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TIGER LIVING GUIDE

MAXIMIZE YOUR OFF-CAMPUS
LIVING EXPERIENCE



Civic Engagement &
Social Responsibility

OFFICE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Welcome to the Tiger Living Guide! The Office of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility (CESR) works with students, neighbors, and community leaders to facilitate a clean, safe and quiet community. To that end, we hope this guide serves as a valuable resource for you.

CESR provides Towson University students, faculty, and staff with several opportunities to help make the world a better place. We do this through:

- Community outreach and support of off-campus students
- Promotion of active citizenship, advocacy, and awareness of social issues
- Support of service-learning and community engagement initiatives

For more information about the Office of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility, go to:

towson.edu/civicengagement

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OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Office of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility provides resources, services, and programs to enrich the educational experience of off-campus students by:

- Engaging off-campus students in co-curricular activities to enhance overall development.
- Engaging students and community members to be actively involved in addressing concerns of the diverse Towson community.
- Providing Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) information/schedules, off-campus housing options, commuter-friendly programs, and educational workshops.
- Coordinating the Community Ambassador program to implement new approaches to building community relationships and assisting students with the transition in living off-campus.

For more information or to get involved, call us at 410-704-5304, or visit
towson.edu/offcampusliving



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN SIGNING A LEASE

1. Is the lease short or long-term?
2. Is rent pro-rated when moving in and out?
3. When are payments considered late?
4. Are there additional fees on top of the rent?
5. Are there rules against personalizing your apartment?
6. Are pets allowed?
7. Is the deposit refundable? How do you get your deposit back?
8. Is there any maintenance work the resident is responsible for?
9. How often are the locks changed?
10. Who is in charge of pest control?

For more things to consider when choosing a place to live, please visit:

towson.edu/offcampusliving

RESPECT THE BLOCK & STAY SAFE!

- 1 LOOK UP** Use crosswalks and walk in well-lit areas. Walk in pairs and put away cell phones and headphones, too!
- 2 NO FAKES** Don't waste your money on a fake ID. It will be confiscated by police or security and you'll receive a citation!
- 3 KEEP QUIET** When walking or driving back to your place at night keep voices & music low. Neighbors are trying to sleep!
- 4 DON'T TOUCH** Never destroy or steal a neighbor's property or public sign. It is a crime and defaces the community.
- 5 HOLD YOUR TRASH** Use public trash cans to dispose of waste or hold onto your trash until you get home.
- 6 REPRESENT** Represent Towson University proudly by upholding the standards & values of our Tiger Pledge.

For more information visit:

www.towson.edu/offcampusliving



REDUCING TENSION BETWEEN ROOMMATES

- Have a clear understanding of each other's interests
- Respect each other's space/privacy
- Agree on leasing terms
- Communicate often about various things that relate to your living experience
- Be informed of each other's credit, income and job status
- Divide chores and responsibilities evenly
- Be mindful of how many and how often guests visit your home
- Clean up after yourself
- Be knowledgeable of the apartment policies and procedures

For help selecting a roommate and other off-campus housing needs, please visit
towson.edu/offcampusliving



GET INVOLVED!

The Office of Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility has a myriad of opportunities for you to get involved in.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT KICK-BACK THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

Come hangout with Off-Campus Students at the beginning of the semester! There will be plenty of food, games, and entertainment.

TU FOOD CRAWL FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Enjoy the tastes of Towson with other students. Students will receive free food from local restaurants from uptown Towson. Afterwards, you will connect with community residents in a festival like atmosphere.

TOWN & GOWN: TOWSON'S FALL DAY OF SERVICE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

TU works with community groups throughout the year to assist and volunteer in local neighborhoods. This day is used to help clean up Towson alongside members of the community. Student volunteers are needed!

For more information email: offcampusliving@towson.edu

For more about our events, check out: events.towson.edu

COMMUNITY POLICIES

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Baltimore County: No more than **two (2) unrelated persons** can live together in a single family dwelling.

Baltimore City: No more than **four (4) unrelated persons** can live together in a single family dwelling.

Off campus behavior that is disorderly, disruptive or harmful to others in the community or the neighborhoods surrounding the University is subject to discipline by the University. Disorderly conduct includes, but is not limited, to underage alcohol possession or consumption, public intoxication, noise violations, public urination, and harassment of others.

18-2-202. Obstruction of Streets and Alleys

(a) Prohibited. A person may not stop, park, or leave standing a vehicle on any road or alley:

- (1) In front of or within 5 feet of the edge of any private driveway or parking area without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises; or
- (2) In a manner that prevents free passage of vehicles or the movement of a lawfully parked vehicle to or from a driveway or parking area.

(b) Parking in an alley. A person may not park, stop, or leave unattended a vehicle in any alley leaving less than 12 feet of clearance parallel to the vehicle.

Vehicles that do not adhere to these policies may be subject to be towed.

For more details about these policies, please visit:

towson.edu/offcampusliving

**PARTY AT YOUR PLACE?
THINK TWICE!**

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

**BALTIMORE COUNTY
HAS A SOCIAL
GATHERING ORDINANCE
THAT COULD AFFECT
YOU!**

1. HAVING A LOUD AND UNRULY PARTY IS:
A gathering of four or more people at a residence or other private property where there is underage drinking or conduct disturbs the peace.

2. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE ARE:
The people who organize & supervise the gathering and any other person who accepts responsibility for the gathering.

3. PENALTIES FOR RENTERS INCLUDE:
\$500 - \$1,000 in fines + community service per person responsible.

4. PENALTIES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS:
Written warning, fines and revocation of rental license.

