

PERMANENT HOUSING

EVALUATING YOUR OPTIONS

1. ON-CAMPUS UNIVERSITY HOUSING:

- FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO THE OFFICE OF HOUSING, MEAL PLAN, ID CARD SERVICES WEBSITE AT <http://housingmealplans.syr.edu>

Advantages to on-campus housing:

- Having housing assignment confirmed in advance.
- Having a variety of living options both in cost and privacy.
- Having utilities (gas, water, electricity, and heat) included in rent.
- Living among other students.

Disadvantages:

- A housing contract legally obligates a student to an academic year commitment.
- Having your time limited transporting from South to North Campus (approximately 1.5 to 2.0 miles) by scheduled buses.
- Having to seek new residence from May to August.

Many students reserve on-campus housing in advance only to discover upon their arrival that off-campus housing best meets their needs. You must judge for yourself whether or not you prefer the security of a confirmed campus housing assignment to the opportunity to seek for off-campus housing.

2. OFF-CAMPUS (PRIVATELY OWNED) HOUSING:

The cost of an off-campus apartment can vary based on its distance from campus, the number of furnishings, amenities, and whether the utilities are paid by you or the landlord.

▪ FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For housing rentals see web at: <http://www.orangehousing.com>
- For info about making your off-campus housing decision: <http://students.syr.edu/offcampusliving>

Advantages to off-campus housing:

- Usually less expensive than campus housing.
- Establishing your ideal living situation including location, apartment type, roommate, and meals.
- Keeping your residence from May to August.
- Owning a pet if landlord permits.

Disadvantages:

- Dealing with a landlord who will normally insist on a written 12-month contract.
- Spending time and resources to find:
 - An apartment
 - Roommate/s
 - Furniture
 - Appliances
 - Other things
- Paying for all or some of the utilities.
- Being less protected from burglaries.

To search for off-campus housing, we recommend that you arrive at least 3 to 4 days prior to the Slutzker Center for International Services International Student Orientation. In addition to the above websites, upon your arrival, you may meet students and other individuals from your country or field of study who can help.