A GUIDE TO COLUMBUS HOUSING

The Ohio State University
Fisher College of Business
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WELCOME TO COLUMBUS, OHIO!

The Ohio State University is located in Columbus, Ohio, a rapidly growing city of over 1.5 million people. Columbus has extensive offerings in cultural, business, and recreational activities. Columbus is the 15th largest city in the United States, and the state capital of Ohio.

GENERAL COST OF LIVING IN COLUMBUS

Columbus enjoys a cost of living substantially lower than many other major U.S. cities. In 2015, Forbes ranked the cost of living in Columbus as 4.7% below the national average. In the areas where many graduate business students live, an average one bedroom apartment runs from $700–$1,100 per month. As you plan for your time in the program, we encourage students to take advantage of resources like the Council of Graduate Student’s Budget Calculator to help in your planning.

Its Midwest location benefits students with comparatively low rent and food costs. See more of Columbus—and how students and alumni make the most of it. You can even take a virtual tour of campus!

NEIGHBORHOODS

One of the best things about visiting Columbus is the chance to explore its fascinating and fun-filled neighborhoods. Few cities around have such a mix of diverse neighborhoods, all within a short walk of downtown, which makes a great epicenter for your Columbus visit. Head south to check out the historic charm and hot dining scene of German Village. To the west, you’ll find the emerging arts epicenter of Franklinton with its industrial vibe. To the north, the Short North Arts District delights with boutique shopping, outstanding nightlife and distinctive dining.

Click on a neighborhood below to learn more about it.

- Arena District
- German Village
- Clintonville
- Downtown
- Grandview
- Short North
- University District
- Upper Arlington
- Worthington
TYPES OF HOUSING

The Fisher College of Business campus is located on the northeastern part of The Ohio State University. Graduate students may choose to live on campus or off campus—and may options exist. You can choose to live near campus or downtown if you enjoy nightlife and cultural activities, or you can choose to live in the suburbs, all options are within a 15–30 minute drive from Fisher.

ON-CAMPUS GRADUATE HOUSING
On-campus housing options for Ohio State graduate students can be found on the southern part of The Ohio State University campus. One popular option (called the “Gateway Apartments”) is mentioned within the Campus Area section of this packet. If interested, apply as early as possible. For more information visit the OSU Housing Site, call (614) 292-8266 or email housing@osu.edu.

OFF-CAMPUS LIVING (APARTMENTS OR HOME RENTALS)
Many students begin their search with Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services. This online housing site provides a resource for the entire University community for finding housing and roommates, resources to encourage safe practices in the off-campus area, and support for living in the Buckeye community. If you have questions about off-campus housing or how to use the website, call (614) 292-0100 or email offcampus@osu.edu.

SAFETY DEVICES
Ohio State offers free window/door alarms and free light timers for students living in off-campus properties. You can even get batteries for your smoke detectors. Stop by the OSU Ohio Union (room 3106) with your BuckID to pick them up once you get to campus.
POPULAR HOUSING OPTIONS FOR FISHER GRADUATES

We compiled feedback from Fisher graduate students to provide you with an idea of where current students have enjoyed living. Depending on what is important to you (location, nightlife, price, etc.), you may want to take the following information into consideration. These options do not act as an endorsement of any particular provider, but may serve as a jumping off point in your search!
ABOUT CAMPUS AREA

The campus and Clintonville areas are the perfect place for students to call home while attending the Fisher College of Business. With nearly everything within walking distance between home and school, students who do not drive or have vehicles find convenience in living around shopping, food, and services.

The heart of this area is High Street, which hugs the edge of campus and goes both north and south for miles. High Street includes many popular businesses and local boutiques, making it easy to find something for everyone to enjoy. Immerse yourself in cafes, restaurants, student services, and nightlife—all within walking distance. Grab a quick lunch between classes at Donatos or Moe’s, treat yourself to Buckeye Donuts after an exam, and meet up with friends at Out-R-Inn—the possibilities are plentiful.

The campus area is home to cultural experiences, breweries, parks, bars, and more—it’s the hub of the area where everything happens, and many businesses are longstanding traditions and rights-of-passage for The Ohio State University students. For those looking for ethnic dining options, the area is filled with cuisine from all over the world, including Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Asian, and more. The Wexner Center for the Arts, located on campus, showcases some of the best fine art performances known to the city. This historic neighborhood is constantly reinventing itself while keeping close watch over its roots and distinctive personality.

GETTING TO FISHER CAMPUS

Most students can get to campus by walking or by taking a short bus ride. The campus bus system picks up and drops off all throughout the area on a routine basis. For those who prefer to drive to campus, there are two parking lots directly next to Fisher.
Popular Campus-Area Housing Options
(by distance to Fisher)

**THE DORIC ON LANE**
- $1,475 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
- In-unit laundry, free printing, underground parking
- 5-minute walk to Fisher (0.2 miles)
- Furnished units available

The Doric on Lane is across the street from the Fisher campus, with convenient options for both solo and group living, including locked bedroom doors and individual leases.

For more information, visit [thedoriconlane.com](http://thedoriconlane.com) or call 614-470-5627.

