Getting Settled – Housing Information

Welcome Class of 2016!

We hope you will find this information helpful as you begin your housing search. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Orientation Committee! You can find us here...

http://services.medcine.uab.edu/publicdocuments/mss/orientation/OrientationCommitteePhotos.pdf

Good luck and happy hunting!
The Orientation Committee

Resources:

❖ **DISCLAIMER:** This housing list is by no means a thorough listing of all the apartment complexes available in the Birmingham area. It is simply a listing of apartments where current medical students live and their opinions of them. In addition, pricing information is subject to change, please check with the property directly for current quote.

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❖ You can also search online for apartment finder services in Birmingham such as Select-my-space, [http://selectmyspace.com](http://selectmyspace.com), or Blue Canoe Properties, [http://bluecanoeproperties.com](http://bluecanoeproperties.com), and check the Birmingham News for privately listed rental properties, [http://realestate.al.com/for-rent](http://realestate.al.com/for-rent).
Options Within Walking Distance:

Bristol Southside
401 20th Street South
(205) 637-0281 | http://www.bristolss.com/content.asp?id=472672
❖ Rent: Multiple unit types available from efficiency to 3 BR/2BA. Contact the number above for pricing information.
❖ Commute: 10 minute walk
❖ Other: Basic cable and water/sewer are included with rent.

South Side Station Apartments
401 19th Street South
(205) 324-2220 | http://www.southsidestation.net
❖ Rent:
   ▪ 1BR/1BA: $797-822
   ▪ 2BR/2BA: $927-977
❖ Commute: 10 minute walk
❖ Pros: Good maintenance. Units include washer/dryer and refrigerator. No need to buy campus parking pass because you can walk inside the hospital to Volker. Only “extra” you pay are electric and internet. Many restaurants close to the apartment.
❖ Cons: Noise because the apartment is directly across from the emergency department (not bad enough so you can’t sleep).
❖ Other: One bedroom units are large enough for more than one person.

Carriage Court Apartments
1812 4th Ave South #103
(205) 324-2220 | http://www.carriagecourtapartments.net
❖ Rent:
   ▪ 1BR/1BA: $772-844
   ▪ 2BR/2BA: $904-919
   ▪ 3BR/3BA: $1635
❖ Commute: 10 minute walk
❖ Pros: Gated parking. Prompt maintenance service. Helpful landladies. Laundry unit in apartment building. Close to campus — no need to buy campus parking pass. You can walk inside the hospital to Volker.
❖ Cons: High rent. Older apartment with older appliances and layout. No pool or exercise room. Occasional letters from landladies about apartment issues. Two bedroom parking is double parked. There are helicopter/ambulance/cop sounds because of proximity to UAB hospital.
❖ Other: Water is included with rent, but internet/cable/power are not. Two blocks from Railroad Park.
CityVille Block 121
2000 2nd Avenue South
(205) 320-5277
http://cityvillekatytrail.com/apartment_communities/cityvilleBlock121-Birmingham

- Rent:
  - Studio: $760-805
  - 1BR/1BA: $835-915
  - 2BR/2BA: $1205-1300
- Commute: 10-15 minute walk, 5 minute drive
- Cons: High utilities
- Other: Two blocks from Railroad Park. Mama Goldberg’s in the retail space on the ground floor.

Crowne on 10th Apartments
1420 10th Street South
(205) 777-3100 | http://www.crownepartners.com/communities/alabama/tenth

- Rent:
  - 1BR/1BA: $910-930
  - 2BR/2BA: $1250-1280
- Commute: 20 minute walk, 5 minute drive
- Cons: High demand. There is a wait-list for 1BR/1BA.
- Other: The rent listed is baseline, but they are usually running specials. Rent includes cable and internet, but electricity and water are extra.

Goodall Brown Lofts
2200 1st Avenue North

- Rent: (may be negotiable)
  - 1BR/1BA: $750
  - 2BR/1BA: $1200
- Commute: 1.2 miles
- Pros: Apartments feel big and have high ceilings and nice views.
- Cons: Slow elevator. Some 5th floor units have leaky roofs during heavy rains. Grocery store is far away.
- Other: Walking distance to many restaurants and bars downtown.
Ten Minutes from Campus – Highlands Area:

Carlisle Terrace (managed by Highlands LLC)
1223 29th Street South
(205) 581-0077

Rent:
- Studio: $475
- 1BR and 2 BR also available

Commute: 7-10 minute drive (1.5 miles)

Pros: Cheap rent and a great location in Highlands. Short commute.

