The GW Law Student’s Housing Guide:
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WELCOME TO WASHINGTON!
As student ambassadors, we know what it's like to move to D.C. for law school. We simply provide this guide as a welcome and to help in any way we can.

–The GW Law Student Ambassadors

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
In this guide, you will find that the vast majority of the information details housing options in Foggy Bottom or the immediate surrounding areas. If you choose not to live within walking distance of the law school, we strongly advise you to live near a Metro station. We tried to include as much information as possible about apartments that are within close walking distance to the school.

The heavily detailed portion of the guide includes names, addresses, and phone numbers for specific buildings, as well as the types of apartments rented, rent range, and lists of amenities. We also have included quotes from current students who are living or have lived in these buildings to provide you with more personal insight as to what it is like to live in these different complexes.
NEIGHBORHOODS
We begin the guide by featuring the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, GW Law’s home. The rest of the guide provides information on the other neighborhoods in D.C., Maryland, and Northern Virginia where students tend to live. These sections give an overview of the particular neighborhood and include commute time to GW Law.

A NOTE ON CO-OPS*
Many apartment buildings in the Foggy Bottom area, such as Jefferson House, Claridge House, The President, Potomac Plaza, and Carriage House, are co-op apartment buildings and condominiums. Therefore, rent, available floor plans, size, and amenities in each apartment may vary by unit. In some of these condos, utilities will be included; in some, they will not. Likewise, some units will be recently renovated and others will be dated. The most commonly rented layouts are studios and one-bedroom apartments. It is much more difficult to find vacant two-bedroom apartments in these buildings. Many students find these co-op apartments through Craigslist, and they generally are rented very quickly.
A NOTE ON ACCURACY
The information listed is a collection of data from apartment websites, leasing offices, the Washington Post’s apartment guide, rent.com, and other rental sites on the Internet to provide you with an easily accessible compilation of information on housing options in the area. Please note that rent prices and unit availability are dependent on a lot of factors and can vary significantly. The accuracy of the information we provide depends largely on our sources. The rent ranges were accurate at the time content was compiled but are subject to change.

*FOR FINDING PRIVATE RESIDENCES, TOWNHOUSES, CONDOMINIUMS, AND ROW HOUSES TO RENT, SOME OF THE BEST RESOURCES INCLUDE:

http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/
http://www.washingtonpost.com/
http://washingtondc.sublet.com/
http://washingtondc.apartments.com/
Foggy Bottom is the neighborhood surrounding the law school. In addition to GW’s campus, Foggy Bottom contains the State Department, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the World Bank, and the Watergate Hotel. GW’s campus is centrally located, so most apartments in Foggy Bottom are only a short walk from the law school.

**COMMUTE:**
You can walk to school! But if you are traveling elsewhere in the city, Foggy Bottom is served by the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro station (blue/orange lines), the Farragut West Metro station (blue/orange lines), and many Metrobuses and the D.C. Circulator.

**Rent estimates:** Studio, from $1,200; 1 bedroom, from $1,600; and 2 bedroom, from $2,400
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

The law school offers first-year law students the exclusive opportunity to live at the Aston, a 117-unit residential house located just six blocks from the law school. Each of the one-person-efficiency apartments in the building is furnished with a bed; a modern kitchen with a microwave, refrigerator, oven, and dishwasher; a private bathroom; ample closet and drawer space; and wall-to-wall carpeting. All utilities, including electricity, water, cable television, and high-speed Internet access, also are included in the building. The Aston also offers nearby access to the university’s Health and Wellness Center. Parking is not available.

If you are interested in living at the Aston, please submit your seat deposit fee to the law school first, then e-mail Matthew Dillard, Assistant Director of Admissions, at mdillard@law.gwu.edu stating your interest. Please note that the waitlist is not a guarantee of a room.

