

# **Class of 2022 & 2023 Graduate Student Housing Guide**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The following document is a housing guide prepared by current graduate students from the Robert H. Smith School of Business. The purpose of this guide is to assist newly admitted MBA and Business Master's students to familiarize themselves with the area and find suitable housing arrangements.

All graduate students live in off-campus housing. Apartments, townhouses, and shared houses are available for rent in Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington D.C.

The views, opinions, and recommendations expressed are those of current Smith graduate students only and are ***neither affiliated nor endorsed*** by the Robert H. Smith School of Business or the University of Maryland, College Park.

**\*All areas are categorized by state/district and are not written in order of recommendation.**

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## **GENERAL TIPS & COVID- 19 IMPLICATIONS:**

Most of the housing recommendations are based off previous cohort data and assume normal market conditions. Wherever applicable updated information, tips, and recommendations were included to assist in the housing search. Please take the time to conduct your own research to ensure you have the most up to date information.

### **Important considerations**

As many of us begin preparing for this fall there remain many questions about what that may look like and how to best prepare. With this in mind, we have three general COVID-19 specific recommendations for the 2022-2023 academic year. Source: <https://www.avail.co/education/articles/7-tips-for-moving-during-a-pandemic>.

### **Begin your search as early as possible**

During “normal” market conditions it took on average 1-3 months for UMD students to secure housing. Many people anticipate a much more competitive housing market for this upcoming academic year. As we get closer to the beginning of the school year, we expect that there will be far less options. With this in mind it would be best to conduct research now and find housing arrangements that would best suit your individual needs. As of March 2022, campus is planning for a fully in person Fall 2022 semester. Please monitor communications from the university for any updates or changes.

### **Get your documentation in order**

To increase your chances of securing the best housing arrangement it is important that you are prepared. This includes gathering all the necessary documentation/ paperwork such as:

- Proof of employment
- Photo Identification
- List of Past Addresses
- Tax Returns
- Banking Information
- Reference Letters
- Proof of Residence

It would also be wise to familiarize yourself with local utility, internet, cable, and other various providers in the area. The more research and preparation you do the more likely it is that you will find suitable housing and have a better overall experience. Source: <https://www.sapling.com/7757062/documents-do-need-rent-house>.

### **Minimize risk**

In attempt to adapt to the current market conditions many landlords and management companies are offering COVID-19 addendums. Although these addendums vary in detail – the overall concept is that it provides you with additional protection to COVID-19 related impacts. In many cases addendums can legally break or shorten leases and/or significant discount your rent if your original arrangements are impacted due to COVID-19. For more information on this topic reference the following article '[Coronavirus clauses become ubiquitous as pandemic worsens](#)'. Keep in mind every state, county, and municipality have different policies – decisions should be based solely on a case-to-case basis. Source: <https://eforms.com/rental/amendment/%20covid-19/>.

## The housing search

### *Most students in graduate programs:*

- Relocated to this area for the program
- Live in Maryland, with most in:
  - College Park
  - Hyattsville/Riverdale
  - Silver Spring
- Chose where to live based on proximity to campus, cost, reputation of neighborhood
- Get to campus via car, bus, train or walk, and commute between 5-60 minutes
- Would recommend living in:
  - DC - Adams Morgan/Woodley Park, Brookland, Columbia Heights/Mount Pleasant, Petworth, U Street
  - MD - College Park, Hyattsville, Silver Spring, Rockville, Bethesda
  - VA - Alexandria, Courthouse/Clarendon, Crystal City/Pentagon
- Would not recommend living in
  - MD - Baltimore, Ellicott City, Adelphi, Annapolis
  - DC - H Street/Union Station, Navy Yard, NoMa

### *Where to start*

- Speak to current and former graduate students and seek their recommendations.
- Look to see if your program has a Facebook, LinkedIn or Canvas group to find roommates or ask questions. Current students are monitoring it and can provide answers and suggestions.
- Look online and familiarize yourself with the various areas.
- Prioritize what is important to you (cost, commute, social, etc.) to tailor your search.
- If you do not plan on having a car, live near public transportation. College Park is located on the Green Line (see Metro map on last page).
  - Metro: [Home | WMATA](#)
  - Bus: [Home | WMATA](#)
  - UMD Shuttle: <http://www.transportation.umd.edu/schedules.html>
  - MARC Train: <http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-train>

### *Where to look:*

Search online. Suggested websites:

- <http://www.craigslist.org> (most popular)
- [www.padmapper.com](http://www.padmapper.com) (easy way to visualize craigslist ads)
- <http://www.airbnb.com> (temporary housing resource)
- [www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com)
- [www.apartmentfinder.com](http://www.apartmentfinder.com)
- [www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com)
- [www.trulia.com](http://www.trulia.com)
- [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com)
- [www.roomster.com](http://www.roomster.com)
- [www.roommates.com](http://www.roommates.com)

**\*\*Check sites often as apartments go quickly, especially at the beginning of the school year.\*\***

- UMD's off campus housing website: <https://www.och.umd.edu/>
- You can create a profile to find roommates and available housing options within the

- UMD community.
- You can search for housing by bedrooms, rent, location, etc.

