

Understanding Your Needs



Location

- How far is the commute to campus?
- How close are facilities like grocery stores, bank, pharmacies?
- What is the safety reputation of the neighbourhood?

Note: The closer you live to the university, the higher the cost.



Budget

- What is your monthly budget for rent and utilities?
- Have you considered additional costs like hydro, internet, groceries, phone, and commuting expenses?



Amenities

- What amenities are essential for your comfort? (e.g., laundry facilities, gym access, dishwasher, parking, microwave, etc.)
- Is the residence furnished or unfurnished?
- Is the cost of hydro, internet, etc. included with the place?

Note: Consider which amenities are a *need* versus *want*, and prioritize them based on pricing.



Living Arrangement

- Do you prefer shared housing with roommates or the privacy of a solo apartment?
- What is your preferred lease term or duration for a living arrangement?

Note: Fewer roommates often lead to higher expenses. Flexibility with preferences can help manage costs effectively.