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**future**  
awaits.

Information + Q&A  
for New International Students  
Today's Topic:  
**Housing & Transportation**

International Student Services  
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# Today's Content

- Housing
  - On-campus Housing
  - Off-campus Housing
  - Things to consider before renting
- Transportation
  - Transportation Mode
  - Get2FAU Guide
  - Driving in the Florida and Obtaining a FL Driver's License



## On Campus Housing

- Three Apartments (upperclassmen and possibly graduate students):
  - University Village Apartments (UVA)
  - Innovation Village North (IVAN )
  - South Apartments (VAS)
- Five Residential Halls (Mix of Upperclassman and First Year Students):
  - Atlantic Park Towers (APT)
  - Indian River Towers (IRT)
  - Glades Park Towers (GPT)
  - Heritage Park Towers (HPT)
  - Parliament Hall (PAR)





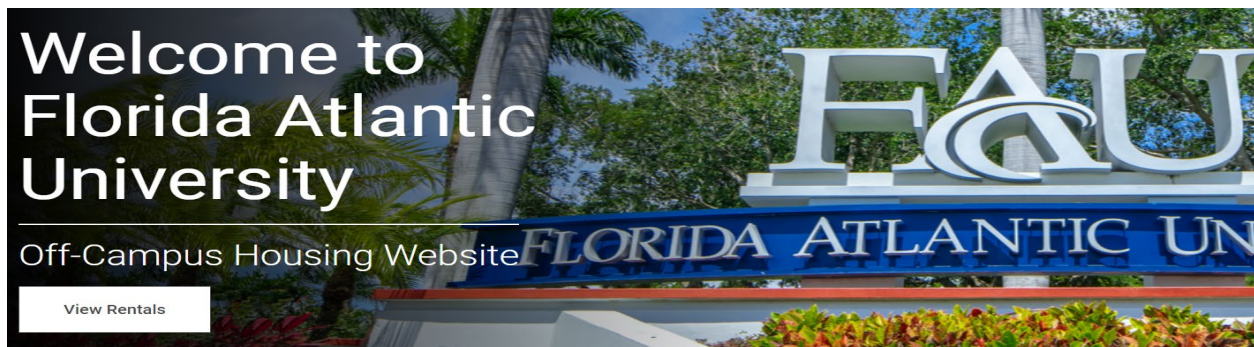
## Important to Know About **On Campus** Housing

- On-campus Housing is **prioritized to first-year and second year undergraduate students and fills quickly**
  - Application opened in January and has closed already due to high demand
  - \$100 non-refundable housing deposit
  - Wait list available
- Sign up for on campus housing here: <https://www.fau.edu/housing/signup/>
- FAU Housing website: <https://www.fau.edu/housing/>



## Off Campus Housing Search Websites

- **FAU Official Off-campus Housing Website:** <https://offcampushousing.fau.edu/>
- **ForRent** search tool: <https://www.forrent.com/>
- **Apartments** search tool: <https://www.apartments.com/>
- Use the following search criteria:
  - City/State: Boca Raton, FL
  - Zip Code: 33431 (FAU zip code for options closest to campus)







## Off Campus Housing Search via Real Estate Agent

- Agents don't get paid by tenants (people who want to rent)
- Local Real Estate Agents (Realtors):
  - Richard Bloomfield, Tel. +1 646-330-7827
  - Vivian Li, Tel. +1 954-988-1028 or +1 561-427-6100



## Roommate Search for **Off Campus** Housing

- Private Facebook Group: [FAU International Roommate Connection](#)
- Register on [FAU's Off Campus Housing Site](#) to access the roommate search feature



### FAU International Student Roommate Connection

🔒 Private group · 321 members

+ Invite



### Find a Roommate

Need a roommate? Students can register **here** to create a profile and search for a roommate.



## Things to Consider Before Renting

- What am I looking for?
  - Temporary/On/Off Campus Housing?
  - Real Estate Agent or Self Search?
  - Furnished or Unfurnished?
  - Roommate/s or Single?
- Proximity to Campus
  - Use Google Maps to check how far the place is from the campus
  - Campus Address: 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431
- Move In Costs
  - Typical for this area: Security Deposit = two months rent (varies)
  - First Month's Rent and Last Month's Rent (varies)
- Monthly Costs
  - Rent
  - Utilities (may or may not be included)





## Things to Consider Before Renting (continued)

- Furnished vs Unfurnished Apartments
  - If unfurnished, be prepared to purchase:
    - Furniture (sofa, bed, table, TV, etc.)
    - Linens (bed sheets, towels, etc.)
    - Kitchen supplies (pans, pots, plates, utensils, etc.)
  - Either
    - Toiletries, hand soap, cleaning supplies, etc.
- Apartments are constantly added and removed from the market (Check for new listings often)
- Some landlords require Social Security number
- Be prepared to meet the landlord and/or potential roommates
- Occupancy limits



## Suggested Questions to Ask Before Renting

- How much is the rent per month?
- What is included in the rent?
  - Utilities? Cable? Internet?
- What are the move in costs?
- Do you require a Security Deposit?
  - If so, how much?
  - Refundable?
- How many people can reside?
- How will I be penalized if I break the lease?
- How much notice needs to be given before I can terminate the lease agreement?
- Does the lease renew automatically or do I need to request a renewal?
- Do you allow children? What ages? Where is the nearest childcare, school, etc.?