### **General tips:**

- Start your search early if possible. Most students found housing within 2-4 weeks of beginning their search, but some students also took 1-3 months to find housing.
- Consider commute time relative to potential class schedule (classes may begin as early as 8am) and try living within 25-30 minutes of College Park, as a long commute can be exhausting. Spoiler alert: Maryland traffic can get pretty bad at times.
- The commute via Metro can be unpredictable on the way to school if switching metro lines. (Please see Metro map on last page). Be sure to plan accordingly.
- If you can, visit the different neighborhoods and apartments to get an idea of the surroundings and commute times before deciding.
- Try to find a roommate to save money. Speak or meet with them beforehand to make sure you are compatible. Reference the article [‘10 Conversations You Should Have With Your Roommate Before Moving In’](#) for tips/ advice for finding a good roommate.
- Be selective to ensure priorities align with location and property - even if it means staying in temporary housing before finalizing a place → [AirBnb](#), [Vrbo](#), hotels, or even a friend’s couch!
- Consider where the neighborhood is in relation to I-495/Beltway as this is one of the main highways in and around the DC area.
- A full list of Maryland counties can be found here: <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/html/county.html>

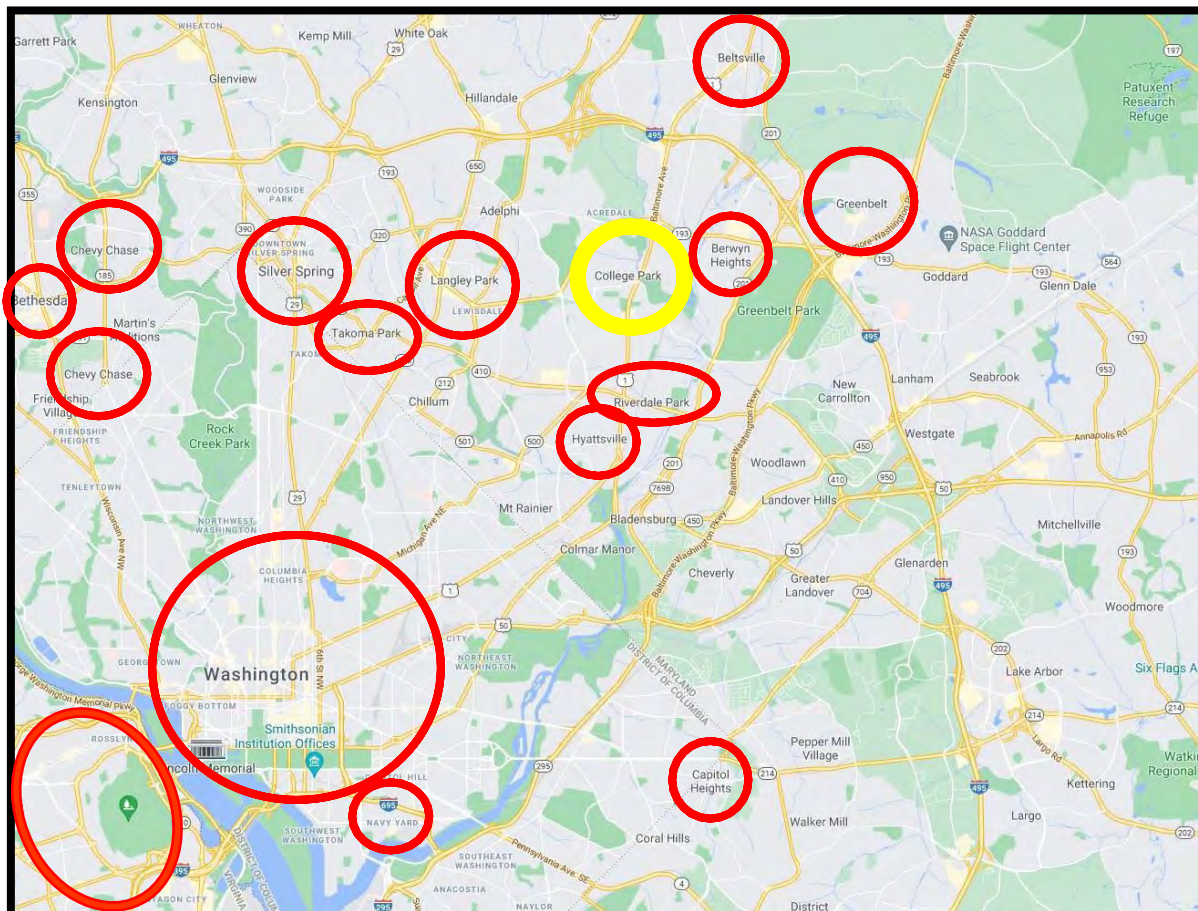
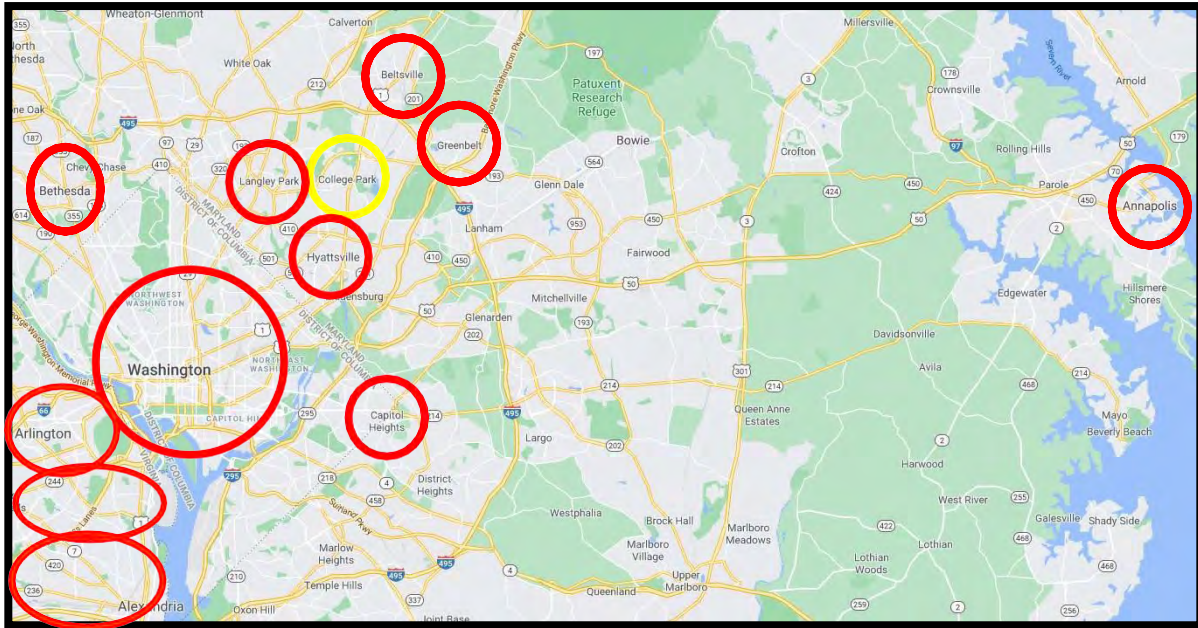
### **Local Providers:**

- Cable/ Internet:
  - Comcast
  - Spectrum
  - Verizon
  - Dish
  - DirectTV
- Utilities:
  - Pepco (Electricity)
  - Washington Gas Light Company (Natural Gas)



## MAP OVERVIEW & QUICK STATISTICS

Below you will find two different scaled versions of the DC, Maryland, Virginia (DMV) map. Red circles represent popular locations where students typically reside. The yellow circle represents College Park.



