

VOGUE OF HOGE

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LOOKING FOR HOUSING?

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Are you looking for housing next semester? There are many opportunities on and off campus to find the perfect place for you.



If you are looking for somewhere off campus, there are many apartments that are close. A popular apartment complex is The Edge. These apartments have a variety of different setups and options that adhere to your wants. The rate of the Edge apartments is from \$940 to \$1,150. Utilities are included in the price. Many students sign with the Edge because of how close it is to campus. It is about a 5-minute walk to Goodwin.

Another choice is Park37. This is a new apartment complex with a pool, gym, and study areas. However, the walk to campus is 50 minutes. Even though the walk is long, there are many bus stops around the area which take you straight to the academic side of campus. The rate for Park37 is from \$798 to \$1,100.

Furthermore, Union is a recently new apartment in a convenient area. If you don't have a car and want to be close to the grocery store without having to take the bus, this is a good choice for you. Union is right next to the university mall and Kroger. Union is a gated community with a pool and 24-hour gym. In addition, they have fire pits and hammocks. The rate for Union is \$699 to \$1,665.

If you are unsure about going off campus, there are always places on campus like the LLCs and just the standard residence halls. There are a variety of places that Virginia Tech provides for its students. All the places on campus can be found on the VT Housing Website.

To find more information on Off-Campus housing, attend the Off-Campus Housing fair on February 8th from 10am to 4pm. You can meet with numerous properties, vendors, and win prizes. You can also visit the Virginia Tech Off-Campus website.

COMPUTER MICE

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Almost every student on campus has a laptop that they use to do their school work and other tasks that require a digital format. A laptop comes equipped with a touchpad that one can drag their finger across in order to move the cursor on their screen. But, many students opt to use a mouse along with their laptop. These mice can either be wireless, requiring a Bluetooth connection or a wireless receiver that needs to be plugged into the laptop, or they can be wired, which speaks for itself. Is a mouse worth buying for your laptop? Consider the advantages: operating the cursor is easier, as the linearity of moving the mouse around a flat surface may be more refined compared to the touch of a finger gliding across a small square; computer mice are mostly portable, as they're small enough to fit in your bag; and they can improve the efficiency of your work

eliminating small bits of time compared to inefficiently dragging your finger across a square by varying the DPI (dots per inch) and navigating to different parts of the screen faster. While mice have these advantages, they also have their own disadvantages as well. They require a mostly flat surface to operate, they may take up a USB slot on your laptop depending on if one decides to go with a receiver or wired mouse, and they may require recharging or batteries every so often. They can also be expensive depending on the mouse one may decide to buy, but there are also very inexpensive options available on Amazon or other such retailers. Overall, it is up to the user to decide to buy a mouse depending on their preferences and circumstances. If you are satisfied with your touchpad, then there may be no need to make the investment. If you feel that you struggle with your touchpad or if it doesn't function properly, then a mouse might be the option for you.

GROCERY STORES AND MORE!

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While the dining plans are a great way to get meals on campus, it's important to know how to cook things yourself! Everyone, especially the non-returning Hogies, will need to get familiar with grocery stores. The main stores closest to campus are the Kroger on University City Boulevard (right next to the mall) and the Kroger on South Main Street, also commonly referred to as "Gucci Kroger". There's also a Food Lion on Main Street North and Hethwood Boulevard, just a bus trip away. And if you're looking for lovely local purchases, don't forget about the Blacksburg Farmers Market, open Saturday mornings!

The most important things to consider when picking a store are memberships/deals, distance, and inventory! With a membership to Kroger or Food Lion, you get access to a selection of deals on a wide variety of products. The closest store to campus is definitely the UCB Kroger, and it's nice to make a trip to the mall as well! However, many off-campus housing options are a lot closer to a Food Lion. But do note that in terms of inventory, the Kroger on South Main can't be beaten. Remember that all of these are easily accessible by bus, and grocery shopping is more fun with friends! Best of luck!