



## Secure Rental Housing - Start looking when you get your VISA.

- You are responsible for finding your own housing.
- Start looking for housing immediately after you secure a VISA.
- Housing in the Lower Hudson Valley is substantially less expensive than New York City. Expect to spend about \$680 per month for housing and utilities.
- Find apartments and communicate with landlords to make rental arrangements.
- Meet roommates in the WhatsApp group for students with VISAs.
- Use the online spreadsheet of regional apartments to get ideas.  
[Graduate Student Housing Options.xlsx](#)
- Look online for rental options. There are some scams online. See the apartment before sending money. Use the location zip code 12601. Allow a search within one mile.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/> Go to Marketplace, then Property Rentals
  - <https://perchn.com/>
  - <https://www.apartments.com/>
  - <https://hudsonvalley.craigslist.org/d/apartments-housing-for-rent/search/apa>
  - <https://www.trulia.com/>
  - <https://www.apartmentfinder.com/New-York/Poughkeepsie-Apartments>
  - <https://www.apartmentlist.com/>
- To find out how far the rental is from campus, walking time to campus, and bus availability:
  - Go to Google Maps. Enter Marist University's mailing address: 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.
  - Click Directions. Enter the address of the apartment you are considering.
  - Use the icons under the addresses to select walking or bus options.
  - You may not find housing within walking distance of campus and need to arrange transportation.
- Renters will usually need to sign a 12-month lease. Costs will include the first month's rent, last month's rent, and a security deposit. The deposit is returned when you move out if you leave the apartment in the same condition as when you moved in. Leases are binding agreements. Read the lease before signing and know that you will be required to follow the lease terms. Do not move out of the rental and have someone else move in. You will still be responsible for the rent and the condition of the apartment even if you don't live there.

## Setting up your home

Apartments are usually not furnished. You will need a bed, desk, dresser, and any other furniture you want for your home. Delivery to your home is available from places like <https://www.walmart.com/>, <https://www.wayfair.com/>, <https://www.amazon.com/> Sometimes purchases qualify for free delivery.

- Household items you will need include towels, sheets and a blanket, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils and more. Find lots of helpful articles online regarding setting up a student apartment. Shop online and have things delivered, visit a store, or do a combination of both. There is a

discount store across the street from Marist – Ocean State Job Lots. It has everything from home goods to non-perishable groceries and a few clothing items.

- Groceries can be ordered online from Price Chopper, ShopRite, and Stop and Shop. You can also shop at stores in person. Proximity to grocery stores varies depending on where you live.
- You will need to purchase clothing – especially for cold weather. A warm coat, waterproof boots, and gloves are a must, plus warm everyday clothes.
- Most students purchase a computer locally. Costs vary. Expect to spend \$800 - \$1100.
- Other than your computer and rent costs, expect to spend up to \$1000 for items to set up your home and stock your kitchen.

On rare occasions Marist has graduate student housing in apartment-style dorms in Talmadge. Currently no spaces are available. Students are offered housing on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply early.