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COMMUTER DINING OPTIONS

All Towson University students — residents and commuters alike — can choose from 18 varied dining locations on campus. These include full-service all-you-care-to-eat facilities at Newell Dining Hall and West Village Commons; grab-and-go options such as Einstein Bros. Bagels, Chick-fil-A, Panda Express and three convenience stores. All dining locations accept VISA, MasterCard, OneCards and cash.

For more information please visit:

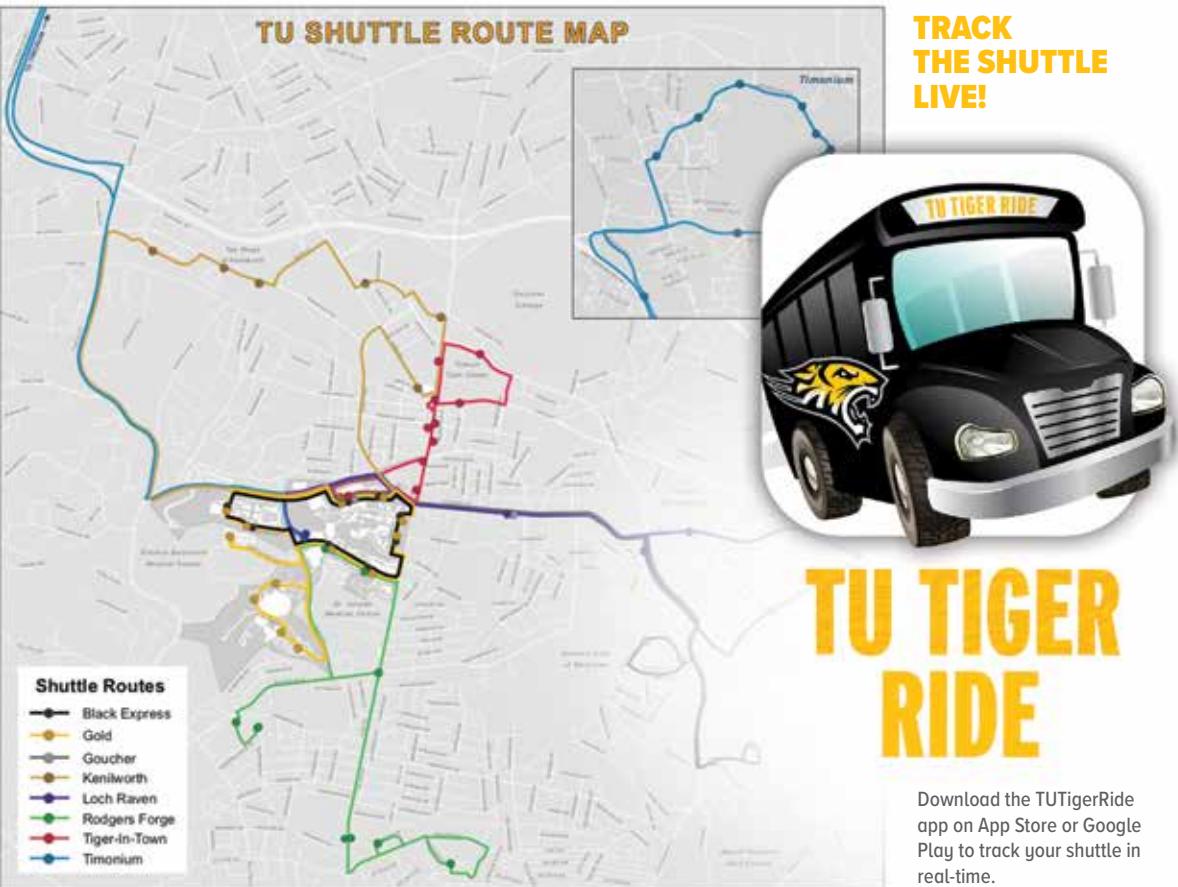
www.dineoncampus.com/towson/for-commuters



The screenshot shows the Towson University Dining Services website. At the top left is the TU logo and "Dining Services". To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Dining Plans, Menus & Locations, Wellness & Sustainability, Catering, Programs, and More. A large image of a salad is on the left. On the right, there is promotional text: "FREE NUTRITION SERVICES! COUNSELING OR DINING".



OFF-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION



COMMUNITY LIFE

GOOD NEIGHBOR TIPS

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Participate in community events.
- Join a community association.
- Respect the rules of the community or apartment complex.
- Become familiar with the leasing office staff.

PARKING TIPS

- Park your vehicles in the driveway, street or garage.
- Do not park on the lawn.
- Be mindful of the parking needs of your neighbors.
- Do not block driveways.
- Register your car with Maryland or file the necessary paperwork to reside in Maryland with an out-of-state registration.
- If you live in Baltimore City, you can secure a parking permit at 200 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD.

For More Information on Parking for off-campus students please visit:

www.towson.edu/offcampusliving



HOME HOUSING ROOMMATES RESOURCES HELP

Sign Up

Log In



OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING PORTAL

TU partners with a third-party vendor to maintain listings of off-campus housing available to students, faculty, and staff. To access the official TU off-campus housing portal, visit:

offcampushousing.towson.edu

CAMPUS RESOURCES

- **CAREER CENTER**
towson.edu/careercenter
- **CENTER FOR STUDENT DIVERSITY**
towson.edu/studentdiversity
- **COUNSELING CENTER**
towson.edu/counseling
- **DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES**
towson.edu/dss
- **HEALTH CENTER**
towson.edu/healthcenter
- **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS**
towson.edu/academics/international/isso
- **MILITARY & VETERANS CENTER**
towson.edu/veterans
- **STUDENT CONDUCT & CIVILITY EDUCATION**
towson.edu/studentconduct
- **TOWSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**
towson.edu/publicsafety/police
- **UNIVERSITY CHILD CARE (STUDENT DAY CARE CENTER)**
towson.edu/childcare



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