



# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

### **Housing Information Guide**

#### **LLM/Exchange Students & Visiting Scholars**

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OSU law students can be found living in all quadrants of the city, from German Village to the suburb of Dublin, and from northeast Columbus to on-campus housing. However, there are several areas in which a majority of law students reside because of the variety of convenient and affordable housing options. These are listed below for your consideration.

If there are specific apartment complexes or realtors for a neighborhood, they are listed beneath the neighborhood description. At the end of the document, there are many general sites you can search, which are served by many realtor companies and individual property owners from all over the city. You may want to reference Google Maps or search online for a map of Columbus so you can consider transportation (if needed) to and from the Moritz College of Law. The local transit company is called COTA and you can search for routes and distances on their [website](#). In addition, if you decide to live on campus, the university's transit service CABS's [website](#) will also be a useful site for you to explore. Keep in mind that the university fees that you will pay will include transport costs, so you will be able to ride both COTA and CABS buses at no additional cost to you.

***\*The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law does not, in any way, make any recommendations, representations or warranties with regard to housing.***

#### BE SMART WHEN YOU LOOK FOR HOUSING

- 1) Find out what is included in rent. Do you need to pay for utilities separately? Or are they included? How much do the utilities generally cost if they are not included?
- 2) Check out the crime statistics in the neighborhood you are looking to move into by visiting [raidsonline.com](http://raidsonline.com).
- 3) Take time to get to know the people you will be rooming with. Exchange emails, find out about their personal and study habits, and make sure you have compatible personalities.
- 4) Avoid rental scams – make sure to check out the reviews for the company you are renting from. Before sending money, make sure that the company or person is legitimate.
- 5) See how your landlord is ranked by previous tenants in the USG Renter's Guide. The latest USG Renter's guide can be found on The Undergraduate Student Government's [website](#).
- 6) If you are in Columbus, visit the apartment before signing the lease. If you are out of the country, right before you move in, check the apartment and document any damages that were there prior to you moving in. Keep a copy of the photos and list of repairs and give a copy to the landlord.

## ON-CAMPUS GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL HOUSING (UNIVERSITY HOUSING) - INDIVIDUALS

<https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/graduate-professional-and-non-traditional-housing/>  
+1 (614) 292-8266

You will be eligible to apply for Ohio State's "Graduate, Professional and Non-Traditional Aged Housing"; the application may be submitted online at [this link](#).

**Graduate housing applications can be accepted at any time during the application process.** Your housing application will be placed in the queue. After you have been accepted and made your deposit online, you can expect to receive a lease offer via email from the Housing Office based on your place in the queue. This is done until all spaces are filled. Offers typically are sent several months before your first term begins. **Therefore, it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible in the process!**

Graduate housing residents can opt to participate in the meal plan on campus, if they prefer not to cook for themselves. You can learn more about the costs at <https://dining.osu.edu/dining-plans/>.

You can request roommates, but you must do so in writing, separate from the online application form. You can email the office at [housing@osu.edu](mailto:housing@osu.edu).

### NEIL AVENUE RESIDENCE HALL

There are two floor plans available: a one-room efficiency for one person, and a suite with four bedrooms and two baths. All are furnished including a microwave, mini-fridge, stove, desk, bed, and other furniture. It is located five to six blocks from the Moritz College of Law; alternatively, you can take the campus bus (CABS) to the stop across the street from the college at the Ohio Union. It is a housing building for graduate students, and the building organizes events for students including trips, ice-cream carts, yoga classes, etc. They also have a market place food restaurant on the first floor and a laundry room in the basement. There are restaurants and a pharmacy within one block, and a Kroger Grocery Store within a 15-minute walk. Please visit the website above to view the floor plans.

Approximate prices:

Efficiency      \$875-950/month (one person)

4-bedroom      \$855-900/person/month (for four people)

### SOUTH CAMPUS GATEWAY

Located directly across the street from the College, the Gateway apartment building features a combination of studio (for one person), one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units. All are furnished. These apartments are higher end and belong to a retail/dining/housing complex called the South Campus Gateway. Please visit the website above to view the floor plans.

