

**Chapel Hill Housing Guide**  
**Economics Graduate Student Association**  
**University of North Carolina -- Chapel Hill**  
**May 2009**

Listed below is information about housing that the Economics Graduate Student Association put together over the last two years. The list is not exhaustive but provides a good idea of what is available in terms of amenities and what students are paying. Most economics graduate students live in apartments in Chapel Hill, particularly for the first year. A few students, primarily those with working spouses, rent apartments in Durham or Raleigh or own houses in Chapel Hill, Durham or Raleigh.

**Autumn Woods**

222 Old Fayetteville Road, Carrboro, NC 27510 (about 3 miles from Gardner Hall)

[http://www.fairfield-properties.com/weblink/weblinks/forms/wbl\\_Property\\_Home.asp?scode=1591](http://www.fairfield-properties.com/weblink/weblinks/forms/wbl_Property_Home.asp?scode=1591)

Features: Convenient for the bus during the morning and late afternoon but not during the middle of the day (only the CM is running). Nice pool and gas grills. Apartments are very nice inside (updated kitchens, big bedrooms and closets). Any problems are fixed quickly.

Price: \$900/month for a two-bedroom (does not include utilities)

Recommendation: It's a very nice place--just a little expensive. Close to grocery stores and a 10-15 minute bus ride to campus. I would recommend it if you're willing to spend a little extra money.

**Berkshire Manor West**

112 NC Hwy 54 Bypass, Carrboro, NC 27510

<http://www.berkshiremanorwest.com/>

Features: The apartment is next door to Carrboro Plaza which has a few restaurants and a grocery store. Several bus routes are within ½ mile. There are both UNC students and families living in the complex.

Price: \$839/mo for a 2 BR which includes cable tv, internet at 750 kbs (works for browsing but stalls with youtube), and a washer and dryer. A 1 BR is \$700-750. Electricity is extra and is provided by Piedmont which has higher rates than Duke Power. (updated 2009)

Recommendations: Overall, yes (by two students).

**Chapel Ridge**

101 Legacy Terrace, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 (about 3 miles from Gardner Hall)

<http://chapelhill.collegerentals.com/details/ChapelHill/ChapelRidge/>

Features: On multiple bus routes. Pool and gym. Lots of undergrads, but not too noisy.

Price: \$620 per person, including utilities.

Recommendation: Pretty decent place to live.

## **Farrington Lake**

6123 Farrington Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 (about 4.5 miles from Gardner Hall)

[http://www.westdale.com/properties/Farrington\\_Lake/](http://www.westdale.com/properties/Farrington_Lake/)

Features: The apartments are clean and new. There are very few undergraduates which reduces the noise. There is no bus line by the apartment but the NC 54 park-and-ride is about 2 miles away – which turns out to be very convenient since there is never a wait. There are 2 pools in the complex, as well as a tennis court, duck pond, volleyball court, and fitness room all of which are nice. One drawback is the proximity to the water treatment plant.

Price: \$700/month for a 1-bedroom and \$800/month for a 2-bedroom. About 1000 square feet, not including the deck. If you tell them you work for UNC as a TA/RA, they'll waive the security deposit. (updated 2009)

Recommendation: Highly recommended so long as you do not want to be within walking distance from campus.

## **Laurel Ridge Apartments**

1100 W NC Hwy 54 Bypass, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

<http://www.equityapartments.com/market/brochure.aspx?page=overview&PropID=548>

Location: Exactly 1.0 miles from the complex to department. ~20-25 min walk, ~10 min bike ride

Features: Has buses that pick up right outside complex fairly often, at least every 15-20 min. Very easy to get to campus. There were some criminal incidents here, but overall I felt safe - just make sure to lock your door and stuff. It is not close to a grocery store (within walking distance), though I can't think of an apartment complex that is. I only use my car to go shopping once a week or so. Apartments are nice inside and clean. It's a nice place to live.

Price: Fairly reasonable in terms of prices.

Recommendation: I would probably live here again. The prices aren't bad and I can walk to campus and Franklin Street from where I live.

