

**Guidance for new students to find accommodation near College Park, Maryland.**

Here is a list of most apartment complexes UMD grad students prefer. Rooms at houses are usually rented via posts at Craigslist, Facebook marketplace, or via connections.

Apartment	Distance from UMD (mile)	Estimated rent (per room/month)
<a href="#">Graduate Hills</a> *(GH)	1	400-850
<a href="#">Graduate Gardens</a> *(GG)	1	400-850
<a href="#">Seven spring apartments</a>	3.5	610-1000+
<a href="#">Parkside At College Park</a>	<1	610-1000+
<a href="#">Mazza GrandMarc</a>	2.2	1000+
<a href="#">The Varsity</a>	<1	1265+
<a href="#">University View</a>	<1	1200+
<a href="#">University Club</a>	1	960-1000+
<a href="#">Top of the Park</a>	3.5	700-1000+
<a href="#">The Nine</a>	<1	870-1200+
<a href="#">Courtyards</a>	<1	900-1000
<a href="#">University Gardens</a>	2.1	750-1000+
<a href="#">The Standard</a>	1.1	975-1000+
<a href="#">Terrapin Row</a>	<1	950-1000+
<a href="#">The Alloy</a>	<1	1000+
<a href="#">College Park Tower</a> (CP tower)	<1	700-1000+
<a href="#">Yugo CP University Club</a>	<1	960-1000+

\*Graduate Gardens and Hills offer an 18% discount to UMD students. Shared rooms are relatively more accessible to find than full leasing one or two-bed apartments. Often a 2 bed/1 bath apartment is shared among three tenants where one lives in the living space and thus must pay relatively lower rent. 1 BHK at GG/GH is \$1369/month and 2 BHK is \$1630/month including everything.

**You may find discount for the apartments at the beginning of Fall 2024 session. Some of the estimated rents consider the discount given in Fall 2023. You are encouraged to check the latest rent by the websites!**

Other than these links you can search apartments and living spaces from the following links. **Be aware of scams.**

- <https://ochdatabase.umd.edu/> (Most Reliable among this list)
- <https://www.apartments.com/>
- <https://washingtondc.craigslist.org/search/apa?query=college%20park%20md>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/327960768631913>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/203348173988827>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1585931414992006>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/77305793629>

### **Type of accommodations in the USA:**

1. House: Share a house having 4-8 rooms with different people. Usually, you have a private bedroom. The restroom, kitchen, and living space are shared between the housemates. Usually, you need to contact a landlord to fix the accommodations. Sometimes, you may need to participate in cleaning.
2. Apartments are private units rented separately or shared with multiple people. Usually, apartments are run by management. Management will take care of the outside cleaning and maintenance.

### **Consider Identifying:**

1. How long is the lease?
2. How far is the home from your workplace? Is there a good way to reach your work all around the year?
3. How the rent is advertised:
  - a. Which utilities do you need to pay?

- b. How much is the down payment? Sometimes, the landlord needs help in returning the down payment.
- 4. Is the house close to groceries? (Usually, people with a car will help you if you do not have a car.)
- 5. Be aware of scams such as suspiciously low rent and unwillingness to arrange to visit the accommodation before contract signing.