

Off-Campus Living First Steps Transcript

Living off campus can be a dramatic change. This online training will help you make a successful transition into the Flagstaff community. After completing this training, you will know what to look for when choosing a place to live and what you need to know when signing a lease. Additionally, you will learn about city codes and ordinances unique to Flagstaff and will be provided with helpful tips on being a good neighbor, managing parties responsibly, and healthy roommate relationships.

Let's begin.

Are you thinking of living off campus? Should you live off campus?

Don't take this decision lightly. Living off campus has its benefits and challenges. Ask yourself these questions to help you make the right decision.

- Can I afford to live off campus?
- Do I know what type of housing I want?
- Am I ready to be more independent and take on additional responsibilities?
- Will I be able to manage and pay a utility bill?
- Am I willing to spend extra time to commute to class?
- Am I willing to travel back to campus for co-curricular events and study sessions after class?
- Do I know what type of transportation I will need (car, bike, bus)?
- Do I have time to cook?
- Do I have an idea of who I would like to live with?
- Will I be able to communicate effectively with roommates and/or neighbors?
- Am I familiar with city codes and ordinances and how they can affect me?

Your search will be easier if you start looking early. Becoming familiar with the types of rentals available and the current rental rates will help you locate the apartment or house that best suits your needs. Remember to expand your search to all areas of Flagstaff, not just near campus. Your first stop when looking for off-campus housing should be Louie's List. It is the official off-campus housing website specifically for NAU students, faculty, and staff. It is an easy tool used to search and post listings, find roommates, and other resources.

[Louie's List](#)

People have different priorities when it comes to housing selections. Think location, safety, responsibilities, and exterior and interior considerations. Ask yourself what is important to you. Doing some background research will help you gain a basic idea of a neighborhood or apartment complex. If possible, try to contact the current tenants and ask them about the landlord and neighbors.