3	2	\$1000-\$1250	\$200-\$300	Yes	House	Park & Ride	<\$50	3	4	3	2	4 stars	
Southpoint neighborhood in SW Durham	4	3	>\$1500	>\$400	No	House	Drive and Jackson Deck parking on campus	<\$50	3	3	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	I do not know much about apartment complexes in the Southpoint area but there are quite a few and it makes life very fun and convenient because your are close to everything! The highway, the mall, the airport, super target, dining and entertainment etc. It is a 10 minute drive to the Friday Center parking lot via backroads like Stagecoach.
Stone Hill	3	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	House	Park & Ride	\$100-\$150	3	4	4	1 - best	4 stars	Bought to be half way between Raleigh and Chapel Hill
West Hills	3	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	Yes	House	Park & Ride	N/A	3	4	3	2	4 stars	
Woodcreek	2	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	Yes	House	drive	<\$50	4	4	4	2	3 stars	
Woodlake	3	2	\$1250-\$1500	\$100-\$200	No	House	Park & Ride	<\$50	1 - best	2	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	Great place to buy!
Auburn Square (near Woodcroft/Woodlake)	3	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	car	\$100-\$150	1 - best	2	2	1 - best	5 stars - best	It's slightly out of the way (~20 min from campus, near Southpoint mall), but it can be nice to be removed from campus a bit. There is a ton of restaurants, stores, etc. around to make it more than worth it. The only problem is that it can be a pain if I need to come in on the weekend just to do a short experiment.
Auburn Village	3	3	\$1000-\$1250	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Bus	\$100-\$150	2	3	3	1 - best	4 stars	
Darby Glen	3	3	\$500-\$750	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Park & Ride	\$100-\$150	5	2	3	1 - best	4 stars	
Five Oaks	2	2	\$1000-\$1250	don't know/prefer not	Yes	Townhouse	other	\$100-\$150	1 - best	3	3	1 - best	3 stars	
Homeplace I	2	2	\$750-\$1000	\$100-\$200	No	Townhouse	Cycle	\$100-\$150	2	1 - best	4	2	4 stars	
Woodcroft (neighborhood)	2	3	\$500-\$750	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus	\$150-\$200	2	1 - best	3	1 - best	4 stars	It is a good location if you are living with someone who goes or works at Duke
Woodcroft (neighborhood)	2	3	\$500-\$750	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	rent parking space off campus	\$100-\$150	2	1 - best	3	2	4 stars	Easy to take TTA Bus, or short drive park'n'ride. Great Walking/biking trails.
Woodcroft (neighborhood)	2	2	\$750-\$1000	<\$100	Yes	Townhouse	Bus	\$150-\$200	2	1 - best	3	1 - best	4 stars	
Woodcroft (neighborhood)	3	2	\$1000-\$1250	\$100-\$200	Yes	Townhouse	Bus	\$100-\$150	3	1 - best	4	1 - best	5 stars - best	Over 12 miles of Running trails and 1 mile to the American Tobacco Trail.
Wynterfield	2	3	\$750-\$1000	<\$100	No	Townhouse	Park & Ride	\$50-\$100	3	4	4	2	4 stars	

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Morrisville	Southern Oaks	1	1	<\$400	<\$100	Yes	Apartment	Your trip to campus can take between 25 minutes (driving straight in) to 45 minutes (TTA Buses) from this location.	Bus	Rent	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	1					5 stars - best
Raleigh	Carlton Place	1	1	\$400-\$600	<\$100	Yes	Apartment	In raleigh...	Bus	Rent	2	1	2	2	2	4	2	2					3 stars
								If a student is interested in buying a home during their studies, Pittsboro (Chatham County) is a much more affordable alternative to Chapel Hill. I'm about 8 miles from campus, but it still only takes me 10-15 minutes to drive directly to campus, or 20-25 minutes total to drive to a park and ride and take a Bus. I love that my area is very quiet and has a safe atmosphere.															
Pittsboro	Prestonwood Drive	3	2	\$750-\$1000	<\$100	Yes	House		Park & Ride	Own									3	3	3	1 4 stars	
Siler City	Cattail Creek	3	2	\$1000-\$1250	\$100-\$200	Yes	House		Park & Ride	Own									5	5	5	1 4 stars	