



Orientation and Family
Programs and Services

**Thank you for tuning in to our family webinar
featuring On- and Off-Campus Housing!**

The webinar will begin at noon (EST).

**A recording of this webinar will be
available at masonfamily.gmu.edu.**

**ON-CAMPUS
HOUSING FOR
2013-2014**

Housing Selection

- Application was available February 4-8
- Eligibility
 - Current on-campus residents returning as full-time undergraduates
 - Spring 2013 is 6th or fewer semester on-campus
- Groups of 6, 4, 3, & 2 have already selected
- Individuals will select March 21-22
- All students who select must pay their own \$300 non-refundable deposit to confirm their space

Housing Guarantee

- Mason has adjusted its housing policy to a two year guarantee to more realistically and effectively serve our students.
- Demand to participate in Housing Selection exceeds the supply of beds available to be selected, even with our rapid expansion.
- Some students were waitlisted for Housing Selection.
- We will continue to prioritize finding housing for these students. We anticipate being able to house everyone from the Housing Selection waitlist for 2013-2014.

Housing Selection - Waitlist

- Initially, ~350 students were told they are on the waitlist.
 - Groups and individuals with the highest average seniority
- ~75-100 will be brought back into the Housing Selection process for individual selection.
 - Received notification in the past week if they are selecting
 - Will receive selection instructions on March 15
 - Individual selection is March 21-22. Deposit due March 27.
- Remaining waitlist students will submit housing preferences and deposit April 1-5.
 - Have priority to receive housing as spaces open up over the summer.
 - Many students will decide to live off-campus, others will wait to receive placement. Anticipate completing placement in August.
 - No guarantee they will be placed in their preferred room-type/location.

The Waitlist

- Students waitlisted from Housing Selection have priority to receive space.
- May 2nd at 10am – waitlist opens up for other eligible students
 - Must be full time undergraduate for 2013-2014
 - These students will be placed after all remaining Housing Selection students are placed.
 - They are not guaranteed an assignment.
 - Will pay \$300 deposit when submit application.
- Incoming transfer students have a separate application and waitlist.

Room Change Requests

- Students who selected during Housing Selection who want to change their assignment may submit a request in June.
 - Application Available June 3 – 28
 - Priority deadline June 14
- Changes will be made on a space available basis.
- Person for Person Swaps
 - Students who want to swap with another student may submit paperwork at any time over the summer
 - Must swap officially, even if it is just bedrooms within a suite. We must have accurate records of who is assigned to each room to ensure the safety of all residents.

Housing Website

- » New website will be launched in March.



Contact Us

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- » Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at MasonOHRL



What You Need to Know Before Living Off Campus

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Off-Campus Overview

- Considerations before searching
- Questions when searching
- Walk-thru of off-campus housing locator and roommate finder at och.gmu.edu
- Signing a lease
- So now that I live off campus...

Question Most Asked

		All Apts	Garden Apts	Elevator Apts
RENT	Room	\$625-\$900		
	Efficiency	\$1,277	\$1,046	\$1,314
	1 Bedroom	\$1,524	\$1,204	\$1,677
	2 Bedroom	\$1,997 (\$999/room)	\$1,518 (\$759/room)	\$2,314 (\$1,157/room)
	3 Bedroom	\$2,583 (\$861/room)	\$1,697 (\$566/room)	\$2,958 (\$986/room)



Don't Forget About Utilities

UTILITIES	Water/Sewer/Trash	Often included in apts., not houses
	Electric/Gas	Apt: \$75-120, House: \$100-200
	Cable	\$65 & up *watch for starter rates
	Internet	\$43 & up *watch for starter rates



What is your budget? Before you start searching for off-campus housing, you need to evaluate how much you can afford to spend on housing and related expenses. A great first step is filling out a budget worksheet. Keep in mind which items are fixed costs (must have you cannot change) and which costs are discretionary (you can change if and how much to spend on these categories).