The Aston (Law Student Housing):
1129 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Apartment Types: Studio
Rent: $18,300 for the 2014-15 academic year; utilities, basic cable, and wireless Internet are included
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom/GWU (blue/orange) or Farragut North (red)
Amenities:
- Laundry facilities on every floor
- Kitchen includes stove, oven, microwave, refrigerator, & dishwasher
- Wireless/wired Internet included
- Basic cable & utilities included
- No pets


Foggy Bottom and the Surrounding Area

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES

The Statesman
2020 F Street, NW
202.331.8827

Apartment types: Studio and 1 bedroom
Rent range: $1,715–2,315

Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom/GWU (orange/blue)

Amenities:
• Dishwasher
• Balcony/deck/patio
• 24-hour fitness center
• Rooftop sun deck
• On-site laundry
• Utilities included
• Parking garage
• Dry cleaning service
• 24-hour emergency maintenance
• Pets welcome
• 24-hour resident concierge

“As a first-year law student, the Statesman was an ideal choice. With its location only two blocks from the law school, it made my transition into D.C. living extremely smooth. Apartments were a decent size; even though I was only in a studio, it was fairly large, about 650 sq. ft. The building was clean and in good condition. Many units are renovated apartments with full-size kitchens, including dishwashers. The Statesman is in a safe neighborhood and many students, both undergraduate and other law students, occupied the building. The staff at the building is wonderful; the concierge is incredibly friendly, and the maintenance staff is very capable and helpful.” —L.M., C.C.

Letterman House
2030 F Street, NW
202.296.5141

Apartment types: Mostly studio and 1 bedroom (a handful of 2 bedrooms), furnished and unfurnished
Rent range: $1,550–2,700 (contact the condo owner via Craigslist or the management office)

Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom/GWU (orange/blue)

Amenities:
• Pool (newly renovated)
• Rooftop sun deck
• On-site laundry
• Unit amenities vary because the condos are privately owned
“The biggest reason I like living in the Letterman House is its close proximity to school. It has a nice rooftop deck with lawn chairs that are perfect for lying out and reading when the weather is nice. The pool out back opens Memorial Day weekend. The lobby and main area are a bit dated, but that is a minor drawback. Also, the units are privately-owned condos, so they vary a lot. My landlord renovated my unit just before I moved in, so it is gorgeous. The rent is not cheap, but not out of the normal range for Foggy Bottom. Both students and older tenants live in the building so it tends to be quieter.” —A.Y.

“I have lived in the Letterman House for the last two years, and I have really enjoyed my experience there. The doorman, Stanley, is perhaps the most helpful person I have met in D.C. He will go out of his way to help fix a leaky toilet or find a locksmith to come and fix a broken lock. Additionally, in order to bring down the price of rent, my roommates and I talked to the owner of our condo about putting up a fake wall. Fortunately, the owner allowed us to pay a contractor to install a fake wall and as a result, we currently have three people living comfortably in a two-bedroom apartment.” —E.B.

**Potomac Park and the York**

510 21st Street, NW, and 532 20th Street, NW  
202.337.5252  
http://www.bernsteinmgmt.com/residential_properties/res_potomac.asp  
**Apartment types:** Studio (w/o kitchens), efficiency, 1 and 2 bedrooms  
**Rent range:** $1,015–2,600, no dogs; cats, birds, and fish allowed  
**Nearest Metro:** Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)  
**Amenities:**  
- On-site laundry  
- Parking available  
- Sun deck  
- On-site maintenance

“Potomac Park is great for both its location and affordable rent prices. Living less than three blocks from school allows me to get to class in five minutes or less, and I’m centrally located for all law school-related activities. Also, I find that I pay $100-300 less per month for my studio apartment than most people in the Foggy Bottom/GW area. The York is its sister building one street over; the amenities and rent range for the York are essentially the same as that for Potomac Park.” —J.D.
The President Condominiums
2141 I Street, NW
202.331.7800
Apartment types: Studio
Rent range: $1,200–1,450
No pets
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)
Amenities:
• On-site laundry
• Unit amenities vary because the condos are privately owned

“I’ve had a great time living at the President. First of all, it is a block and a half away from school, which means it takes less than five minutes to walk there. They did have the occasional water pressure/temperature issues and one of the elevators seemed destined to get stuck about 5% of the time it was used, but overall if you value location over size and being in the heart of it all, the President is a great place.” —D.J