## Suggested Questions to Ask Before Renting (continued)

- Is parking available?
  - What kind is it? Garage? On the street? Parking lot?
  - Is there an additional charge?
  - Is there a guest parking?
- Do you allow pets?
  - What size?
  - Are there additional charges?
- Are there laundry facilities available in the apartment, building, or rental complex?
- Do you permit pictures to be hung on the walls or allow any type of improvements?
- Where is the nearest grocery store? Doctor? Mall (shopping area)?
- How, when, and where do you dispose of trash?
- Is there anything else that I need to know about this place and requirements?



## Temporary Housing

- Local Hotels
  - To make reservation, call the hotel and inquire about the FAU rate: [FAU Hotel Rates](#)
- [Airbnb](#) & [Vrbo](#)
  - Both Airbnb and Vrbo offer short term house, apartment, or condo rentals

## Off campus Housing Resource Guide



## Modes of Transportation

- FAU Shuttle
  - FAU offers a Bus Shuttle that operates throughout campus during the day for students, faculty and staff who park in remote areas or live in the student apartments.
  - FAU also offer a free intercampus shuttle service connecting between the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses
- Train & Bus Services (More Details in next slide)
- Rideshare/Taxi Services
- Driving/Carpooling
- Biking
- Walking







## Tri-Rail

- Tri-Rail is a commuter train that links Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach.
- There is now a shuttle that runs directly between the Tri-Rail station at Yamato Road and FAU. The shuttle runs every 20 minutes from 6:45 am - 9:00 pm and is a short 10-minute ride.
- Parking is free at most locations.
- Students have the opportunity to take advantage of Tri-rail's Student Discount Program for the duration of their enrollment at FAU. Students will receive a 50% discount when they show proof of enrollment with either their Owl Card and/or class schedule.







## Palm Tran

- [Palm Tran](#) is popular as a means for public transportation.
- According to Palm Tran, “Palm Tran travels to every major destination in Palm Beach County—from Jupiter to Boca Raton and from Palm Beach to the Glades.
- Palm Tran follows a cash fare style, fares are \$2 exact coin change per trip. Fare cards can be issued if payment is in excess over \$1.
- QUIK Passes are available in multiple locations, for different time ranges.



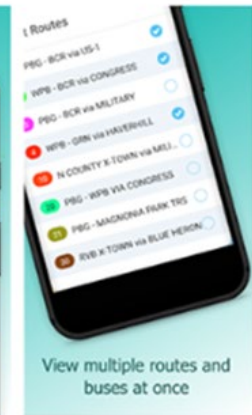
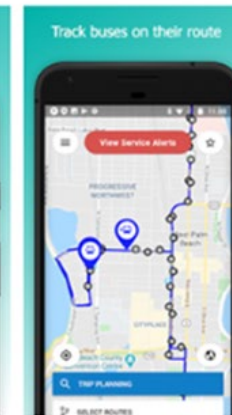
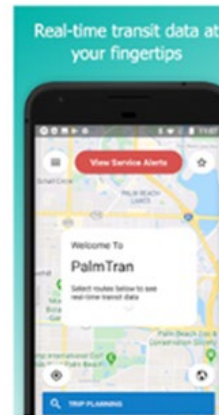
### Palm Tran

Avail Technologies, Inc. Maps & Navigation

Everyone

Add to Wishlist

Install



**32**  
Routes

**2,983**  
Stops

**159**  
Fleet

**35,000**  
Daily ridership



## Driving in the U.S. and Obtaining a U.S. driver's license

- International students may legally drive in Florida for 30 days with a valid driver's license and international driver's license issued from your home country. A Florida driver's license will be required after the 30 days.
- A Florida driver's license or a State of Florida identification card can be obtained at any [Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles \(FLHSMV\)](#) office.
- Driver's licenses are issued for one year at a time, renewable until the end of the student's program.
- To learn how to obtain a Florida's driver's license, please view our [Applying for a Florida Driver's License \(Information for F and J visa Holders\) Guide](#).





## International Airports

- FAU Boca Campus is readily accessible from the three international airports below:
- [Palm Beach International Airport \(PBI\)](#)
  - 24 miles away from FAU Boca campus
- [Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport \(FLL\)](#)
  - 27 miles away from FAU Boca campus
- [Miami International Airport \(MIA\)](#)
  - 48 miles away from FAU Boca campus





## From airports to FAU

- There are multiple ways one can get to FAU, listed below are some examples of how one may get to FAU after arriving to Florida:
- **Example 1:** Tri-Rail + Palm Tran (Route 94)/FAU Shuttle
  - Step 1: Take Tri-Rail from Miami/Fort Lauderdale Airport to Boca Raton Station.
  - Step 2: Take FAU Shuttle to Campus, your designated area of stay AKA dorm.
- **Example 2:** Take Uber/Lyft \*Note you can take public transportation and then Uber/Lyft.


### SYSTEM MAP





## Get to FAU Guides

- [www.get2fau.com](http://www.get2fau.com) is a website that provides information for getting around our community using public transit. The site also includes information for an “emergency ride home.”
- [Travel and Transportation Guide to FAU Boca Campus](#) is a guide that focus mainly ground transportation from the airports to FAU Boca campus.



**BOCA RATON CAMPUS**  
777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431  
[click here](#)

**DAVIE CAMPUS**  
South Florida Education Center  
3200 College Ave., Davie, FL 33314  
[click here](#)

**FORT LAUDERDALE CAMPUS**  
111 East Las Olas Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301  
[click here](#)

**JOHN D. MACARTHUR CAMPUS (JUPITER)**  
5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458  
[click here](#)

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## Q&A

- Any Questions?

