



OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MOVING OFF-CAMPUS

Should you live off-campus?

Deciding whether you should live on or off campus is an individual decision. There are great advantages to living on-campus, such as easy access to campus facilities and the community atmosphere of the residence hall community. That said, living off-campus can provide a wholly independent living experience. In terms of cost, living off-campus can be more or less expensive. For example, although there is more flexibility when living off-campus regarding how much you will spend on rent and food, you will also need to budget for other expenses such as utilities (i.e. power, water, cable and internet.)

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

- Any student may choose to live off-campus. However, those students who receive a scholarship award as a “resident” student and choose to live off-campus will have a change in their scholarship.
- Financial Aid, outside of institutional scholarship, will not change if you choose to move off-campus. Financial Aid is calculated the same whether you live on or off-campus.
- Many leases are for one or more years. Financial Aid is for nine months. It is important to consider this when creating your off-campus living budget.
- Most leases require a security deposit, first and last month’s rent before you move-in. These expenses may need to be paid before your financial aid is available.
- Other expenses, such as food and utilities, may not be covered by your financial aid or funds may not be available when needed. It is important to have money saved and budgeted for these expected and unexpected costs.
- Missouri Valley holds students to the same standards off-campus as it does on-campus. Students violating any College policy off-campus may be held accountable under the Student Code of Conduct.

MVC REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

All students living off-campus must provide a current address and phone number for their off-campus residence upon check-in each semester.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU MOVE-IN & BEYOND

You're in charge of your own safety. Check to see if smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are present and working. Know who to call in an emergency. Be sure to lock all doors and windows.

Get insurance. Renters insurance is relatively cheap and can save you money should your belongings be damaged, stolen, or destroyed.

Know your rights. Review Missouri's Landlord-Tenant Law if you have questions. (Link: <http://ago.mo.gov/publications/landlordtenant.pdf>)

LOCAL UTILITIES

Cable

AT&T (888-476-3407; www.att.com)

Zito Media (800-365-6988; www.zitomedia.com)

Electric

Marshall Municipal Services (660-886-3945; www.mmuonline.net)

Internet

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Zito Media (800-365-6988; www.zitomedia.com)

Water

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THINGS TO ASK BEFORE YOU RENT OR LEASE:

Look at the facility. Does it meet your needs?

Check the facility for needed repairs and pest problems. Will the issues be addressed before you move-in?

What are the rental costs? Who will pay for utilities?

How much is the security deposit?

What type of notice is needed for renewal or termination? For what reason are you allowed to terminate your lease/rental agreement?

What are the exact move-in and move-out dates?

Who will maintain the facility, including any possible yard work or snow removal?

What are the facility policies (i.e. noise, pets, etc.)?

How is the neighborhood? Is it loud or quiet, safe?

Before you sign, read the lease!

WHERE SHOULD I LOOK FOR A PLACE?

There are a wide variety of local lease and rental facilities throughout the City of Marshall. The Marshall Chamber of Commerce graciously provides a list of local relators and landlords for your convenience.

REALTORS

Todd & Associates	(660) 831-0100
Marshall Realty	(660) 886-7776
Ashford Agency	(660) 886-8557
Towers Realty	(660) 831-5080
Viking Realty	(660) 886-4111
Swinger Realtors	(660) 886-3388
Mikels Realty	(660) 886-8700
Beverly Real Estate	(660) 815-2520
Butler Realty	(660) 886-7575
Central Missouri Board of Realtors	(660) 886-8600
Countryside Realty	(660) 886-5626
Hearthstone Realty	(660) 886-5959
Home to Home Realty	(660) 886-7019

