

SUNY OSWEGO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES FOR LIVING OFF-CAMPUS

SUNY Oswego's International Student and Scholar Services Office is **unable to provide recommendations** regarding off-campus housing. The university offers plenty of [on-campus housing options](#) to accommodate undergraduate and graduate students alike. For undergraduate students considering living off-campus, please note that many scholarships are contingent upon your residing in one of SUNY Oswego's residence halls during the academic year. Graduate students are welcome to live on-campus and are typically placed in the [Village Townhouses](#). Please consult the resources listed below for information when searching for off-campus housing options.

Finding off-campus housing options:

- When searching for off-campus housing, it is a good idea to connect with current SUNY Oswego students to learn about their experiences. You may ask them about popular neighborhoods, reputable apartment complexes, as well as landlords/properties to avoid. For graduate students, your academic advisor may be able to refer you to current students in your degree program.
- Some popular websites for searching for apartment rentals in the United States are elaborated in this [Apartment Therapy article](#). **Use good judgement** when searching these websites, as most property listings are **not** vetted. Refer to the resources in the section below to avoid scams.

Resources on avoiding scams:

- Review the FTC's Consumer Information tips on [typical rental listing scams](#): how to identify and avoid them.
- The FTC's Consumer Information offers advice on [tips to avoiding home rental scams](#).
- See USAGov's article on [common rental scams](#), including a list of what to do and what not to do when looking for a rental property.
- The New York Times recently published an article on [how to avoid scams when renting an apartment](#), particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other resources:

- For students studying primarily at SUNY Oswego's [Syracuse Campus](#), note that the City of Syracuse maintains a [list of apartment complexes](#) located in the downtown area.
- Know your rights as a renter: consult the [Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York's](#) document on [Renter's Rights](#) in Central New York. Please note that this document was last updated in 2016.
- If you have found a potential off-campus housing location in Oswego and would like to verify if it is reputable, please contact the City of Oswego's [Code Enforcement Office](#) to request more details about a particular property.

Issues after acquiring off-campus housing:

- If you are experiencing issues with your off-campus housing property or landlord, you may consider reaching out to SUNY Oswego's Student Assembly Legal Aid via phone at 315-312-3601. Note that this service is only available during the academic year.
- [Legal Services of Central New York](#) (LSCNY) is also available.