Finding an apartment or roommate in Corvallis can be difficult, but we’ve put together this guide to help you!

**Finding a Rental**
Some places to start looking:

- **Craigslist** - [http://corvallis.craigslist.org/](http://corvallis.craigslist.org/)
- **The Gazette Times’** classified section. You can use either the paper copy or go online: Visit [http://www.gazettetimes.com/admarket/](http://www.gazettetimes.com/admarket/) and click **Rentals**.
- **Corvallis iHouse**: [http://corvallisihouse.net/home.html](http://corvallisihouse.net/home.html)
- **Corvallis property management companies**:
  - Pinion Property Management  (541) 754-1213
  - Kampfer Enterprises Incorporated (541) 750-7952
  - Elite Property Management (541) 754-0928
  - Sterling Management Group Incorporated (541) 757-1290
  - Duerksen & Associates (541) 753-3620
  *All of these companies also have websites that you can check out, or you can Google search “Corvallis property management” for more options!*
- **The Corvallis Area Renter’s Guide** is available at the Heckart Lodge Front Office.
- **The Memorial Union Housing Bulletin Board** - located in the MU. See page 4 of this guide for more information!

**TIPS:**
- Check these sources EVERY DAY
- Early in the day is best
- Call or email as soon as you see a listing!
- The sooner you call, the more likely you may get the apartment.

For more information, visit the Front Office of Heckart Lodge!
On Craigslist, you can find:
- Houses
- Apartments
- Rooms for rent
- Roommates
- Temporary housing
- Furniture
- Cars
- Bicycles

To get an apartment on Craigslist:
1) Find an apartment listing you like.
2) Email or call the poster. (Copy the email address from Craigslist and paste it into your email message.)
3) Go see the apartment BEFORE GIVING ANY MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION.

Avoid SCAMS!
- Don’t send sensitive information or documents through email (I.E. passport information, bank account numbers, etc.).
- Never send or wire money to anyone! It’s better to do it in person.

Buying furniture - we recommend using Craigslist to find furniture, but there are other options:

You can use the classified ads in the Gazette Times, the Corvallis newspaper:
www.gazettetimes.com

Another option is Cort, a Portland company that rents furniture. For info and pricing:
www.cort.com

The Ark is a store which sells used furniture. Visit their website for more information:
www.arcbenton.org
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT’S LEGAL RIGHTS

Landlords may not treat you differently from other student renters. Just because you are from another country does not mean you have to pay higher rent, larger deposits, or anything else that is different from what other renters are paying to live in the same apartment complex where you choose to live.

If you feel you are being treated differently, please call:
Fair Housing Council of Oregon, 1-800-424-3247
or
Bob Loewen, 541-766-6944

You will not be deported for complaining. It is your right to be treated equally.

BONUS INFORMATION

Want to know if a property has had any violations that have been investigated by the City? Go to www.corvallispermits.com. At this site, you can view information on a property such as violations of different city codes (e.g. sewer issues).

First, go to www.corvallispermits.com. Then, click on check case status. Enter an address. If there are any cases for the property, a list will appear. Most important to you are case files that start with the prefix VIO. These are violations of one sort or another. Some will be of little/no concern to you (tall grass, weeds, limbs hanging over the sidewalk). But there will may be violations that you will want to know about.

Corvallis iHouse

The Corvallis iHouse is a very inexpensive place to live, with shared living spaces such as kitchens and restrooms, and is a great way to meet both American and international students!

For more information:
620 NW 27th St
Corvallis OR, 97330
info@CorvallisIHouse.net
541-231-9515
Rental Glossary - “what’s this mean?”

- Br. - Bedrooms. Example: 2br house
- Bed - Bedroom
- Bdrm. – Bedrooms. Example: 2 bdrm house
- Bath - Bathroom
- Sq ft- square feet. Example: 900 sq ft
- w/d – washer and dryer. Example: w/d included
- w/d hookups – a space to put a washer and dryer, but the machines are not included. Example: garage has w/d hookups
- DW – dishwasher. Example: DW included
- AC - Air conditioning
- Lease - A lease means that you must sign a contract to stay in an apartment for a certain amount of time, usually 1 year.
- Studio - A small apartment with a combined livingroom/bedroom. Studios do not have separate bedrooms, and are best for one person.

Move–in Expenses:
Here’s some information to help you expect how much it will cost to move into a new home:
- Sometimes you will need to pay an application fee (usually from $20- $40) before you will be considered for the rental.
- Most landlords require that you pay first and last month’s rent at the time of move-in, in addition to a partially or fully refundable security deposit. If you have a pet (like a dog or cat), they will likely want an additional deposit for the pet.
- Depending on what type of residence you are renting, you will also have to pay monthly utilities, such as water, electricity, and garbage service. Some landlords will provide lawn care for you, and others will expect you to maintain the yard yourself.
- It’s always a good idea to ask any questions you might have BEFORE signing a lease!

The Memorial Union Housing Bulletin Board
A bulletin board with listings for roommates and apartments. To find it:

The bulletin board is located in the stairwell between Bites and Buenos Burritos, on the main floor. You will see several vending machines, and a telephone. The bulletin board is located on the wall next to the telephone.