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**NORWICH FLATS**
- $1,295 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
- Garage parking, fitness center, computer lab
- 5-minute walk to campus (0.3 miles)
- Furnished units available
- Popular move-in month: July

For more information, visit [livenorwichflats.com](http://livenorwichflats.com) or call 614-450-1442.

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**RIVERWATCH TOWER**
- $950 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
- On-site laundry, close to campus
- 5-minute walk to Fisher (0.3 miles)
- Furnished units available
- 4/5 average OSU student rating
- Popular move-in month: August

“It’s really close to Fisher and it’s clean. Check out the property in person before you make a decision.”

For more information, visit [riverwatchtower.com](http://riverwatchtower.com) or call 614-291-7179.
Popular Campus-Area Housing Options
(by distance to Fisher)

**WILSON PLACE**
» Two-bedroom units starting at $2,430
» Garage parking, in-unit laundry, fitness center
» 5–10-minute walk to Fisher (0.4 miles)
» Brand new housing opportunity
» Pets not allowed

At the corner of Lane Avenue and High Street, Wilson Place is a short commute to the Fisher campus and in the middle of many popular bars and restaurants.

For more information, visit [hometeamproperties.net/wilsonplace](http://hometeamproperties.net/wilsonplace) or call 614-291-2600.

**OLENTANGY VILLAGE**
» $700 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Swimming pool, garage parking, on-site laundry
» 5-minute drive to Fisher (1 mile)
» 5/5 average OSU student rating
» Popular move-in month: July
» Cat friendly

“Overall, a good and safe complex, but the kitchen is a little small if you are someone who cooks.”

For more information, visit [olentangyvillage.com](http://olentangyvillage.com) or call 614-261-0202.

**UNCOMMON COLUMBUS**
» $1,399 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Study lounges, workstations, pool deck with hot tub
» 5-minute drive to Fisher (1 mile)
» Brand-new housing opportunity
» Furnished units available

For more information, visit [uncommoncolumbus.com](http://uncommoncolumbus.com) or call 614-932-2009.
Popular Campus-Area Housing Options
(by distance to Fisher)

GATEWAY APARTMENTS
» $980 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» In-unit laundry, free Internet, free gym
» 10-minute drive to Fisher (1.5 miles)
» Furnished units available

Gateway Apartments are on campus, University owned, and specifically for Ohio State graduate students. They are located on South Campus and close to many High Street shops and restaurants.

For more information, visit housing.osu.edu or call 614-292-8266.

LENNOX FLATS
» $1,100 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» In-unit laundry, fitness center, bike racks
» 5-minute drive to Fisher (1.5 miles)
» 3/5 average OSU student rating
» Popular move-in month: July

“It’s a comfortable, modern space with everything I need in the unit. Management is really nice.”

For more information, visit connorgroup.com or call 614-625-6499.

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE
» $757 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Fitness center, study rooms, free printing
» Private shuttle service to campus (1.8 miles)
» 4/5 average OSU student rating
» Popular move-in month: August
» Furnished units available, pet friendly
» 1.6 miles to Fisher

“It’s an easy and convenient option.”

For more information, visit universityvillage.com or call 614-261-1211.
ABOUT GRANDVIEW AREA

Grandview is a beautiful place to live and one of Columbus’ most beloved areas. This walkable, bikeable neighborhood is just a couple of miles from downtown and the Fisher College of Business campus. With plenty of local businesses that fill the area with energy and tree-lined streets that promote outdoor activity, Grandview is both lively and welcoming.

The heart of the neighborhood is Grandview Avenue, a street filled with so much activity it’s nearly impossible to find something new to fall in love with. Cafes, boutiques, restaurants, and immersive experiences all make up the hub of Grandview. Stop by The Candle Lab to design your own scented candle, then drop in at Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams for a delectable treat that’s made from some of Ohio’s freshest ingredients. You’ll also find top-rated coffee roasters, breweries, high-end salons, and some of the best restaurants in all of Columbus.

Grandview is filled with craft microbreweries and taprooms. A hub of creativity, culture, and out-of-the-ordinary experiences, it offers an array of guided food and drink tasting tours, unique regional events, demos, classes, art galleries, consignment shops, a working distillery, the nation’s oldest operating single-screen theater, and much more. This hip, historic neighborhood is brimming with distinctive flavor and new experiences.

(adapted from Destination Grandview)

GETTING TO FISHER CAMPUS

Grandview is conveniently located a couple of miles from Fisher’s campus, making it easy to commute by car or bus. The 31 bus line drops off at the corner Lane Avenue and High Street, while the 1 line drops off at the corner of Lane and Neil Avenue. The West Campus bus line drops off in front of the Fisher campus on Woody Hayes Drive. For those who prefer to drive to campus, there are two parking lots directly next to Fisher.
Popular Grandview Housing Options
(by distance to Fisher)

**FISHER COMMONS**
- $1,020 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
- Un-unit laundry, free printing, grilling area
- 5–10-minute drive to Fisher (1.2 miles)
- Popular move-in month: July
- Fisher Commons is an upscale graduate apartment community for Fisher College of Business students. This community is walking distance to the Ohio State Football Stadium and multiple recreation facilities.

