



## GETTING INVOLVED

Salisbury University offers a wide range of activities for all students. Even though you are living off-campus, you should stay connected to the campus. Be a part of your University and take a look at these helpful Web sites!

### CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

Working on campus is a great way to meet new people, get some experience and earn some cash. Student employment opportunities can be found through Career Services.

[www.salisbury.edu/careerservices](http://www.salisbury.edu/careerservices)

### COMMUTER CONNECTIONS

Commuter Connections hosts several events throughout the year for students who live offcampus.

[www.salisbury.edu/commuters](http://www.salisbury.edu/commuters)

### GUERRIERI UNIVERSITY CENTER EVENTS!

Get involved in fun and engaging activities in the University Center. Visit the Web site for a schedule of upcoming activities.

[www.salisbury.edu/guc/gucevents.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/guc/gucevents.html)

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

Get involved in student government or get information on any of the vast clubs and organizations offered on campus.

[www.salisbury.edu/saal](http://www.salisbury.edu/saal)

### INTRAMURALS

Keep in shape or stay active by signing up for one of the many intramural leagues offered through Campus Recreation.

[www.salisbury.edu/campusrec/Intramurals/Intramural\\_Main.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/campusrec/Intramurals/Intramural_Main.html)

### VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is a great what to meet people, network and prepare yourself for a career while helping our community. The Volunteer Center connects students who care and organizations in need.

[www2.salisbury.edu/volunteer](http://www2.salisbury.edu/volunteer)

For more information on living off campus, check out the Off-Campus Housing Guide available here:

[www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing](http://www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing)

## RESOURCES FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

- Students can find a lot of helpful information at [www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing](http://www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing), including links to helpful Web addresses and a list of local landlord and rental agencies.
- Booklets, information pamphlets and maps are available at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk.
- The Guerrieri University Center Information Desk offers a "Students Looking for Roommates" binder where Salisbury University students can find/post information by presenting their GullCard.
- Off-Campus Housing Services offers a Renters Fair each year during Transfer Student Preview. In addition, SU's Student Government Association hosts several Renters Fairs throughout the spring semester. For more information, visit: [www.salisbury.edu/campusgov/sga](http://www.salisbury.edu/campusgov/sga)

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# Seven Helpful Steps

## to Off-Campus Living



OFF-CAMPUSHOUSING

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# MISSION STATEMENT

Off-Campus Housing Services is dedicated to providing valuable information and resources to assist students, faculty and staff at Salisbury University in making informed decisions regarding location, safety, rights and responsibilities in their off-campus housing choices.

## Seven Helpful Steps to Off-Campus Living

### ■ STEP 1

#### Figure out the type of housing in which you want to live.

The Salisbury area has a wide variety of off-campus housing options. Please take your time exploring different options to find the best selection for you. Some things you may want to consider are location, cost, amenities included, parking, length of lease and size of unit. A list of local landlords and leasing apartment complexes can be found on the Off-Campus Housing Services Web site at:

[www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing/sbylandlords.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing/sbylandlords.html).

### ■ STEP 2

#### Develop a financial budget.

Consider how much you can afford for rent, utilities, food, transportation, entertainment and emergency expenses.

- Calculate the monthly rent and utilities that are required.
- The average cost of living off campus without a family is approximately \$11,875\* per academic year (room, board and other expenses). Living with a roommate is usually cheaper than living on your own.  
\* [www.stateuniversity.com/universities/MD/Salisbury\\_University.html](http://www.stateuniversity.com/universities/MD/Salisbury_University.html)
- A good rule of thumb is to not exceed half of your monthly allowance in rent.