Cons: Parking is difficult, and you often have to park a couple blocks away from your room. Building is old. Poor maintenance staff. Management takes a long time to respond to concerns.

Other: Gas/electric (~$75) and cable/internet (~$115) are not included in rent.

Pawnee Square Apartments
2912 Pawnee Avenue

Rent:
- 2BR/1BA: $750
- 1BR also available

Commute: 10 minute drive

Pros: Short commute to campus. Close proximity to restaurants/bars, coffee shops, and libraries. Walking distance to all three parks in the Highlands area.

Cons: Apartment has a mix of college students, graduate students, and non-students, and can be loud sometimes. Parking is also a problem because it is not monitored. Entrance to the apartment is not good for people with low cars because you can scrape the bottom. No washer/dryer in unit.

Other: Laundry facility on site.

Ten – Fifteen Minutes from Campus – Homewood:

The Abbey at Lakeshore
1600 Lakeshore Court
(205) 267-6734 | http://www.apartments-birminghamal.com

Rent:
- 2BR/2BA: $650

Commute: 11-12 minutes to campus without traffic. Usually 15 min. during morning rush, and can be 20+ during peak of afternoon rush. However, our schedule usually allows me to get home before the rush.


Cons: On the older side, so carpet and kitchen fixtures aren’t new and shiny.
Hickory Knoll Apartments
200 Hickory Knls
(205) 942-9200 | http://hickoryknollapartments.com
✓ Rent:
  ▪ 2BR/1BA: $700-750
  ▪ 2BR/2BA: $750-800
  ▪ 3BR/2BA: $850-900
✓ Commute: 10 minute drive (5 miles)
✓ Pros: Quiet complex. Units have big bedrooms, large den and living room, and a porch.
✓ Cons: Older complex. Further from campus, but worth it because of the rent.
✓ Other: You can take multiple routes to campus (Greensprings, I-65, 280/31)

Lakeshore Ridge
1700 Lakeshore Ridge
(205) 942-9191
http://www.lakeshoreridgeapts.com/Apartments/module/property_info/10730
✓ Rent:
  ▪ 2BR/2BA: $940
  ▪ 1BR/1BA and 2BR/1BA also available
✓ Commute: 10-20 minutes (depends on traffic)
✓ Pros: Near grocery stores. Quiet, safe, and clean community. Staff is AWESOME and always on top of things (free cookies and popcorn in the office). Apartment feels new and spacious. No bug problems.
✓ Cons: A little out of the way if you are going to places other than school and grocery store. If you have tmobile, service is not very good in the apartments.
✓ Other: Rent includes cable, internet, trash pick-up, and water.

The Oaks at Lakeshore
1200 Oaks Drive
(205) 942-9366 | http://www.oaksatlakeshore.com
✓ Rent:
  ▪ 1BR/1.5BA: $785
  ▪ 2BR/1BA: $855
  ▪ 2BR/2BA: $950
  ▪ 3BR/2BA: $1105
✓ Commute: 30 minute drive in the morning
✓ Pros: Units are nice, rent includes basic cable
✓ Cons: Ownership is not tenant oriented. They are disorganized and slow to respond to concerns.
✓ Other: Leasing signing discounts may be offered. Power bill varies greatly depending on the season. Water/sewage is additional (~$60). Internet and upgraded TV services are additional.
Wildwood Crossings on Oxmoor Road
901 Wildwood Crossing
(205) 942-9422 | http://www.wildwoodcrossingsapartments.com

- **Rent:**
  - 1BR/1BA: $700-740
  - 2BR/1BA: $815-840
  - 2BR/2BA: $860-890
  - 3BR/2BA: $1020-1040
- **Commute:** 15-30 minute drive (7 miles)
- **Pros:** Quiet complex with lots of professional students. Pet friendly. Close to Wal-Mart, Target, and Publix. Fairly close to campus
- **Cons:** Bedrooms are not equally sized. Gate to the complex is broken at least once a week. No overhead lighting except for the kitchen.
- **Other:** Apartment usually has leasing signing specials. Cable and internet are added to monthly rent (add $60). Bedrooms are wired for ceiling fans, but you must supply your own.