Jefferson House
922 24th Street NW
202.337.3900
Apartment types: Efficiency and 1 bedroom
Rent range: $1,600-2,100, furnished and unfurnished available (contact the condo owner via Craigslist or the management office)
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)
Amenities:
• Swimming pool
• Parking available
• On-site laundry
• Unit amenities vary because condos are privately owned

“The Jefferson House is very close to the law school and located directly across the street from the Metro and GW Hospital. The building is clean and well kept; there are no moldy hallway odors, insects, rodents, or trash smells. Another draw is the natural lighting; the studios contain large wall-to-wall windows that let in lots of light. The downstairs lobby is relatively nice, with a well-positioned front desk, generally helpful staff, and a sofa meeting space for the annual holiday parties. The studios contain just enough space in each room (kitchen, bathroom, main room) to feel cozy without being cramped.
"The building is a mix of students (mostly graduates in medicine) and older, long-term residents. This can be both a positive, allowing students to make friends across a broad demographic community, as well as a negative as the homeowners have instituted strict rules against pets and noise after 11 pm, and they disallow delivery people to enter the building (you have to meet them outside). Also, it is located across the street from the GW Hospital’s ambulance bay, so siren noise can be potentially frequent." —S.M., M.Z.

Elise Apartments
825 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
202.333.7711

Apartment types: Efficiency, 1 and 2 bedroom
Rent range: $1,550–3,450
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)

Amenities:
• Utilities included
• On-site laundry
• Parking available
• View of Kennedy Center, Georgetown, and Potomac River

"The best part about living at the Elise is the location. It is close enough to walk to class in less than 10 minutes. The amenities in the building are just okay—there is no garbage disposal or dishwasher, but the hallways are clean, there is no pest problem, and the management is responsive. From my experience, it appears that most people living in this building are single students, and most of the units are relatively spacious studios." —S.M.

Empire Apartments
2000 F Street, NW
202.785.2622

Apartment types: Studio and 1 bedroom
Rent range: $1,225–1,725
No pets
Nearest Metro: Farragut North (red) or Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)

Amenities:
• On-site laundry

"The Empire is convenient and right across from campus. It’s also rent-controlled; it’s hard to find a cheaper place in Foggy Bottom. It is closer to the 18th street exit of the Farragut North Metro than to the Foggy Bottom Metro, but both are within walking distance. The management is good. They take care of everything and are available, attentive, and generally nice." —D.C.
Claridge House Co-Op, Inc.
950 25th Street, NW
202.337.0461
(Note: Co-op owners rent directly through leasing sites or Craigslist)

**Apartment types:** Studio and 1 bedroom
**Rent range:** $1,400–2,200
**Nearest Metro:** Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)

**Amenities:**
- On-site laundry
- Parking available
- Rooftop pool
- Fitness center
- 24-hour front desk
- Business center
- Lounge with TV
- Unit amenities vary because the condos are individually owned

“I am a 1L and I live in the Claridge House. The building is very clean and generally very quiet, so I can do most of my studying at home. The staff is very friendly, although scheduling to use the elevator to move in and out is a bit tricky. My unit is a pretty spacious studio with beautiful parquet floors, great heating/AC, and a HUGE walk-in closet. The kitchen is small, but sufficient (though I did add some counter space thanks to IKEA). There’s someone sitting at the front desk 24/7, which I appreciate. It’s a two-minute walk from the Foggy Bottom Metro, 10-minute walk from home to the law school, a six- or seven-minute walk to the GW gym, 1.5 blocks from Trader Joe’s, a few blocks from Safeway, and a few blocks from all of Georgetown’s restaurants and shops! There are quite a few law students who live here, too; most of the residents are grad students and young professionals.” —R.T.