Location	Population	Medium Age	Avg Household Income	Distance from College Park
<b>Maryland</b>				
College Park	32,159	21.6	66,679	-
Beltsville	17,812	36	81,115	~5 miles
Greenbelt	23,219	35.5	71,734	~6 miles
Adelphi	16,377	33.7	75,248	~2 miles
Langley Park	19,520	29.9	63,105	~2 miles
Hyattsville	18,242	34.9	81,736	~3 miles
Riverdale Park	7,198	35.4	79,219	~3 miles
Bethesda	63,195	43.4	164,142	~28 miles
Chevy Chase	9,622	48.4	181,929	~10 miles
Rockville	67,542	38.7	106,576	~18 miles
North Potomac	23,914	43.7	171,066	~24 miles
Silver Spring	81,773	34.5	83,782	~6 miles
Takoma Park	119,223	35.7	88,820	~5 miles
Baltimore	592,490	35.9	50,177	~33 miles
Columbia	103,991	38.4	108,352	~21 miles
Annapolis	39,278	37.3	85,636	~27 miles
<b>District of Columbia</b>				
Adam Morgan	52,338	33.6	145,000	~9 miles
Brookland	9,692	39	105,418	~6 miles
Petworth	69,710	36.6	112,716	~8 miles
Capitol Hill	20,269	33.4	132,541	~11 miles
Columbia Heights	21,376	33	126,971	~8 miles
Mount Pleasant	9,043	33	129,091	~10 miles
Navy Yard	32,675	33.9	164,772	~12 miles
U Street	11,772	33	145,261	~9 miles
Shaw Neighborhood	47,748	31.8	144,384	~5 miles
Cleveland Park	6,750	38	197,492	~11 miles
Mt Vernon Triangle	2,919	32	64,056	~11 miles
Chinatown	47,748	31.8	144,384	~9 miles
<b>Northern Virginia</b>				
Arlington	233,464	34.7	120,071	~20 miles
Alexandria	157,613	36.8	100,939	~21 miles
Crystal City	25,409	35	133,956	~17 miles
Reston	61,147	36	120,396	~31 miles

\*All Information has been retrieved from Point2Homes & Data USA databases

## Maryland

### College Park, MD

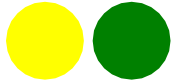
Google Map: [College Park](#)

**About the Area:** College Park is home to the University of Maryland's Flagship campus and is nestled in the heart of Prince George's County. Students choose to live in College Park primarily due to the proximity to campus. Although there is no on-campus graduate housing there are plenty of other options, most of which can be easily accessed by public transportation. The major drawback to living in this area is the cost of living. College Park ranks among the most expensive towns to live in Maryland. The average commute to school by car is about 10-15 minutes meanwhile the public transportation average commute time is roughly 10-30 minutes. The most popular type of transportation for students and residents in the area is Shuttle UM – the University of Maryland's bus system maintained by the University's department of transportation. Additionally, there is a wide availability of bike shares and e-scooters to get around town and campus.

Housing Recommendations:

- The Domain
- Graduate Hills
- College Park Towers Condos
- Parkside at College Park
- Ferris Manor
- Mazza GrandMarc Apartments

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um>,  
<https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <https://collegeparkmd.gov/>

### Beltsville/ Greenbelt, MD

Google Map: [Beltsville; Greenbelt](#)

**About the Area:** Beltsville and Greenbelt are in Prince Georges County. Students chose to live in Beltsville/ Greenbelt primarily due to the proximity to public transportation and College Park. These areas are close to the beltway and allow for easy access to DC and the surrounding area. There are also several

restaurants and shopping options. Some drawbacks include the distance to social life and price. The average commute to school by car is about 10-15 minutes meanwhile the public transportation average commute time is roughly 20-30 minutes. Although Beltsville is not serviced by Shuttle UM, Greenbelt is.

Housing Recommendations:

- Verde
- Hidden Creak
- Hilltop Apartments
- Greenbelt Premier Residents
- Lakeside North
- The Hanover

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um>,  
<https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <https://www.bestplaces.net/city/maryland/beltsville>, <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/>

## Adelphi/ Langley Park, MD

Google Map: [Adelphi](#); [Langley Park](#)

**About the Area:** Adelphi and Langley Park are in Prince Georges County. Students chose to live in Adelphi/ Langley Park primarily due the proximity to public transportation and College Park. These areas are close to the beltway and allow for easy access to DC and the surrounding area. There are also several restaurants and shopping options. Some drawbacks include the distance to social life, lack of classmates or friends in the area, and crime. The average commute to school by car is about 15-20 minutes meanwhile the public transportation average commute time is roughly 20-30 minutes. Although Langley Park is not serviced by Shuttle UM, Adelphi is.