### ■ STEP 3

#### Transportation.

Consider your transportation needs:

#### ● GullRide

Carpooling is a great option to save gas money and the environment. Find students who live near you with similar schedules and ride together to campus. GullRide connects you with other SU commuters and allows you to find carpool partners. For access to GullRide, visit: [www.gullride.com](http://www.gullride.com)

#### ● Shuttle Services

During fall and spring semesters, SU operates a free shuttle service between University Park, University Village and the Avery parking lot to Chesapeake and Caruthers halls. For a detailed schedule, visit: [www.salisbury.edu/motorpool/shuttle.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/motorpool/shuttle.html)

#### ● Shore Transit

Shore Transit bus services provide transportation for Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties. A bus schedule and further information may be obtained at [www.shoretransit.org](http://www.shoretransit.org).

#### ● Saferide

Salisbury University offers “no-questions-asked” Saferide service for all students within a 2-mile radius from campus on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you are drinking, don’t drive, or if you just need a ride home, call Saferide at 410-677-5000.

#### ● Personal Vehicle

If you plan on driving your personal vehicle to campus, make sure you obtain a parking permit from Salisbury University Police. Don’t put yourself at risk for an expensive ticket! For more information, contact University Police at 410-543-6222 or visit: [www.salisbury.edu/police/parking](http://www.salisbury.edu/police/parking)

### ■ STEP 4

#### Choose the perfect roommate.

The Guerrieri University Center Off-Campus Housing Services offers a “Students Looking for Roommates” service for all Salisbury University students. Information can be obtained at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk. While deciding on a roommate, here are some things to consider:

- Meet the prospective roommate prior to signing the lease to make sure you are compatible.
- Figure out your likes, dislikes, priorities and what you are willing to compromise.
- Discuss all expenses and how you will share them equally.

### ■ STEP 5

#### Consider your dining options.

Eating out all the time may become too expensive. Buying pizza every night is not worth missing your rent. Here are some options you may want to consider:

- Salisbury University offers a variety of meal plans for on-campus dining. For more information visit: [www.salisbury.edu/dining/mealplans.html](http://www.salisbury.edu/dining/mealplans.html)
- Salisbury University also operates Satellite Dining services in four buildings on campus. There you can grab a quick breakfast or lunch in between classes.

- The Gull’s Nest and Cool Beans Cyber Café located in the Guerrieri University Center are also popular choices for students.
- Going grocery shopping and learning how to cook will not only insure that you save money for other expenses, but it also promotes healthier eating habits.
- Deposit money on your GullCard and use it to purchase food on campus as well as off campus. For a list of off-campus businesses that accept GullCard visit: <http://gullcard.salisbury.edu/OffCampusMerchants.asp>

### ■ STEP 6

#### Before signing your lease.

These are a few things to consider prior to signing the lease.

#### Safety

- Make sure all doors and entrances shut and lock properly.
  - Visit the area at night to ensure that it is well-lit and secure.
- For more information on safety tips and neighborhood crime statistics, contact the Salisbury Police Department at 410-548-3165 or visit the Web at: [www.salisburypd.com](http://www.salisburypd.com).

#### Term of lease

- Consider the length of the lease and what notice is required to terminate the lease.
- Make sure the lease is legitimate by having someone knowledgeable look over it with you.

#### Renter’s Insurance

- Protect your belongings by looking into companies that provide renter’s insurance. Bundling with your car insurance provider may yield a discount.

### ■ STEP 7

#### Get connected.

Before moving in, set up all services and utilities that will be needed. Make sure you contact local utility companies at least two weeks in advance to get services turned on.

## ■ IMPORTANT NUMBERS

#### Electricity

— Delmarva Power  
800-441-8355  
[www.delmarva.com/home](http://www.delmarva.com/home)

— Choptank Electric Cooperative  
877-892-0001  
[www.choptankelectric.com](http://www.choptankelectric.com)

#### Phone/Cable/Internet

— Verizon: 410-954-6260  
[www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)  
— Comcast: 800-266-2278  
[www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)

#### Gas

— Chesapeake Utilities:  
800-427-0015  
[www.chpk.com](http://www.chpk.com)