Columbia Plaza
2400 Virginia Avenue, NW
202.293.2000

**Apartment types:** Efficiency, 1 and 2 bedrooms
**Rent range:** $1,700–3,575
Studio, $1,700–2,000; 1 bedroom, $2,400–2,700; 2 bedroom, $2,975–3,575. Due to rent control, some units might have lower rents than those listed.
**Nearest Metro:** Foggy Bottom (orange/blue)

**Amenities:**
- Dishwashers
- On-site laundry
- Utilities included
- Fitness center
- Parking available
“Each of the six buildings in the plaza has very unique layouts and in general has spacious apartments (almost 50% larger compared to other apartments in the area on average). An efficiency is around 550 square feet or larger, one bedrooms are generally between 830 and 875 square feet, and two bedrooms and two baths are 1,150 to 1,250 square feet. In early April through May, Columbia Plaza is known to reduce rent to attract students to sign leases early. Columbia Plaza does not allow subletting. Overall, the buildings are very clean and well kept, many of the appliances in the kitchen and the bathroom fixtures are new, and maintenance is very responsive to any minor problems. The gym in the complex is quite small with one or two machines, but the complex is very close to the Lerner Heath and Wellness Center.” –N.K.

“There are many students living in the complex, and the ordinary income requirements are waived for tenants who are law, medical, or graduate students.” –M.R.

**The Carriage House**

2201 L Street, NW
202.223.6701 (Note: Co-op owners rent directly through leasing sites or Craigslist)

**Apartment types:** Efficiency, 1 and 2 bedrooms

**Rent range:** $1,500–3,000

**Nearest Metro:** Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)

**Amenities:**
- Rooftop pool
- On-site laundry
- Unit amenities vary because the condos are privately owned

“I am really happy with my apartment in the Carriage House. The building, located at 22nd and L, is in a very convenient location, which is its number one selling point. Because the building is a condominium building, the units all vary a great deal. The building amenities, although slightly dated, are great. There is a rooftop pool and a card operated laundry room in the basement and a person at the front desk 24 hours a day. As apartments in D.C. go, I would highly recommend the Carriage House.” –C.W.
Winston House Apartments
2140 L Street, NW
202.785.2200
http://www.winstonhouseapartments.com/
Apartment types: 1 bedroom, 1 bedroom plus den, 2 bedrooms
Rent range: $1,950–4,100
No pets
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)
Amenities:
- Washer/dryer in unit
- Balcony/deck/patio
- Dishwasher
- Fitness center
- Sauna
- Library
- Rooftop sun deck
- Wall-to-wall carpeting
- Furnished available
- On-site café, dry cleaners, copy center, hair salon
- 24-hour doorman

“The Winston House is very conveniently located to the law school, which is its biggest draw. The majority of tenants are law students, med students, and undergraduate students. The building is kept clean and management is helpful, responsive, and friendly. The gym in the building is small, but it’s usually not busy.” –L.F.

The Savoy
1101 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
202.296.1645
Apartment types: Efficiency, 1 and 2 bedrooms
Rent range: $1,550–3,300
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange)
Amenities:
- Fitness center
- On-site laundry
- Parking available
- All utilities included
- Rooftop sun deck and pool

“The Savoy is a short walk from Foggy Bottom Metro, so it is really close to school, but not in the middle of the undergrad scene. It is also a five-minute walk to Dupont Circle and a mile away from Georgetown. The location is ideal and, considering the units are pretty spacious, it is a good value for your money. The building is a bit old, but well kept. The elevators occasionally stop working, but on the whole everything is functioning. The manager, Patti, is pretty nice. There is a pool on the roof and virtually all the apartments have balconies; mine was pretty large and something I used a lot. Noise from the street isn’t bad, but you will likely need curtains to block out the extra light from the street.” –B.T., S.K.
Hamilton House
1255 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
202.452.6068
Apartment types: Studio, 1 bedroom
Rent range: $1,500–3,000 (market based)
No pets
Nearest Metro: Dupont Circle (red)
Amenities:
- Emergency maintenance
- Valet laundry/dry cleaning available
- Fitness room and sauna
- Outdoor pool
- Roof deck
- On-site laundry
- Utilities included
- Balconies available

“I think it is the best deal in town because it is reasonably priced for northwest D.C. and is in a great location 10 minutes from campus. Ernest and Bruce, the property managers, are extremely helpful and very nice people. The building itself is not the most luxurious in town, but you can definitely set up your apartment so that it is conducive to studying and very comfortable. I lucked out and had a great balcony overlooking New Hampshire Avenue.” – D.F.