Housing Recommendations:

- The Delano
- Heritage Park Apartments
- The Whitney
- The Gallery on New Hampshire



Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um>,  
<https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <https://www.areavibes.com/adelphi-md/>, <https://www.areavibes.com/langley+park-md/>

## Hyattsville/ Riverdale Park, MD

Google Map: [Hyattsville; Riverdale Park](#)

**About the Area:** Hyattsville/ Riverdale Park are located within Prince George's County. Students chose to live in Hyattsville/ Riverdale Park primarily due to safety, as well as the proximity to public transportation, College Park, and social life. These areas are close to the beltway and allow for easy access to DC and the surrounding area. There are also several restaurants and shopping options including Mall at Prince George. Some drawbacks include the lack of classmates or friends in the area, and price. The average commute to school by car is about 15-25 minutes meanwhile the public transportation average commute time is roughly 20-50 minutes. Although Riverdale Park is not serviced by Shuttle UM, Adelphi is.

Housing Recommendations:

- Stella
- The Highline
- Vie Towers
- Kirkwood Apartments
- Belcrest Plaza

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um>,  
<https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <https://www.hyattsville.org/>and <https://riverdaleparkmd.info/>

## Bethesda/Chevy Chase, MD

Google Map: [Bethesda; Chevy Chase](#)

**About the Area:** Bethesda and Chevy Chase are located within Montgomery County. Students chose to live in Bethesda/Chevy Chase primarily due to safety, as well as the proximity to public transportation, College

Park, and social life. These areas are close to the beltway and allow for easy access to DC and the surrounding area. There are also several restaurants and shopping options. Some drawbacks include the distance to social life, lack of classmates or friends in the area, and price. The average commute to school by car is about 25-50 minutes. Traffic can vary on the beltway from Bethesda/Chevy Chase and should be considered when preparing to commute. The average public transportation commute time 35-60 min.

Housing Recommendations:

- 8200 Wisconsin
- Palisades of Bethesda
- The Metropolitan
- The Promenade
- The Whitney
- Upstairs at Bethesda Row

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://www.bethesda.org> and <http://www.townofchevy Chase.org>

## Rockville/ North Potomac, MD

Google Map: [Rockville; North Potomac](#)

**About the Area:** Rockville/ North Potomac, Maryland is located within Montgomery County. Students chose to live in Rockville/ North Potomac primarily due to the close proximity to DC, access to nature, safety, and cost. The main drawback for students is the distance from College Park and the lack of students or friends in the area. Most students drive to school and the average commute time by car is 35-50 minutes. Traffic can vary on the beltway from Rockville/ North Potomac and should be considered when preparing to commute. The average public transportation commute time 35-60 min.

Housing Recommendation:

- Congressional Towers
- Residences at Congressional Village

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://www.rockvillemd.gov>, <https://www.areavibes.com/north+potomac-md/>

## Silver Spring, MD

Google Map: [Silver Spring](#)

**About the Area:** Silver Spring, Maryland is located within Montgomery County. Students chose to live in the area primarily due to safety, cost, reputation of the neighborhood, proximity to College Park, social life, and public transportation. The apartments are more updated and relatively affordable when compared to DC (number of square feet compared to price). Many bars and restaurants are within walking distance from several apartment buildings in the downtown area. Most students drive to school from Silver Spring with an average commute time of 20-35 minutes. Another popular option is the UMD shuttle (stops at the Silver Spring bus/metro station), which runs on the weekdays free of charge for students and takes 30-35 minutes to commute to campus. Drawbacks to Silver Spring include distance to campus, and cost.

Apartment Building Recommendations:

- 1200 East West
- 1155 Ripley

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-umd>,  
<https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com>

## Takoma Park, MD

Google Map: [Takoma Park](#)

**About the Area:** Takoma Park, Maryland is situated in Montgomery County. Students chose to live in Takoma Park primarily due to the proximity to College Park and the low cost. Students like the access to public transportation and describe it as a “quiet and quaint” area, noting that it does not have much of a night life. Most students drive to school from Takoma Park, which takes about 10-25 minutes. The average public transportation commute time 20-40 min.

Apartment Building Recommendations:

- Piney Towers
- Paragon

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov>

## Baltimore/Columbia/Annapolis, MD

Google Map: [Baltimore](#); [Columbia](#); [Annapolis](#)

**About the Area:** Baltimore, Columbia, and Annapolis are cities in Maryland outside of the I-495/Beltway. Some students chose to live in these areas primarily due to low cost, reputation of the location, and social life. Baltimore is Maryland's largest city and economic center and constitutes the northeastern hub of Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. Many students are attracted to the Baltimore due to endless entertainment options and professional opportunities that the city has to offer. Although students say they enjoy the area, it can be a long drive to DC and College Park (20min-60min). Columbia, which is known to be a safe residential area, serves as a midpoint between DC and Baltimore. Although Columbia is not as large as Baltimore is still boasts a population of roughly 104k residents. Annapolis is home of the U.S. Naval Academy, which also offers a variety of bars, restaurants, and many boutiques for shopping. The main drawback is the approximate 45+ minute drive to campus and distance from other classmates living closer to DC and campus.