Approximate prices:

Studio            \$950-1,000/month (one person)

1-bedroom      \$1,100-1,200/month (one person)

2-bedroom      \$990-1,075/person/month (two people)

3-bedroom      \$860-950/person/month (three people)

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING IN NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS

Online search tool for off-campus housing: <https://offcampus.osu.edu/search-housing.aspx?pricefrom=0&sort=1>

Renter's Guide: <https://offcampus.osu.edu/resources/usg-renters-guide/>

Off-campus Living Guide (general): <https://offcampus.osu.edu/posts/documents/2021-offcampuslivingguide-1.pdf>

Living Guide for Graduate and Professional Students: <https://offcampus.osu.edu/POSTS/DOCUMENTS/SU21-OCCSE-GRADSTUDENTGUIDE-FINAL-REDUCED.PDF>

**Student Legal Services:** this office will review your lease for you at no cost. Visit

<https://studentlegal.osu.edu/> and schedule an appointment with one of the advisors in this office to receive advising on your lease.

On the [Off-Campus Living Website](#), you will find lot of great resources. We encourage you to read through the website thoroughly to see if there are any resources you are interested in utilizing, such as the roommate search and leasing tips.

**If you have any questions about off-campus housing that you can't find on the [Off-Campus Living Website](#), please email [offcampus@osu.edu](mailto:offcampus@osu.edu), call +1 614-292-0100, or walk in the office any time between 8am-5pm from Monday-Friday at The Ohio Union (student service building right across the Moritz law building), 1739 N. High Street, Room 3106 (third floor).**

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Below is a description of neighborhoods near campus, where many law students choose to live. You will note that we do not have specific apartments listed for all of these neighborhoods; we have listed only those with which our students have had the best experiences. However, you do not have to limit yourself to those options.

Your most important considerations will be cost and proximity. Some apartments are served by the city bus service (COTA); for others, you will need to have a car. University Village has its own shuttle service to campus, which is very helpful.

## CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOOD

### UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Located west of the river, approximately 1.5 miles north of the OSU campus area, University Village offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and furnished suites. Community amenities include a tanning salon, computer lab, fitness center, picnic tables and grills, pool, planned social events for residents and a shuttle to campus. An online application is available.

Learn more at [www.universityvillage.com](http://www.universityvillage.com)

Please visit the website above to view the floor plans. Approximate prices:

Studio	\$655 - 800/month/apartment
1-bedroom	\$805 - 1,030/month/apartment
2-bedroom	\$900 - 960/month/apartment
3-bedroom	\$1,100+/month/apartment

### UNCOMMON

Uncommon Columbus is located on North High Street, about a 5-minute walk from the law school.

Uncommon offers studio, one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom fully furnished apartments. Community amenities include a club room with billiards table, an outdoor courtyard, on-site tanning, an outdoor pool and hot tub, a 24-hour health and fitness center, study lounges, bike storage, an outdoor grilling station, 24/7 on-site emergency service, on-site professional management, and 24-hour security cameras. An online application is available. Please note there is a special application for international students. Learn more at <https://www.uncommoncolumbus.com/>

Please visit the website above to view floor plans. Approximate prices:

Studio: \$1,250-1,450/person/month

1-bedroom: \$1,550-1,750/person/month

2-bedroom: \$1,050-1,200/person/month

3-bedroom: \$1,000-1,100/person/month

4-bedroom: \$950-1,050/person/month

#### **THE HIGHLINE AT NINE**

Located on North High Street, the Highline at Nine is about a 5-minute walk from the law school. The Highline offers one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom fully furnished apartments. Community amenities include covered parking, high-speed internet, pool, sundeck, fitness center, clubhouse, TV lounge, courtyard with green space, free weights, trash service, cable, and a business center. An online application is available. Learn more at <https://thehighlineatnine.com/>

Please visit the website above to view floor plans. Approximate prices:

1-bedroom: Starting at \$1,450/person/month

2-bedroom: Starting at \$1,110/person/month

3-bedroom: Starting at \$950/person/month

4-bedroom: Starting at \$900/person/month

#### **THE VIEW ON HIGH**

Located on North High Street, the View on High is about a 15-minute walk from the law school. The View offers one, two-, three-, four-, and five-bedroom fully furnished apartments. Community amenities include covered parking, high-speed internet, security features, 24/7 maintenance, courtyard, study room, a fitness center, and a retail space. An online application is available. Learn more at <http://theviewonhigh.com/>

