On Campus Housing

• University Village Apartments (UVA)
• Innovation Village North & South Apartments (IVAN & IVAS)
• Atlantic Park Towers (APT)
• Indian River Towers (IRT) Mix of Upperclassman and First Year Students
• Glades Park Towers (GPT) and Heritage Park Towers (HPT)
• Parliament Hall (PAR)
Important to Know About On Campus Housing

• Housing for fall 2022 reached full capacity

• Housing for spring 2023 important dates will be posted here: https://www.fau.edu/housing/importantdates/

• Sign up for on campus housing here: https://www.fau.edu/housing/signup/

• FAU Housing website: https://www.fau.edu/housing/
Housing Vocabulary

- **Apartment**
  - A residence with any number of bedrooms (1, 2, 3+) with shared kitchen/living and bathroom areas
  - Typically in a building with several residences

- **Efficiency/Studio**
  - Large, one room/apartment with bathroom and small kitchen area
  - Typically in a building with several residences

- **Furnished Apartment**
  - Rented with furniture (usually more $§)

- **Unfurnished Apartment**
  - Rented without furniture (less $§)
Housing Vocabulary (continued)

- Tenant
  - Person who is living in the apartment

- Landlord
  - Person (owner, agent, or company) who owns and/or manages property that is leased or rented

- Lease
  - Contract between tenant and landlord (e.g. month-to-month, yearly, six months)

- Security Deposit
  - A sum of money paid to the landlord, in addition to the rent, at the beginning of the lease to cover potential damages (may or may not be refunded at end of lease) – Be prepared financially

- Utilities
  - Electricity, gas, cable, internet, water
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?
Things to Consider Before Renting (continued)

• 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.
Things to Consider Before Renting (continued)

• 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?
Suggested Questions to Ask Before Renting (continued)

• Does the lease renew automatically or do I need to request a renewal?

• 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 children? What ages? Where is the nearest childcare, school, etc.?

• Do you allow pets?
  – What size?
  – Are there additional charges?
Suggested Questions to Ask Before Renting (continued)

• 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?
Off Campus Housing Search Websites

• FAU local off campus housing options: 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)
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

• Private Facebook Group: [FAU International Roommate Connection](#)

• Register on [FAU’s Off Campus Housing Site](#) to access the roommate search feature
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
Thank You!

Questions?