Housing Recommendations:

- Courtland (Baltimore)
- The 501 (Baltimore)
- Columbia Commons (Columbia)
- Columbia Landing Apartments (Columbia)
- Westwind Apartments (Annapolis)
- Obery Court/ College Creek Apartments (Annapolis)

Closest Metro Station:

There are no direct service lines to College Park from these locations. There are some [regional rail lines](#) that service both Columbia and Baltimore but multiple transfers will be required to reach College Park. Additionally, there is no rail line that services Annapolis.

**Website:** <http://baltimore.org>, <https://www.areavibes.com/columbia-md/>, <http://www.annapolis.gov>

## Washington, District of Columbia (DC)

### Adams Morgan, DC

Google Map: [Adams Morgan](#)

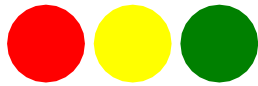
**About the Area:** Adams Morgan is in Northwest DC. Among the various neighborhoods in the city, this is one of the more popular for students primarily due to the social scene. Adams Morgan features some of

the best ethnic cuisine in DC along with an active nightlife and social scene. Some dislikes include the size of the housing relative to the rent, cost of rent, distance to the university, and distance from the metro. Commute to school by public transportation is 50-60 minutes while it takes about 25-35 minutes to drive. If you plan on having a car, be sure to verify the parking permits needed because DC parking restrictions are quite strict.

Housing Recommendations:

- Calverton
- The Asher
- Chatham Court

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <https://washington.org/dc-neighborhoods/adams-morgan> and <http://dc.gov>

## Brookland/Petworth, DC

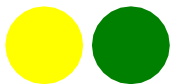
Google Map: [Brookland; Petworth](#)

**About the Area:** Brookland and Petworth are in Northeast DC and have an average commute time of 25-45 minutes from College Park. Students choose to live here due to cost, proximity to College Park, and public transportation. Though it is close to campus, driving is the best option as public transportation entails bus or Metro transfers and would take 35-45+ minutes. Drawbacks to this area are cost and lack of students or friends in the area.

Housing Recommendations:

- Monroe Street Market
- The Avenue

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://dc.gov>

## Capitol Hill, DC

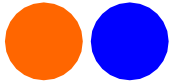
Google Map: [Capitol Hill](#)

**About the Area:** Capitol Hill intersects with both Northeast and Southeast DC. Students chose to live in Capitol Hill primarily due to the safety, reputation of the neighborhood, and proximity to social life. Dislikes of the area include distance to campus, and costs. Home to popular sites such as the U.S. Capital Building, Pennsylvania Ave, and Eastern Market, there is a large variety of shops and restaurants for students to enjoy. Commute to school by public transportation takes 45+ minutes while it takes about 25-35 minutes to drive. If you plan on having a car, be sure to verify the parking permits needed because DC parking restrictions are quite strict.

Housing Recommendations:

- Kennedy Row
- Lovejoy Lofts
- Meridian at Mount Vernon

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://dc.gov>

## Columbia Heights/Mount Pleasant, DC

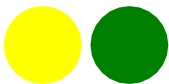
Google Map: [Columbia Heights; Mount Pleasant](#)

**About the Area:** These neighborhoods are in the Northwest portion of DC. The neighborhood is home to a large variety of restaurants and night life options that students can enjoy. The average commute to school by public transportation is 35-55 minutes while it takes about 25-40 minutes to drive. Be sure to verify the parking permits needed because DC parking restrictions are quite strict.

Housing Recommendations:

- Allegro
- Griffin Apartments
- The Chalfonte

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://dc.gov>



## Navy Yard, DC

Google Map: [Navy Yard](#)

**About the Area:** Navy Yard is in Southeast, DC. Although this neighborhood is located on the Metro green line, it could take 45+ minutes to travel via public transportation while driving takes 35-55 minutes. Students chose the area due to safety, proximity to social life, and public transportation. This neighborhood is home to the Washington National baseball team and has a large variety of restaurants and bars. The largest drawback of this area is cost and distance from College Park.

