

Things to Consider

LOCATION?



- WOULD YOU BE CLOSE TO SCHOOL, WORK, FRIENDS AND THE THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO?
- IF YOU HAVE A CAR, IS THERE AMPLE PARKING?
- IF YOU DON'T, OR PREFER TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, IS IT ON OR NEAR THE BUS ROUTE?

QUESTIONS



- CAN I SEE A BREAKDOWN OF CHARGES?
- CAN I SEE A RECORD OF LAST YEAR'S HEAT BILLS FOR THE SPECIFIC APARTMENT OR UNIT?
- WHAT IF I PAY MY RENT ON TIME EACH MONTH, BUT MY ROOMMATE DOESN'T?
- DOES THE PROPERTY HAVE 24-HOUR, ON-SITE MAINTENANCE?
- DO YOU WORK CLOSELY WITH THE OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF AND GVSU POLICE?
- IF I HAVE A ROOMMATE CONFLICT, IS THERE SOMEONE TO CONTACT FOR SUPPORT?
- DO YOU KEEP RECORD OF THE ROOM CONDITION UPON MOVING IN OR DO I TAKE MY OWN PHOTOS?
- IF I GET CHARGED FOR DAMAGE I DIDN'T CAUSE, WHAT IS THE APPEAL PROCESS?

COST?



- HOW DOES THE PRICE OF RENT COMPARE TO OTHER SIMILAR STYLES AND COMPLEXES?
- WHAT AMENITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THAT PRICE? CABLE? INTERNET? HEAT? WATER? PARKING? PLACES TO HANG OUT AND SOCIALIZE?
- WILL YOU ACTUALLY MAKE USE OF WHAT YOU'RE BEING CHARGED FOR?
- WILL YOU BE USING LOANS TO HELP YOU PAY THE RENT? IF SO, KEEP IN MIND THE BIGGER THE LOAN, THE MORE YOU HAVE TO PAY BACK IN THE FUTURE.
- WILL YOUR LANDLORD WORK WITH YOUR FINANCIAL AID TO DELAY RENT PAYMENTS IF NEEDED?
- ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY EXTRA TO HAVE YOUR OWN BATHROOM?

FEELING?



- DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN THE AREA?
- WHAT'S YOUR INITIAL IMPRESSION OF THE STAFF WHEN YOU VISIT? ARE THEY WARM AND FRIENDLY? DO THEY PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR CONCERNS? HOW QUICKLY DO THEY RESPOND TO THEM?
- DO YOU TRUST WHAT THEY'RE TELLING YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- WHAT STYLE IS IT - A TOWNHOUSE, APARTMENT, COTTAGE? WHAT'S THE MOST COMFORTABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATE(S)?

www.gvsu.edu/housing