Please visit the website above to view floor plans. Approximate prices:

1-bedroom: \$1,800-2,000/person/month

2-bedroom: \$1,150-1,500/person/month

3-bedroom: \$915-1,285/person/month

4-bedroom: \$950-1,200/person/month

5-bedroom: \$950-1,200/person/month

## **CLINTONVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Located approximately 1.5 miles north of the OSU campus area, Clintonville is a popular neighborhood for OSU faculty and graduate students. It is a quiet residential area, for those wanting to be close to campus but far from the noise that can be typical of apartment complexes on campus or within walking distance to the Moritz College of Law. Clintonville consists of privately-owned homes, numerous duplexes, and some smaller apartment complexes. Most homes and apartments date to the 1930s and 1940s. Clintonville offers conveniently located community features, such as grocery stores and parks. The COTA city bus service runs every 5 to 10 minutes on High Street from Clintonville to the Moritz College of Law.

Zip code: 43214

## **OLENTANGY VILLAGE**

Olentangy Village is the largest rental community in Clintonville, it includes The Village, The River/The Ravine, and The Lofts on High and has been recommended by some of our recent students. All apartment complexes are located within walking distance to a COTA bus stop and are a 10-15 minute bus ride from the law school. All apartment communities include the following amenities: Pool, fitness center, close proximity to the Olentangy Bike Trail, parking, 24/7 maintenance, on-site laundry in select units (not available at The Lofts), and a private park and stone terrace. Learn more at [olentangyvillage.com](http://olentangyvillage.com)

Please visit the website above to view floor plans. Approximate prices for The Village:

1-bedroom: \$820-920/apartment/month

2-bedroom: \$950-1,100/apartment/month

Approximate prices for The River/The Ravine:

1-bedroom: \$980-1,000/apartment/month

2-bedroom: \$1,250-1,400/apartment/month

3-bedroom: \$1,750-1,800/apartment/month

Approximate prices for The Lofts on High:

1-bedroom: \$1,000-1,070/apartment/month

## **CLINTONVILLE APARTMENTS**

Clintonville Apartments is a local company that manages apartments in the Clintonville area. Units and prices vary. For more information about their units, please visit: <http://clintonvilleapartments.com/>

## **CLINTONVILLE COMMONS**

Clintonville Commons is an apartment complex on High street about a 15-20 minute bus ride away from Moritz. Community amenities include on-site laundry facilities, common areas, close proximity to shops and restaurants, and parking is available. To learn more, visit <https://www.homesteadcos.com/clintonville->

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Please visit the website above to view floor plans. Approximate prices:

Studio: \$675-705/apartment/month

1-bedroom: \$775-805/apartment/month

2-bedroom: \$825-955/apartment/month

### **VICTORIAN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Located approximately 1.2 miles south of the OSU campus, Victorian Village includes private homes as well as houses that have been divided into separate living quarters, which are available for rent. Victorian Village has a mix of homeowners and OSU students. Located in the middle of the neighborhood is Goodale Park, which is perfect for walks and jogging. Grocery stores and other conveniences are located within the immediate vicinity of the neighborhood. This neighborhood is within walking distance to the famous Short North neighborhood, with many restaurants, bars, galleries, etc.

Zip code: 43201

### **ITALIAN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Italian Village is a historic district located in the near north side of the city, adjacent to the central business district. This area, very similar to Victorian Village, is a bike ride or quick bus ride away from the College. Italian Village is also made up of many older, Victorian style homes and a number of duplex buildings. A large population of OSU graduate students and young professionals reside in this area.

Zip code: 43201 and 43215

### **SHORT NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD**

The Short North is a neighborhood centered along the main strip of High Street immediately north of downtown and extending until just south of the OSU campus. (There is some overlap with the Victorian Village and Italian Village neighborhoods.) The Short North is often crowded on weekends, particularly during the monthly "Gallery Hop" and other local and downtown events. It is heavily populated with art galleries, specialty shops, pubs, nightclubs, and coffee houses. Most of its tightly packed brick buildings date from at least the early 20th century, with traditional storefronts along High Street (often with brightly painted murals on their side walls), and old apartment buildings, row houses and newer condominium developments in the surrounding blocks. It is a quick bus ride or bike ride to campus and very popular with students who like to walk to places.