For more information, visit [fishercommons.com](http://fishercommons.com) or call 614-487-9008.

**THE MERIDIAN**
- $1,250 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
- In-unit laundry, updated appliances, secure parking
- 5–10-minute drive to Fisher (2 miles)
- Popular move-in month: July
- Pet friendly
- The Meridian is a luxury apartment complex in the heart of Grandview with quick access to many bars, restaurants, and grocery stores.

For more information, visit [meridiancolumbus.com](http://meridiancolumbus.com) or call 614-427-0977.

**THE VIEW ON FIFTH**
- $1,200 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
- In-unit laundry, gourmet kitchens, fitness center
- 10–15-minute drive to Fisher (2.2 miles)
- 3.5/5 average OSU student rating
- Popular move-in month: August

“Location might be more important especially with the amount of time you spend on campus and the number of times you go back and forth.”

For more information, visit [theviewonfifth.com](http://theviewonfifth.com) or call 614-674-6350.
Popular Grandview Housing Options
(by distance to Fisher)

HERITAGE APARTMENTS
» $760 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» In-unit laundry, updated appliances, secure parking
» 10-minute drive to Fisher (2.5 miles)
» 4/5 average OSU student rating
» Popular move-in month: July

“I appreciate the size of the apartment and the free cable and Wi-Fi included in our rent.”

For more information, visit rentheritage.com or call 614-486-5232.

TRIBECA
» $1,200 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Pool, fitness center, theater, in-unit laundry
» 10-minute drive to Fisher (3 miles)
» 4/5 average OSU student rating
» Furnished units available

“Consider taking the bus instead of parking at school. It’s cheaper, convenient, and the bus drops off right outside the apartment building.”

For more information, visit livethetribeca.com or call 888-694-9097.

GRANDVIEW YARD
» $1,350 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» In-unit laundry, updated appliances, secure parking
» 10-minute drive to Fisher (3.7 miles)
» Pet friendly

Grandview Yard is located in an exciting housing and retail center that includes walkable access to restaurants, grocery stores, and other services.

For more information, visit grandviewyardapartments.com or call 877-960-2154.
ABOUT NORTHWEST COLUMBUS AREA

In the beautiful, historic neighborhood that is steeped in New England tradition, you will find a progressive, vibrant community that is bustling with today’s latest experiences and activities. Beautiful tree-lined streets, American flags on every downtown lamppost, and quaint charm greet every visitor and continue to attract new families and businesses.

Northwest Columbus is a great option for students who prefer to live outside the bubble of campus, have families, or those who are looking for a small, suburban atmosphere in a large metropolitan area. The area prides itself on supporting small, local businesses and maintaining the roots that founded Worthington and surrounding neighborhoods many years ago.

Yoga and fitness studios, bike trails, community pools, zip lining, and parks are popular recreation activities in the area. The Olentangy River Parklands gives residents access to a miles-long bike trail that connects to many businesses and runs into the heart of campus. For those seeking artistic experiences, the choices run aplenty. The Candle Lab offers a fun and unique way to create your next favorite candle while the McConnell Arts Center promotes various performing, visual, and digital art experiences. Opt to take a class at the Igloo Letterpress studio, where you can learn the art of typesetting while creating fun takeaways, like cards and posters.

(parts adapted from Experience Worthington)

GETTING TO FISHER CAMPUS

The most convenient way to reach campus from Northwest Columbus is by vehicle. Some students opt to car pool while others drive alone. The 315 or High Street are popular ways to reach the Fisher campus from the Worthington area. Because many people commute from the area to downtown, except a commute around 15–30 minutes on a normal day.
Popular Northwest Columbus Housing Options
(by distance to Fisher)

**KENDALL PARK**
» $1,150 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Fitness center, updated appliances, in-unit laundry
» 15–20-minute drive to Fisher (6.2 miles)
» Pet friendly

“Kendall Park offers luxury apartments close to shopping and dining. Residents enjoy a complementary gym membership and monthly events that include wine tastings and tailgates.”

For more information, visit [livepreferred.com](http://livepreferred.com) or call 614-824-6688.

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**OLENTANGY COMMONS**
» $900 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Updated appliances, fitness center, dog park
» 10–15-minute drive to Fisher (5.2 miles)
» 3.5/5 average OSU student rating
» Popular move-in months: July and August
» Pet friendly

“It’s a good place to live but having car is necessary since it is further from campus.”

For more information, visit [olentangycommons.com](http://olentangycommons.com) or call 614-655-3258.

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**GEORGETOWN APARTMENTS**
» $900 for one-bedroom unit (approximate)
» Dog park, on-site laundry, swimming pool
» 15–20-minute drive to Fisher (6 miles)
» Pet friendly

Georgetown Apartments offers spacious units near Worthington and is close to shopping, restaurants, and more.

For more information, visit [georgetownaptsoh.com](http://georgetownaptsoh.com) or call 614-888-1118.