INCOME		
One-Time	Monthly	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scholarships \$ _____ ▪ Grants \$ _____ ▪ Monetary Gifts \$ _____ ▪ Personal Savings \$ _____ ▪ Loans \$ _____ ▪ Other \$ _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paycheck \$ _____ ▪ Allowance (parents/others) \$ _____ ▪ Stipend \$ _____ ▪ Other \$ _____ 	
Subtotal: One-Time Income \$ _____	+ Subtotal: Monthly Income \$ _____	=Total Income: \$ _____
EXPENSES		
One-Time	Monthly	Total
School-Related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuition \$ _____ ▪ Fees \$ _____ ▪ Books & Supplies \$ _____ ▪ Meal Plan (optional) \$ _____ ▪ Univ. Parking Permit \$ _____ ▪ Other \$ _____ Housing-Related: (See descriptions on Page X) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Security Deposit \$ _____ ▪ Move-In Fees \$ _____ ▪ Utility Deposits/Installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electric \$ _____ Water/Sewer \$ _____ Gas \$ _____ Cable/Satellite \$ _____ Telephone \$ _____ ▪ Renter's Insurance \$ _____ ▪ Furnishings (buy/rent)* \$ _____ 	Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rent \$ _____ ▪ Electric/Gas \$ _____ ▪ Telephone \$ _____ ▪ Cable \$ _____ ▪ Water/Sewer/Trash \$ _____ ▪ Yard Maintenance \$ _____ ▪ High Speed Internet \$ _____ ▪ Other \$ _____ Insurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health Insurance \$ _____ ▪ Vehicle Insurance \$ _____ Transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gasoline \$ _____ ▪ Vehicle Maintenance \$ _____ ▪ Parking \$ _____ ▪ Public Transportation \$ _____ ▪ Other \$ _____ Household: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food* \$ _____ ▪ Toiletries \$ _____ ▪ Laundry/Dry Cleaning* \$ _____ ▪ Other \$ _____ Recreation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eating Out* \$ _____ ▪ Entertainment* \$ _____ ▪ Trips* \$ _____ ▪ Other* \$ _____ Clothing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clothes, Shoes, etc.* \$ _____ Financial Commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Credit Card Payments \$ _____ ▪ Car Payment \$ _____ ▪ Loan Payment \$ _____ ▪ Membership Dues \$ _____ ▪ Gifts (birthdays, etc.)* \$ _____ Savings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monthly Savings \$ _____ 	
Subtotal: One-Time Expenses \$ _____	+ Subtotal: Monthly Expenses \$ _____	=Total Expenses \$ _____
TOTAL Income – Expenses (Don't forget, expenses can't be more than your income, so cut back on discretionary items as needed to balance your budget.)		\$ _____

Sample Budget:



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More Than Just Budget

Living Environment

- _____ **Location**
- _____ **Cost**
- _____ **Length of lease available (academic year vs. 12-month)**
- _____ **Quality of the apartment/house (newness, appliances, etc.)**
- _____ **Having my own bedroom**
- _____ **Having my own bathroom**
- _____ **Space for ___ People to Live**

Amenities

- _____ **Washer/Dryer in Unit**
- _____ **Washer/Dryer in Building**
- _____ **Kitchen**
- _____ **Dishwasher**
- _____ **Furniture Provided**
- _____ **Pool**
- _____ **Fitness Center**
- _____ **Business Center**

Questions When Searching

- ⦿ What is the length or term of the lease?
- ⦿ What utilities are included?
- ⦿ How much is the security deposit (and what do I have to do to get it back)
- ⦿ How many parking spaces are included?
- ⦿ Payment with one check or multiples?
- ⦿ Is there a maintenance person on call 24/7?
- ⦿ What is not allowed?