Zip code: 43215

### **ARENA DISTRICT**

The Arena District is a 75-acre, mixed-use planned development located between downtown and Victorian Village. The neighborhood centers around Nationwide Arena, home of the Columbus Blue Jackets of the National Hockey League, and is also the site of Huntington Park, the home of the Triple-A Columbus Clippers baseball team. The outdoor music venue Lifestyle Communities (LC) Pavilion and the Arena Grand movie theater are also located here. An interesting fact: before its creation, the area was home to the closed-down Ohio Penitentiary, built in 1834 and demolished in 1998. It is a quick bus or car ride away and is primarily home to young professionals.

Zip code: 43215

## **BETHEL ROAD/HENDERSON ROAD/OLENTANGY RIVER ROAD AREA**

This neighborhood in the near northwest of the city is home to many apartment complexes; we have listed just a few of them below. It is an area very popular with international graduate students and new immigrant families to the city, and boasts many ethnic restaurants and markets (Asian, Hispanic, Halal, etc.), in addition to big stores like Wal-Mart and Target. Note: even though many of these apartments are considered a part of the Upper Arlington suburb, they will not be a part of Upper Arlington School system. (See note on schools below.)

Zip code: 43212, 43221, 43220

**Governour's Square** (Columbus school district)

<https://www.hgliving.com/governours-square-columbus-oh/>

**The Fox and Hounds** (Columbus school district)

<https://www.foxandhoundsaptsch.com/>

**Olentangy Commons** (Columbus school district)

<https://gocommons.com/>

**Westborough Apartments** (Columbus school district)

<http://www.maraentinc.com/communities/westborough-village/>

## **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS AREA/NORTHWEST COLUMBUS**

Located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of campus, the Grandview Heights area is home to many law students. A variety of affordable rental opportunities are available in the Grandview Heights area, with community features such as conveniently located shopping areas, and parks. Grandview Heights and the surrounding area are attractive for students looking for a variety of affordable and centrally located rental opportunities.

Zip code: 43212

**Heritage Apartments**

<https://www.liveheritageapts.com/>

**The Meridian**

<https://cortland.com/apartments/the-meridian/>

**Marble Cliff Commons**

[www.marblecliffcommons.com](http://www.marblecliffcommons.com)

**Runaway Bay**

<https://www.therunawaybayapartments.com/>

## **OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS IN CENTRAL OHIO**

The following property owners have housing options throughout Central Ohio, including the Clintonville, Victorian Village, Upper Arlington, and Grandview Heights areas:

**Buckeye Real Estate**

Serves OSU campus neighborhood

[www.buckeyere.com](http://www.buckeyere.com)

**Kohr Royer Griffith, Inc.**

Properties available in Clintonville and Grandview areas. KRG, Inc. offers a variety of houses, townhouses, duplexes and apartments in nice residential settings just minutes away from the OSU campus.

<http://www.krgrentals.com/>

**Hometeam Properties**

This property management team rents out homes and apartments near Ohio State.

<http://www.hometeamproperties.net>



**LMS – Legacy Management Services**  
<http://www.lmscolumbus.com/vacancies/>

**Inn Town Homes & Apartments**  
<http://inntownhomes.com/>

**Anthony & Kimberly Properties, LLC**  
<http://a-kproperties.com/>

**Pella Company**  
[www.pellaco.com](http://www.pellaco.com)

**Realty Executives Decision**  
4519 Kenny Rd.  
614-457-4000  
[Realty Executives Central - Homes and Apartments for Rent - Columbus and Central Ohio  
\(reccolumbus.com\)](http://RealtyExecutivesCentral-HomesandApartmentsforRent-ColumbusandCentralOhio(reccolumbus.com))

## **SHORT-TERM HOUSING OPTIONS**

### **AIRBNB**

For those seeking short-term housing, many students have used AirBnB, which is an online marketplace for arranging and offering housing. Airbnb listings are typically apartments or homes and options may include renting the entire home or a room within a house or apartment. Amenities, prices, and locations vary. Check out listings on <https://www.airbnb.com>.

