

**Cost of Living Comparison for Students Living at the University of Maryland and in the College Park Area  
Estimated Cost Per Student Per Month – Fall 2009**

Type of Unit	Rent	Food	Phone	Cable & Internet/Cable Internet	Natural Gas	Electricity	Water	Estimated TOTAL
Room in Traditional Residence Hall & in Suite in Residence Hall	\$693.63	\$478.50* * Monthly cost of required meal plan	Included in rent		Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$1,172.13
Room in Apartment in Residence Hall	\$722.88	\$300	Included in rent		Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$1,022.88
Room in UM-owned Greek Chapter House	Range of \$560-\$925	Included in rent	\$16 if opt for land-line, cell = \$60. Cable and Internet included in rent.		Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$620-\$985
Bedroom Leases: The Courtyards	\$550-\$755	\$300	Included in rent		Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$850-\$1,055
So. Campus Commons	\$715-\$975	\$300	Included in rent		Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$1,015-\$1,275
Graduate Gardens or Graduate Hills Apartment:					Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	
• Efficiency	\$893	\$300	\$15					\$1,208
• 1 BR	\$956	\$300	\$15					\$1,271
• 2 BR	\$1,163	\$300	\$15					\$1,478
Room in House in Residential Area	\$300-\$900	\$300	\$60 (cell)	\$100.65	\$75	\$75	\$30	\$940-\$1,540.65
Room in 2 BR Apartment (Seven Springs Village)	\$700-\$897	\$300	\$60 (cell)	\$100.65	Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$1160.65-\$1,357.65
Room in Knox Box	\$500-\$950	\$300	\$60 (cell)	\$100.65	Partial utilities often included; estimate \$95			\$1055.65-\$1,505.65
Bedroom Leases: University View	\$855-\$1024	\$300	\$60 (cell)	Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$1,215-\$1,384
Univ. Town Center	\$770-\$1045	\$300	\$60 (cell)	Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	Included in rent	\$1,130-\$1,405

Notes:

- Residence hall rates are based on 8-month academic year agreement.
- For students who are living off campus, add \$135/month for gasoline (900-1,000 miles/month at \$3/gallon). Optional on-site garage parking fees are \$75/month at University View and \$75-\$120/month at The Towers at University Town Center. Optional UM commuter parking permit fee of \$216/academic year is **not** shown.
- Many students opt not to pay for a land-line telephone and use a cell phone instead. \$15/month voice/data fee at Graduate Gardens/Hills excludes \$13/month UM subsidy
- Rent calculations are based on figures from the Department of Resident Life and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and data from the Off-Campus Housing Services OCH101 online database of housing listings. Utility, phone, cable/internet, gasoline, and food estimates are based on the utility costs of student staff in Off-Campus Housing Services who rent in the College Park area.
- Figures for off-campus accommodations are broad estimates. Many factors influence costs such as distance to campus, number of roommates (to also include spouse, partner, family members), use/availability of public transportation, personal eating habits, type of unit rented, and amenities.

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