## **Northhampton Plaza**

600 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Features: The apartments are furnished, which is particularly convenient for international students. Also, electricity is included in the rent which is also convenient for international students since the local electric utilities may require a cosigner if students do not have a Social Security card or a credit card history.

Price: 1 bedroom furnished 630-\$650/month including water and electricity. (2009 update)

Recommendation: Very good for first year international students. The units are a bit like hotel suites and other apartments may be better after the first year.

## **Notting Hill Apartments**

100 Drew Hill Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (about 4 miles from Gardner Hall)

<http://www.nottinghill-apartments.com/>

Features: Very convenient to the D and BCX buses. Quiet.

Price: Expensive

### **Rock Creek Apartments**

100 Rock Haven Rd, Carrboro, NC 27510 (about 2.5 miles from Gardner Hall)

<http://www.equityapartments.com/market/brochure.aspx?page=overview&PropId=1382>

Features: Very convenient bus access (J-Line), good management, quiet, pool, tennis courts.

Price: Probably between 700 and 750 a month (2 bedroom)

Recommended: Yes

### **Shadowood Apartments**

110 Piney Mountain Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

<http://www.liveshadowood.com/>

Features: Very nice. Good bus service.

Price: 2 bedroom townhouse with 1.5 baths \$700-800 (2009 update)

Recommendation: Yes (by a student who lived there for four years)

### **Stratford Hills Apartments**

700 Bolinwood Dr, Chapel Hill, NC

<http://www.bipinc.com/apartments/trans/profile.asp?id=96>

Features: The apartments were just renovated; they are bright, have new appliances. Maintenance is usually very responsive. Access to about 6 bus lines. Takes less than 5 minutes to get to campus on a bus and about 20-25 minutes walking. There is not a grocery store within walking distance but there is bus service to a grocery store.

Price: 2 bedroom \$720 to 785 per month not including utilities (updated 2009)

Recommendation: Yes, mainly due to the location, price-wise it is in the range of many other apartment complexes in the area.

### **Timberlyne Apartments**

200 Westminster Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (about 4 miles from Gardner Hall)

Features: Close to two bus routes, very close to grocery store, post office, hardware, etc. Management is good, apartments are a little older, but you get quite a bit of space for your money. Tennis courts/pool. Generally safe.

Price: 700 to 850 or so per month (2 bedroom)

Recommended: Yes

### **Other apartments for which students furnished price information:**

Students indicated that they liked living in the following apartments but provided no more detail.

Farrington Lake 2 BR \$765/mo

Southpoint Crossing 2 BR \$800/mo

Laurel Ridge 2 Br \$750-800

The Pointe 2 BR \$1000 (more expensive and nicer than some)

### **Price information that students obtained during their apartment searches**

Estes Park Apartments: 1 bedroom \$463, 2 bedroom \$546 (2009 update)

Franklin Woods: 1 bedroom \$698, 2 bedroom \$826 (2009 update)

Northhampton Terrace: 1 bedroom \$675

Pinegate Apartments: 1 bedroom \$498, 2 bedroom \$600 (2009 update)

University Gardens: 2 bedroom \$650 (2009 update)

### **Student Family Housing**

Married students and students with children may live in the campus housing complex Baity-Hill described at <http://housing.unc.edu/baityhill>. Also, an online lease application is also available at <http://housing.unc.edu>. The 2 BR apartments are \$800-900/mo including utilities. Nice housing at a very reasonable price. If apartments are available, single students are accepted. (2009 update)

### **Additional Resources**

The University does not recommend specific apartments but provides some general information at [http://housing.unc.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=39&Itemid=122](http://housing.unc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=39&Itemid=122).

A list of over 50 area apartment complexes' phone number, website, and what bus line they're on: <http://www.ibiblio.org/sg/ocha/housinglist.html>

Also, <http://chapelhillrent.com/>

Craig's list: <http://raleigh.craigslist.org/apa/>

Chapel Hill has a \*free\* bus system that makes many places very accessible to campus.

<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.asp?NID=397>

### **General tips**

Always ask for a student special at apartments – many offer them but don't advertise that they do. It has been useful to students to quote websites (like rent.com) when contacting the apartment office, since many give you \$100 off if the complex is listed on the website.