Housing Recommendations:

- Camden South Capitol
- Capital Yards

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://www.capitolriverfront.org> or <http://dc.gov>

## U Street Corridor/Shaw Neighborhood, DC

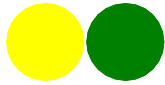
Google Map: [U Street; Shaw Neighborhood](#)

**About the Area:** The U Street/Shaw Neighborhood area is in Northwest DC. Students chose to live in this area primarily due to the social life, reputation of neighborhood, and access to public transportation. Students describe the area as a “lively and fun area” and it is within walking distance of some of the largest night life scenes in the city. Some dislikes include the distance to campus and cost. The average commute to school by public transportation is about 35-60 minutes (there is a metro stop on both the Green and Yellow lines) and the average commute to school by car is about 35-45 minutes. If you plan on having a car, be sure to verify the parking permits needed because DC parking restrictions are quite strict.

Housing Recommendations:

- The Harper
- Somerset House
- Pacific Row Condominium
- Row houses and basement apartments

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://dc.gov>

## Cleveland Park, DC

Google Map: [Cleveland Park](#)

**About the Area:** This neighborhood is in Northwest DC. Students have chosen to live in this area primarily due to the reputation of the location, safety of the area, and access to public transportation. This area of the city also is home to the Smithsonian Zoo, a popular attraction in Washington. Some dislikes include the lack of friends or classmates in the area, distance to campus, and cost of living.

Housing Recommendations:

- The Abby
- The Elaine
- Quebec House
- 3032 Rodman Street

Closest Metro Station:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://dc.gov>

## Mt Vernon Triangle/Chinatown, DC

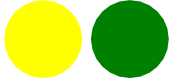
Google Map: [Mt. Vernon; Chinatown](#)

**About the Area:** Mt. Vernon Triangle and Chinatown are in Northwest DC and are well connected to public transportation. Home to the Verizon Center, this neighborhood hosts many sporting events, concerts, restaurants, and night life activities. Mt. Vernon Triangle is within walking distance of the Gallery Place Chinatown Metro stop on the green, yellow, and red lines, providing a 35-45 minute commute to College Park whereas driving will take approximately 30-60 minutes. The students who lived here chose the area due to reputation of neighborhood, proximity to social life, and public transportation.

Housing Recommendations:

- 425 Massachusetts Ave
- 77H
- Yale West

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <http://www.mountvernontriangle.org> or <http://dc.gov>

## Northern Virginia

### Arlington/Alexandria /Crystal City/ Reston, VA

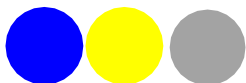
Google Map: [Arlington](#); [Alexandria](#); [Crystal City](#); [Reston](#)

**About the Area:** Northern Virginia (mainly includes Crystal City, Reston, Arlington, and Alexandria) is located across the Potomac River to the west of Washington DC. Students like living in this area due to its reputation, safety, proximity to social life and cost. The major drawback is the commute to campus, cost of living and lack of classmates or friends in the area. Most students who live in this area travel by car and the average commute is about 35-45+ minutes. Public transportation options could take upwards of 60+ minutes.

Housing Recommendations:

- Crystal House (Arlington)
- Spout Run Terrace (Arlington)
- The Williamsburg (Arlington)
- Carlyle Towers (Alexandria)
- Island Creek (Alexandria)Spout Run Terrace (Arlington)
- The Williamsburg (Arlington)
- Altair (Crystal City)
- Crystal Flats (Crystal City)
- The Edmund (Reston)
- The Point at Reston (Reston)

Closest Metro Stations:



**Nearby Bus Station(s):** <https://wmata.com/schedules/service-nearby/index.cfm>

**Website:** <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Home>, <https://www.tripsavvy.com/crystal-city-va-1040488>,  
<http://alexandriava.gov>, <https://www.areavibes.com/reston-va/>

## Public Transportation Information & Resources

"It's easy to travel around Maryland and the Washington, D.C. area using public transportation—especially when compared to fighting the regions famous gridlock and expensive, hard-to-find parking. Since driving in Maryland and Washington, D.C. can often be difficult, especially for out-of-towners, taking the city's Metro rail, Commuter trains, streetcars, bus lines or even bike trails can be a convenient way to get around the city. For more information on how to navigate the public transportations networks reference the link below." - Rachel Cooper: [Guide to Public Transportation in Washington DC](#).

### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority:

"The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) was created by an interstate compact in 1967 to plan, develop, build, finance, and operate a balanced regional transportation system in the national capital area. Metro began building its rail system in 1969, acquired four regional bus systems in 1973, and began operating the first phase of Metrorail in 1976. Today, Metrorail serves 91 stations and has 117 miles of track. Metrobus serves the nation's capital 24 hours a day, seven days a week with 1,500 buses. Metrorail and Metrobus serve a population of approximately 4 million within a 1,500-square mile jurisdiction. Metro began its paratransit service, MetroAccess, in 1994; it provides about 2.3 million trips per year." - Office of the State Inspector General Commonwealth of Virginia: [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Performance Audit, December 2018](#).