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Signing a Lease

Language in Lease	What to Look for Before Signing
Lease Term	How long you are under contract
Rent and Charges	Amount and where to pay it
Liability Insurance	Are you required to purchase
Release of Resident	What are the terms for me to end and the landlord to end as well
Resident Replacement and Subletting	Is this allowable under the contract
Multiple Residents	Who is responsible for obligations (all or one individual)
Security Deposit	What are the deductions listed

What it Means to Sign

- You read it, understand it and agree to it
- If there is any difference between lease and conversation, what is written controls it (Get it in writing!)

Move-in and Move-out

- Many have check-lists of current conditions
- Take pictures of any and all details
- Schedule walk through five days within moving in and three days within moving out

Life of an Off-Campus Student



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Off-Campus Student FINALS STUDY LOUNGE

George's Restaurant
3rd Floor, JC
Open 24 Hours Starting
DEC. 11-16
& MAY 6-11

Come join us for an Off-Campus Study Lounge with free coffee, snacks, and giveaways.



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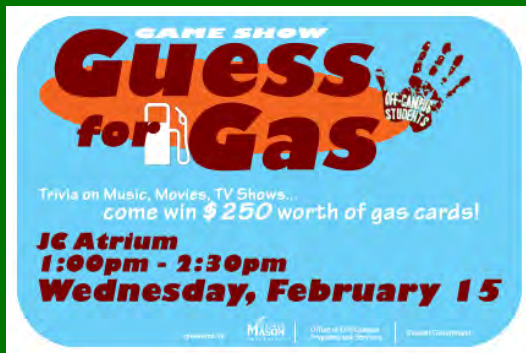
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FIND US IN LOT A IN THE MORNINGS AND LOT K IN THE EVENINGS

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Check out offcampus.gmu.edu for more information



Still Looking Around?

Off-Campus Housing Tour

Friday, April 5

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Visit on-site with five different apartment communities!

[http://studentvoice.com/gmu/
offcampushousingtourregistration](http://studentvoice.com/gmu/offcampushousingtourregistration)