2400 M
2400 M Street, NW
866.528.1666
Apartment types: Studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms
Rent range: $1,900–4,400 (market based)
Dogs and cats allowed, breed restrictions, deposits/pet rents
Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange) or Dupont Circle (red)
Amenities:
- Dishwasher
- Washer/dryer
- Outdoor grill area
- Parking available
- Business center
- Fitness center
- Swimming pool
- 24-hour concierge
- Study lounge (Wi-Fi)

“The location of 2400 M is great. It’s right between Foggy Bottom and Georgetown, and Trader Joes and CVS are really close. The building has a rooftop pool and barbecue area that is really great in the summer. It is slightly more expensive, but the apartments are spacious and gorgeous with updated appliances and lots of storage space.” – A.S.
2400 Penn Ave
2400 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
202.333.2400

**Apartment types:** Studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms

**Rent range:** $1,600–1,800 (only one 2 bedroom on property, $2,800)

No pets

**Nearest Metro:** Foggy Bottom (orange/blue)

**Amenities:**
- On-site laundry
- Parking available
- Dishwasher
- Utilities included

“2400 Penn is all about location. The building is ideally situated a short 10-15 minute walk from the law school, Dupont Circle, and Georgetown. Within two blocks are a number of restaurants, bars, three convenience stores, Trader Joe’s, a dry cleaner, and the Foggy Bottom Metro. The residents consist mainly of students; the majority are GW undergraduates, plus a number of graduate students, young professionals, and retirees. The management is friendly, but the building is not the quietest. With the GW Hospital around the corner, McFadden’s across the street, and the White House only a few blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue, the area endures a steady stream of ambulances, noisy bar patrons, and presidential motorcades. However, the building is a great choice for a law student who is not bothered by a loud urban environment and is seeking to live within walking distance of school but not directly on campus.” - D.K.

Woodward Building
733 15th Street, NW
202.347.7555 or 866.476.9791

**Apartment types:** Studio; 1 bedroom; 1 bedroom plus den; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus study; 3 bedrooms

**Rent range:** $1,850–7,060

Pet friendly

**Nearest Metro:** McPherson Square (orange/blue)

**Amenities:**
- Fitness center
- Club room
- Resident lounge
- Guest rooms
- Private terraces
- Roof deck
- Dishwasher
- Washer/dryer
- Furnished apartments available
- Garage parking
- Fitness center
- On-site laundry
“The Woodward building is only five blocks from school and in a central downtown location. It is only one block from the McPherson Square Metro stop (orange/blue lines) and three blocks from Metro Center (red line). The amenities are incredible—amazing rooftop view, computer/internet/printer lounge, free gym in the building with state of the art equipment (flat screen TVs on every machine, free weights, exercise balls, mats, machines, etc). The apartments are newer, the complex just opened in 2008, so they are in great condition. There is a mix of people in the building ranging from GW undergrads to married adults and families. The building provides DVDs/bikes/vacuum/iPod dock to check out for free downstairs, and there is a restaurant, bakery, and wine shop in the building.

The only downside is it is very expensive. Also, it is located in a business district, so many things (like delis, etc.) aren’t open on the weekends, but it is still so close to Foggy Bottom and Chinatown that that really isn’t a problem.” – M.P.

1500 Massachusetts Ave Apts.
1500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
202.293.1500

Apartment Types: Studio and 1 bedroom
Rent range: $1,180—1,700
No Pets

Nearest Metro: Dupont Circle (red) or McPherson Square (orange/blue)

Amenities:
• Utilities included
• Sun deck
• Garage parking available

On-site laundry
• 24-hour maintenance
• Some furnished apartments

“The best thing about 1500 Mass Ave is the location. The law school, Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Chinatown, and downtown are all within walking distance from the building. Also, the price is pretty much unbeatable: $1,100 including utilities is about as good as you can find in the area. The staff is great; they are very friendly and make a giant apartment building feel like a home. And all maintenance issues or building issues are resolved in a timely and professional manner. There is also a convenience store in the building that sells everything from beer and wine to toilet paper and is, for lack of a better word, really convenient.

