

LIVING ON VS. OFF CAMPUS COMPARISON

(Rates based on 2020–21 academic year)

RENT AND UTILITIES	OPTION 1 Campus Apts.	OPTION 2 Wesley Apts.	OPTION 3 (off-campus)	OPTION 4 (off-campus)
Water	Included	Included	\$ /mo	\$ /mo
Electricity	Included	Included	\$ /mo	\$ /mo
Heat/Gas	Included	Included	\$ /mo	\$ /mo
Garbage/Recycling/Compost	Included	Included	\$ /mo	\$ /mo
High-Speed Internet (wireless)	Included	Included	\$ /mo	\$ /mo
Monthly Rent (per person) ¹	\$747–\$909	\$862–\$1020	\$ /mo	\$ /mo
Total Monthly Costs	\$ /mo	\$ /mo	\$ /mo	\$ /mo

FEES

Application Fee	\$0	\$0	\$	\$
Security Deposit ²	\$300 (refundable)	\$300 (refundable)	\$	\$
Cleaning Fee	\$0	\$0	\$	\$
Parking ³	Varies	Varies	\$	\$

CONTRACT

Length ⁴	Quarter-by-Quarter	Quarter-by-Quarter		
Co-Signer Required	No	No		
Accommodates Study Abroad, Mid-Year Graduation, etc.	Yes	Yes		

SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE

24/7 Security and Maintenance	Yes	Yes		
24/7 On-Call Professional Staff	Yes	Yes		
Lockout Assistance	Yes	Yes		
Groundskeeping	Yes	Yes		
Security Escorts	Yes	Yes		

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Laundry Facilities	Fee for use ⁵	In unit (no fee)		
Common Storage (limited)	Varies	No		
Meal Plan	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Furnished	Yes	Yes		

LOCATION

Commuting Costs (gas, etc.)	None	None		
Near Gym Facilities	Yes	Yes		
Accessible to Bus System	Yes	Yes		

OTHER

¹ Charges are applied quarterly to your student account.

² If you already live in SPU housing, your deposit will carry over; you do not need to pay a new deposit each year.

³ Parking information is available through Safety and Security. Please call 206-281-2922 or visit spu.edu/parking.

⁴ Students sign contracts for the academic year, but may cancel by published deadlines without penalty. Summer housing is also available on campus.

⁵ Most buildings have on-site laundry rooms; those that do not have access to laundry facilities in a nearby building.