### **AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS**

A former OSU graduate student has several properties that she rents mostly to international scholars. She offers accommodations close to campus, furnished, and with flexible leases for those needing to stay in Columbus just a few months. Please contact her directly with questions: Sandy Bolzenius, [bolzenius.2@osu.edu](mailto:bolzenius.2@osu.edu); [bolzenius72@hotmail.com](mailto:bolzenius72@hotmail.com); +1-614-8436170  
<https://offcampus.osu.edu/search-housing.aspx?pricefrom=0&landlord=3649>

### **THE WAYFARING BUCKEYE HOSTEL**

The Wayfaring Buckeye Hostel is another option for short-term housing and has been highly reviewed by former students. The Hostel is located a 30-minute walk or a 15-minute bus ride away from the law school. Free shuttle buses pass through High Street from the Hostel. Community amenities include bikes, continental breakfast, laundry room, linens, wifi, lockers, guest computers, 24-hour coffee and tea, BBQ area, hot tub, kitchens, common rooms, off-street parking, and more. The Hostel also plans social activities for guests. There are private rooms with king or full beds for one, three, or five occupants, 3-person coed dorms, and 5-person coed dorms. All have shared bathrooms. For availability and pricing, visit <https://www.wayfaringbuckeye.com/home>

## **MORE RESOURCES**

<https://www.forrentuniversity.com/>  
<http://www.metro-rentals.com/>  
<https://www.apartmentguide.com/>



Independent owners may rent through private ads on Craig's List:  
<https://columbus.craigslist.org/d/apts-housing-for-rent/search/apas>

## **IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS**

### **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**

A Social Security Number (SSN) is a unique, 9-digit number used for taxpayer identification, income reporting and record-keeping purposes. The Social Security Administration (SSA) issues the SSN.

Please note that some off-campus rental properties will not rent to students that do not have a Social Security number. Most housing near campus, including University Village, Uncommon Columbus, Clintonville Apartments, and the Highline at Nine **will** all accept international student applications without social security numbers. Others may as well. It is advised to contact the apartment management company directly to confirm they accept applications from international students without social security numbers.

You may apply for a Social Security Number if you are employed in the United States. Students on student visas who are not employed on campus will not be eligible to apply for an SSN. Once issued, the number is valid for one's lifetime.

### **PRICING**

The prices listed in this guide are approximate and based on information listed on the websites of various apartment management companies as well as prices from previous years. Please confirm pricing information before applying for a rental property.

### **NOISE**

Please note that you may hear more noise and more activity at night the closer you live to High Street and the campus area. If you prefer a quieter setting with less foot traffic or an area more suitable for families, it may be best to consider finding housing that is farther away from campus on one of the neighborhoods recommended above.

### **PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS FOR KIDS BETWEEN 5-18 YEARS OF AGE**

In the United States, free public school is available for children above the age of five. School districts are funded from the city's property taxes (in general), and where children go to school is determined by the address of the property where they live. If you have children who will be attending school while you are here (above age 5), you must call the district to be sure that your address falls into that particular district. Nearly all neighborhoods listed here will fall within Columbus City Schools (<https://www.ccsok.us/>), Please note that some Columbus City Schools do not have the best performance scores. If you are very interested in the quality of the schools your children will attend, please note that the following school district are outstanding:

Dublin Schools <https://www.dublinschools.net/>  
Grandview Heights <https://www.ghschools.org/>  
Hilliard Schools <https://www.hilliardschools.org/>  
Upper Arlington Schools <http://www.uaschools.org>  
Worthington Schools <https://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/>

### **CHILDCARE OPTIONS**

If you have children younger than five, please contact us directly. You will need to consider childcare, which is costly. We can discuss various options with you. Below are some outstanding childcare options, but please note that you need to apply as soon as possible as waiting lists can be several months.

OSU: <https://hr.osu.edu/benefits/child-care-programs/>

**Primrose Schools:** <https://www.primroseschools.com/schools/columbus-downtown/> or  
<https://www.primroseschools.com/locations/>

**Little Dreamers, Big Believers:** <https://littledreamersbigbelievers.com/>

**Goddard Schools:** <https://www.goddardschool.com/preschool-locations?market=Columbus%2C+OH>

If you are in need of more information or clarification, please contact:

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