Furniture Solutions for Off Campus Living



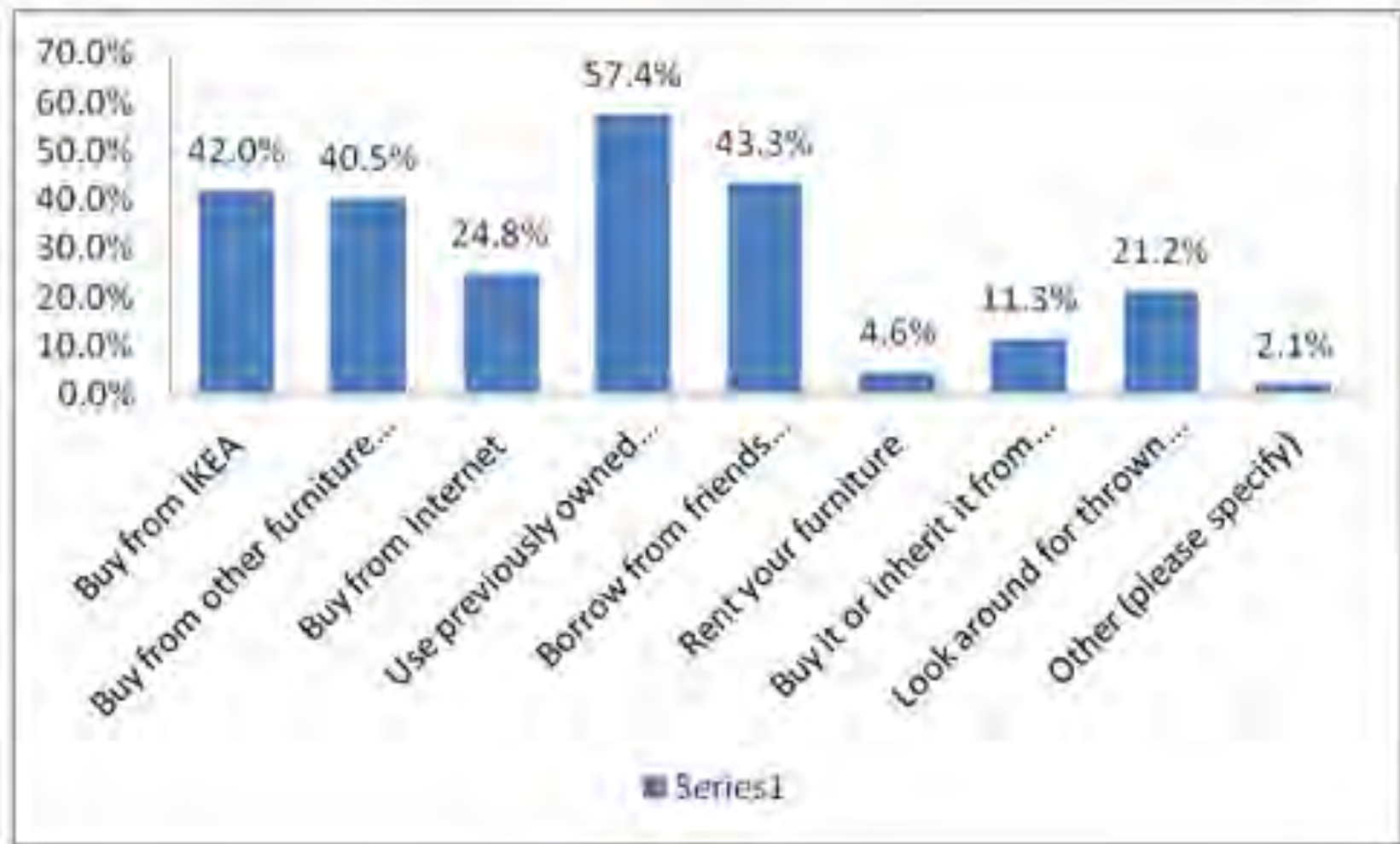
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What if CORT could save you
44 hours of hassle and
aggravation associated with
moving and over \$5,000?

The plans to get furniture....



The cost comparison for purchase vs rental

Purchase

- 7 piece bedroom set \$703
- 5 piece living room set \$708
- 5 piece dinette set \$129

- Total cost of furniture:
\$1,539

Rental

- Monthly Furniture Rental \$99
- Damage Waiver 12% - \$12
- Total Monthly Charges - \$111

- Annualized Rental and
Waiver - **\$1,331**

The cost comparison for purchase vs rental

Purchase Delivery Costs

- 1 day local truck rental- \$230
- 1 night hotel stay - \$129
- Gas at 15 mpg \$4.00/gallon - \$27
- Tolls - \$10
- Refreshments and pizza to keep moving team moving - \$45
- Total move in: \$441
- Total move out: \$441

- Total Cost **\$2,422**

Rental Delivery Costs

- \$195 – delivery and pick up fee

- Total cost of delivery & Furniture:
\$1,526

The cost comparison for purchase vs rental

Time Spent - Purchase

- Time Shopping – 12 hours
- Assembly time – 22 hours
- Day off taken to handle the move – 8 hours
- Drive Time to and From rental truck firm – 2 hours
- Total Hassle as measured by hours of aggravation required: **44**

- Value of your time? - \$100/hour
- Total cost of time: \$4,400

- Total Furniture Purchase plus Hassle Costs: **\$8,362**

Time Spent - Rental

- 1 hour

- Value of your time \$100/hour
- Total cost of time \$100

- Total cost of delivery & Furniture: **\$1,626**

- **TOTAL SAVINGS: \$6,736**

In Conclusion

CORT can offer you savings of both
money and time

A safe and reliable way to receive quality
furniture for your students school year

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Thank you for tuning in today!

**Our next webinar is scheduled for April 2
at noon (EST) and Career Services and Alumni Affairs
will be discussing how you can help build your
student's career success
at Mason...and beyond!**

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