The only drawback is that the apartments are mostly efficiencies and are rather small, not likely that you could fit a bed and a couch. The kitchen space is small, and the apartments come with a half-size refrigerator that has limited freezer space. However, the apartments do have ample storage and closet space, and the bathrooms are fairly large.” – M.L.
West End 25
1255 25th Street, NW
202.775.9325

Apartment types: Studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms
Rent range: $2,260–7,500
Pet friendly

Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom (blue/orange) or Dupont Circle (red)

The first apartment in D.C. with a commitment to green living. Green measures include: optimization of natural light, Energy Star appliances, water-efficient fixtures, air filtration, convenient recycle areas; green roof conserves energy.

Amenities:
- Garden
- Fitness center
- Study and community lounge (Wi-Fi)
- Sun terrace
- Rooftop pool
- Garage parking
- 24-hour emergency maintenance guarantee
- Guest suite for visitors
- Bike/Zip Car rentals
- Fitness classes
- Dishwasher
- Washer/dryer
- Balconies

“WestEnd 25 is a brand-new building with amazing amenities located right near Trader Joe’s and Georgetown, but a 20-minute walk to school. WestEnd is among the most expensive rental apartments in the city, but you may be able to negotiate with the management to get a month or two and/or move-in fees knocked off. The staff is really helpful; the people at the front desk and the maintenance men are always looking out for the residents.

The building’s lobby is very stylish and spacious. The first floor also has a business center with three Mac computers, study area, and gym. The rooftop pool and terrace have amazing views of D.C., including the Washington Monument. Plus, it’s the first ‘green’ residential building in the District.” – D.F.
Adams Morgan is a lively, up-and-coming D.C. neighborhood. It has an abundance of dining options and unique bars. “AdMo“ is also home to a high concentration of dance clubs, pool halls, and pubs, including the city’s best collection of open-air and rooftop bars.

COMMUTE:
Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan Metro station (red line), 20-30 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:
Studio, $1,200—1,500; 1 bedroom, $1500—2,000

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
- Connecticut Gardens, 202.232.4444
- Melwood, 202.667.3912
- Promenade Apartments, 202.232.7400
- Many rentals are private residences/row houses.

“I currently live in Adams Morgan in a nice studio in a building on Harvard St, NW; my monthly rent is $1,150. My studio is larger than some other studios in my building, and my guess is that it would be possible (though difficult) to find an efficiency for about $1,000. I recommend checking Craigslist for apartments (that’s how I found my cheaper apartment).” –K.A.

“It is important to note that the Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan metro stop is actually in Woodley Park, not in Adams Morgan. The metro stop is approximately one mile away from the corner of Columbia and Adams Mill, and more than two miles from some places in Adams Morgan. The quickest commute to GW from Adams Morgan using public transportation is probably the Metrobus. Personally, I think that biking is the easiest way to get to school (faster than bus, Metro, or driving), so that may be worth mentioning in the guide.” –K.A.
Capitol Hill is the largest residential district in D.C. The area is rapidly gentrifying and offers plenty of culinary and cultural attractions. On weekends, the historic Eastern Market hosts artists, artisans, antique dealers, book and record traders, and flea market entrepreneurs who sell their wares alongside farmers offering fresh local produce. Capitol Hill is also home to the Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, Union Station, the Smithsonian museums, and the U.S. Botanical Gardens.

COMMUTE:
Metro stations: Capitol South and Eastern Market (blue/orange lines), and Union Station (red line), 25-40 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:
2-bedroom rowhouse, $1,900–2,500; 3- and 4-bedroom house, $2,900–4,000+.

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
- Potomac Gardens Apartments, 202.543.6313
- Capitol Plaza Apartments, 202.393.2536
- Capitol Park Towers Apartments, 202.479.3908
- Hill House Apartments, 202.544.5850
- Many rentals are private residences/row houses.
These neighborhoods are largely residential but also home to a great assortment of shops, restaurants, and cafes that cater to locals as well as visitors. The National Zoo, which is one of the city’s most popular tourist destinations, is in Woodley Park. Also, Rock Creek Park runs through these neighborhoods and offers several miles of trails that are great for running, biking, or just strolling.

