Student Housing Guide 2021

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The Clemson University Restoration Institute (CURI) does not currently offer school sponsored housing for students. This guide is a resource to help new and current students searching for housing options in the Charleston area. Please note, Clemson University does not endorse any specific location, complex, guide or resource listed. We strongly encourage students to make informed decisions concerning housing by researching the area and/or dwelling being leased.

General
Charleston, like most medium size communities, has a variety of housing options. Traditional apartment complexes, homes for rent, historic homes divided into apartments and student-centered housing options are available throughout the Charleston area, with a variety of price points.

Charleston is divided into several areas, each with its own unique character and amenities.
1. Downtown Charleston ($$$$
The downtown area includes modern student housing options as well as historic homes that have been converted into apartments. Downtown Charleston typically has a higher price point, without the traditional amenities (i.e. pool, fitness center, etc.) offered in other areas. However, there are student housing complexes downtown which provide more inclusive offerings than the typical autonomous lease.

The commute from downtown to campus is approximately 10-15 minutes.

2. Mount Pleasant ($$$$
Mount Pleasant is a suburban area on the other side of the Cooper River, opposite downtown Charleston. With a reputation for being more expensive than other suburbs of Charleston, the city offers traditional apartment complexes as well as single-family homes for rent.

With close proximity to the Isle of Palms and Sullivan’s Island, the commute to campus usually takes between 20-30 minutes.

3. James Island / West Ashley ($$$)
James Island and West Ashley are across the Ashley River from Charleston. Although not thought to be as upscale as Mount Pleasant both are suburban areas offering a variety of rental options. James Island is close to the popular Folly Beach.

West Ashley is closer to campus than James Island. The Avondale/South Windemere area in West Ashley is popular among young professionals. Rental prices in West Ashley are comparable to James Island. Both areas have a wide variety of restaurants, parks, and entertainment options.

Commuting to campus takes approximately 20-40 minutes, depending on your point of origination.

4. North Charleston ($$
The CURI campus is located in North Charleston. With a variety of older neighborhoods, as well as modern upscale communities, living in North Charleston can be more affordable than other surrounding areas. The Park Circle area, in North Charleston, is very popular with young professionals, highlighted by great food, live music and other attractions.

Commuting to CURI generally takes between 10-30 minutes, depending on your proximity to campus.

5. Charleston Neck ($$$$)
The “neck” of Charleston connects North Charleston to downtown Charleston. With restaurants, live entertainment venues and numerous tech startups, the area is rapidly developing. Apartment-style accommodations tend to be the norm for this area, with a variety of available price points sure to fit any budget. Traditional apartments are available as well as student-centered apartments combining personal leases with shared living space.

The commute to campus is typically less than 10 minutes.
6. Summerville/Ladson/Goose Creek ($$$)
These inland suburbs of Charleston are growing in popularity with nice, relatively inexpensive housing options. Apartment complexes, rental homes and townhouses are available at a variety of price points. Unfortunately, residing in these outskirts of Charleston means being ½ to 1-hour from downtown Charleston as well as beach access.

Travel time to campus ranges from 20-45 minutes.

Links to Housing Options, Online Guides and Other Resources

Student-Centered Apartments
Student-centered apartments typically allow students to lease an individual bedroom in an apartment where roommates share common areas. These apartments tend to base lease agreements around the academic calendar - August to July. Most student apartments come with access to fitness centers, pools, clubhouses and other traditional amenities. A majority of these are located in the city of Charleston, near the College of Charleston and/or the Medical University of South Carolina.

The list below provides a sampling of available housing options but is not all-inclusive nor does it represent any preferences of Clemson University or its employees.

930 Nomo  https://live930nomo.com
400 Meeting  https://www.400meeting.com
Sky Garden  https://www.liveatskygarden.com
61 Vandy  https://www.61vandy.com
40 Bee St Flats  https://www.40beestreet.com
Sterling Campus Center  http://www.sterlinghousing.com
Hoffler Place  https://hofflerplace.com
Meeting Street Lofts  https://meetingstreetlofts.com
Elan Midtown  https://elanmidtown.com

Historic Home Rentals
Many historic homes in downtown Charleston have been converted into apartments. Information about some of these can be found at  https://historiccharlestonrentals.com/
Other Resources

Please use caution to ensure your safety with any peer-to-peer contacts.

Facebook  College of Charleston Free and For Sale
          Often includes apartments for rent, subleases and/or individual rooms for rent
          https://www.facebook.com/groups/CofcFreeandForSale/

Craigslist  Sub/leases possibly connected to CofC or MUSC

General Rental Apartment Guides

Downtown Charleston
https://www.apartmentguide.com/downtown-charleston-charleston-sc/houses/

Greater Charleston Area
https://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/South-Carolina/Charleston/

https://www.apartmentfinder.com/q/?cd=gt03m3t5pH7j9zkrW

https://www.forrentuniversity.com/sc/charleston-student-housing

General Charleston Information

Charleston Visitor Center
https://www.charlestoncvb.com/

Relocation Guide
https://www.locountry.com/relocation_Charleston.html

Charleston Newspapers
https://www.charlestoncitypaper.com
https://www.postandcourier.com/

Charleston Area Map

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