Fifteen Minutes North of Downtown – Fultondale/Gardendale:

Chapel Creek Apartments
51 Chapel Creek Lane
Fultondale
(205) 849-0225

- **Rent:**
  - 1BR/1BA = $690
  - 2BR/2BA = $830
  - 3BR/2BA = $940
- **Commute:** 12 minute drive (9 miles)
- **Pros:** Quiet and safe family neighborhood. The staff is very friendly and welcoming. Less than one mile from many restaurants, Target, Bestbuy, and Books-a-Million. You can get everything you need at your own exit. Wal-Mart is only one exit away in Gardendale.
- **Cons:** none
- **Other:** Chapel Creek is a great place to live in order to get a short distance from school where you can relax and get all the things you need nearby without the hassle of downtown shopping. If you’re not convinced, just stop by for a visit!
**Fifteen – Twenty Minutes from Campus – Mountain Brook:**

Canterbury Gardens  
2501 Lane Park Road  
Mountain Brook  
(205) 201-8400 | [http://www.canterbury-gardens.com](http://www.canterbury-gardens.com)

- **Rent:**  
  - 2BR/1BA: $785  
  - 1BR and 3BR also available
- **Commute:** 5-10 minute drive
- **Pros:** Great location—safe area, across the street from the Botanical Gardens, walking distance to Mountain Brook Village (Starbucks, grocery store, pharmacy). Easy access to Hwy 280 and Hwy 31. Well-maintained units. Pet friendly. Quiet surroundings. Several courtyards and large grassy areas. Good mixture of tenants.
- **Cons:** All units only have one bathroom. Small kitchen. Small closets. Thin walls.
- **Other:** Rent includes water. Stacked washer/dryer in most units. Ice-maker in fridge. Gas stove.

Crowne at Overton Village  
2901 Crowne Ridge Drive  
Cahaba Heights  
(205) 970-0344  

- **Rent:**  
  - 1BR/1BA: $745
- **Commute:** 10-20+ minute drive
- **Pros:** Washer and dryer are included with units. The staff is excellent! Maintenance is very prompt. You can walk to 2 different grocery stores. Less than 1 mile from the Summit. Complex is a little bit away from campus, so it is nice to get away at the end of the day.
- **Cons:** Traffic on Hwy 280 is pretty bad if you want to get home at 5pm.
- **Other:** They are currently renovating the apartments with newer appliances.

English Village Condominiums  
2323 20th Avenue South  
English Village  

- **Rent:**  
  - 2BR: $1200 (varies)
- **Commute:** 5-7 minute drive
- **Pros:** Very safe neighborhood. Great location in English Village. Close to grocery stores, pharmacies, coffee shops, and bakeries. No morning traffic. Easy access to Hwy 280 and Hwy 31.
- **Cons:** High rent because you are paying for the location. Small, older apartment.
- **Other:** Units are rented through individual owners, not the complex. Many units are currently for rent or sale.
Park Lane Apartments
2525 Park Lane Court North
Mountain Brook Village
(205) 870-4160 | http://www.parklaneapartment.com

- **Rent:**
  - 1BR/1BA: $650
  - 2BR/1BA also available
- **Commute:** 10 minute drive with little traffic
- **Cons:** Older units and appliances. No washer/dryer in unit. Small closets.
- **Other:** Utilities are not included in rent. Pick-up laundry service is available. Across the street from the Botanical Gardens.

**Twenty Minutes from Campus – Vestavia:**

Vestawood Apartments
1716 Vestawood Court
(205) 824-6767 | http://www.vestwood.com

- **Rent:**
  - 1BR/1BA: $530 (with student discount)
  - 2BR/1BA: $685
  - 3BR/2BA: $805
- **Commute:** 10-20 minute drive (8 miles)
- **Pros:** Spacious units. Complex is right off Exit 252 from I-65.
- **Cons:** Travel time depends on traffic on I-65
- **Other:** Student discount and 13th month rent-free. Utilities are not included in rent.

**Twenty or more minutes from campus – Hoover**

Stonegate Apartment
101 Leaf Lake Boulevard
(205) 290-1126 | http://www.stonegateapthomes.com

- **Rent:**
  - 1BR/1BA: $733
  - 2BR/2BA and 3BR/2BA also available (rent may be negotiable)
- **Commute:** 20-60 minute drive (10 miles)
- **Pros:** New apartments, gated complex, quiet setting, beautiful grounds and facilities (pool, fitness center, tennis courts, grills, clubhouse, covered car washing station), brand new appliances in units, wonderful maintenance
- **Cons:** Long commute to school during rush hour, but you can take back roads to avoid traffic.
- **Other:** Rent garage for $100/month. Water is included with rent. Electric runs $70-80/month. Complex is close to Hoover which has nice shopping and dining.