**Rail Maps ->** <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/maps/index.cfm?t=maps-bus-wrapper>

**Metro Pocket Guides ->** <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/maps/index.cfm?t=maps-bus-wrapper>

**Bus Maps ->** <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/maps/index.cfm?t=maps-bus-wrapper>

- District of Columbia
- District of Columbia Frequent Service
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- Montgomery Country, Maryland Frequent Service
- Virginia
- Virginia Frequent Service
- Regional Frequent Service
- Paul S Sarbanes Transit Center (Silver Springs)
- Pentagon Transit Center
- Shirlington Transit Center
- Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center

**Related Information ->** <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/maps/index.cfm?t=maps-bus-wrapper>

- Timetables
- Live Train Map
- Holidays & Events Schedules
- Transfers
- Service Nearby
- Upcoming Weekend Track Work
- Directions to Nationals Park and Other Venues

Washington DC Metro Map -> <https://washington.org/navigating-dc-metro>

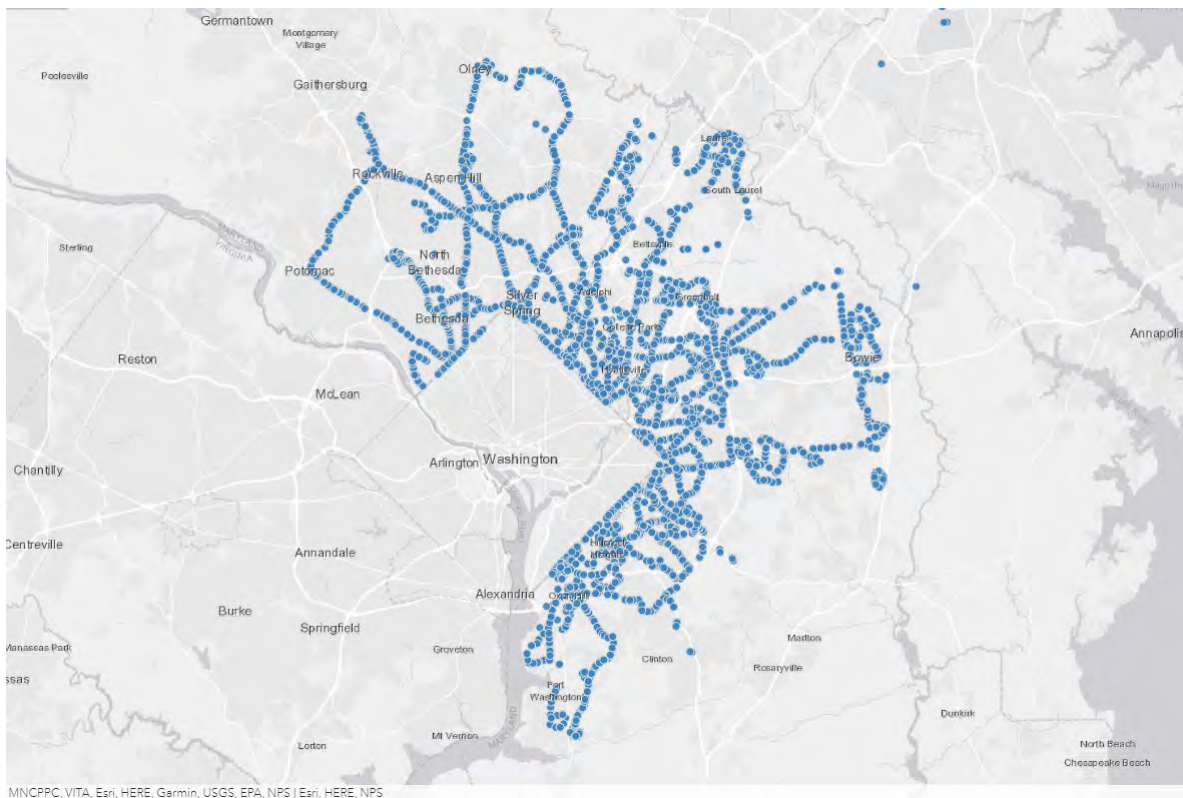








Montgomery County, Maryland Bus Metro Map -> <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT->



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