TIGER LIVING GUIDE

MAXIMIZE YOUR OFF-CAMPUS LIVING EXPERIENCE

Civic Engagement and 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 ensure that you live in 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

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Off-Campus Student Services 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.
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 STUDENT & SCHOLAR OFFICE
towson.edu/academics/international/isso

- MILITARY & VETERANS CENTER
towson.edu/veterans

- STUDENT CONDUCT & CIVILITY EDUCATION OFFICE
towson.edu/studentconduct

- TOWSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
towson.edu/publicsafety/police

- UNIVERSITY CHILD CARE (STUDENT DAY CARE CENTER)
towson.edu/childcare
THINGS TO DO NEAR TU

ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION
• Cinemark Towson & XD
  111 E. Joppa Rd, Towson, MD 21286
• Monster Mini Golf
  1969 E. Joppa Rd, Pariville, MD 21234
• Pine Ridge Golf Course
  2101 Dulany Valley Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093
• Loch Raven Skeet & Trap Center
  12301 Dulany Valley Rd, Phoenix, MD 21131
• Loch Raven Reservoir
  Morgan Mill Rd & Loch Raven Dr, Baltimore, MD 21207

POPULAR PLACES TO VISIT
• Towson Town Center
  825 Dulany Valley Rd, Towson, MD 21204
• Asian Arts & Culture Center
  Towson University, Center for the Arts, Towson, MD 21251
• Escape This Live
  19 1/2 West Pennsylvania Ave, Towson, MD 21204
• Hampton National Historic Site
  535 Hampton Ln, Towson, MD 21286
• Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena
  6101 Hillen Rd, Baltimore, MD 21229

FOOD
• El Gran Pollo
  1008 Taylor Ave, Towson, MD 21286
• Bill Bateman’s Bistro
  7800 York Rd, Towson, MD 21204
• Cunningham’s
  1 Olympic Pl, Towson, MD 21204
• 7 West Bistro Grille
  7 West Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204
• Gino’s Burgers & Chicken
  8609 Laralde Rd #250C, Towson, MD 21286
QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What kind of rental unit do I want to live in?
2. What are my transportation needs?
3. What are my privacy needs?
4. What can I afford?
5. What about furniture?
6. Is there a shuttle service at my apartment complex?

For more things to consider when choosing a place to live, please visit: towson.edu/offcampusliving

FRIENDLY REMINDER

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

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

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
KEEP YOUR SAFETY IN MIND

- Keep all doors and windows locked.
- Never let strangers in your home without proper identification, including maintenance, service or repair persons.
- Do not panic if your home has been entered. Do not go into the unit. Call 911 immediately.
- Make sure all entrance ways and stairwells in your house or apartment are well lit.
- Do not automatically open the door when someone knocks. Ask who it is; if you have questions about the response, do not hesitate to keep the door locked.
- Be sure that your smoke detectors are working; check the batteries on a monthly basis.
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
• Register your car for Maryland or file the necessary paper work to reside in Maryland with an out-of-state registration
• Secure a parking sticker from the Licenses and Permits Office in Baltimore County Office Building at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Baltimore, MD if you live in Baltimore County.
• If you live in Baltimore City, you can secure a parking permit at 200 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD.
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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.

(c) Authority to tow a vehicle.

(1) If a vehicle is parked, stopped or left unattended in a manner that prevents or impedes the free passage of an emergency vehicle or sanitation vehicle, the Chief of Police may tow the vehicle after making a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or, if the owner is known, the owner refuses to remove the vehicle.

(2) The owner of a vehicle towed under this subsection shall pay any towing fee incurred by the Chief of Police. (1988 Code, § 21-103) (Bill No. 131-97, § 1, 1-3-1998; Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004)
ADDRESSING EXCESSIVE DRINKING AND LOUD, UNRULY PARTIES:

- Several communities in Maryland have passed social host ordinances as a way to address the problems emanating from loud and unruly parties.

- Under the new laws, police can write civil citations on the spot, similar to a speeding ticket, to the property owner, property manager, community Management Company, occupants and/or tenants when a loud and unruly party takes place.

To learn more about the Maryland social host ordinances, visit towson.edu/offcampusliving
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