COMMUTE:
Metro stations: Woodley Park–Zoo/Adams Morgan and Cleveland Park (red line), or Metrobus (multiple bus routes), 20-25 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:
Studio, $1,100—1,600; 1 bedroom, from $1,400

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
• Calvert Woodley, 202.265.9292
• Calvert House, 202.462.8900
• Cathedral Mansion, 202.232.8198
• Connecticut Plaza, 202.234.1300
North of the U Street Corridor and east of Adams Morgan, this area is home to the 16-acre Meridian Hill Park and a blossoming shopping district including the new D.C. USA Shopping Center with a Target, Best Buy, Bed Bath and Beyond, and a Giant grocery store.

COMMUTE:
Columbia Heights Metro station (green line) and several Metrobus routes, 25-30 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:
Studio, from $850; 1 bedroom, $1,000–1,400

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
- Park Triangle Apartments, 202.675.7275
- Park Terrace, 202.462.6100
- Chalfonte, 202.234.1497
- The Argonne, 202.462.6600

There are many newer, expensive, and popular apartment complexes in Columbia Heights including:
- Allegro, corner of 14th St. and Monroe St., NW, 866.792.9751, www.allegrospaces.com

“Housing in Columbia Heights has recently become more popular and, thus, more expensive. My living situation for the first two years of law school is illustrative of this. When I lived in Columbia Heights during 1L year, I lived in a room in a row house for $750 per month. During 2L year, I lived in a nicer house in my own room for about $900 per month. There are a plethora of rooms in row houses in Columbia Heights being offered for $900–1,500 on Craigslist.”—K.A.

“Although the Argonne apartment complex is very close to Columbia Heights, it is technically in Adams Morgan. The Argonne is a very nice place to live and very popular. The Chalfonte and Park Terrace are also technically in Adams Morgan.”—K.A.

“The Metro rail and bus systems cater well to people who live in Columbia Heights. However, like in Adams Morgan, biking is the easiest way to get around. Parking in Columbia Heights is also probably easier than any other popular neighborhood in the city (though it has been getting worse as time goes on).”—K.A.
Downtown D.C. reaches from the White House to the Capitol building and is made up of different neighborhoods including Penn Quarter/Chinatown, Mount Vernon Square, Judiciary Square, and other popular areas. A short distance to the Smithsonian museums, the National Mall, Capitol Hill, the Verizon Center sports arena, and the International Spy Museum, the area offers no lack of things to do or see. Downtown also boasts more than 200 restaurants, a variety of shopping options, world-class theater, and many of D.C.’s best-known memorials.

COMMUTE:
Metro stations: Mount Vernon Square, Gallery Place/Chinatown, Metro Center, Judiciary Square, Navy Memorial/Archives, McPherson Square, and Federal Triangle (red, green/yellow, and blue/orange lines). Numerous Metrobus lines. 15-30 minutes.

RENT ESTIMATES:
Near Metro Center and the Verizon Center: studio, $1,400–1,800; 1 bedroom, $1,900+; 2 bedrooms, $2,700–3,200. Rent in Gallery Place/Chinatown/Penn Quarter is getting more expensive as the area becomes more trendy and popular. Rent in Mount Vernon Square is somewhat less expensive.

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
- Gibson Plaza Apartments, 202.797.7007
- Andover House, 866.427.2581
- Avalon at Gallery Place, 202.789.8388
- Meridian at Gallery Place, 202.326.0000
Dupont’s unique blend of shops, restaurants, cafes, cinema, live theater, museums, and art galleries make it one of D.C.’s most cosmopolitan neighborhoods. In addition to being a popular spot for dining, shopping, and nightlife, the neighborhood also hosts events ranging from a regional farmer’s market held each Sunday to the annual Gay Pride Parade. Dupont is fairly close to Foggy Bottom; therefore, we have included many of the Dupont apartment complexes in the list below.

**COMMUTE:**
Dupont Circle Metro station (red line), several Metrobus lines, 15–20 minutes; Foggy Bottom is approximately a 20–30 minute walk.

**RENT ESTIMATES:**
Studio, from $1,400; 1 bedroom, from $1,600

**AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:**
- Bristol House Apartments, 202.296.4177
- The Flats at Dupont Circle, 202.457.5801
- Westbrooke Place, 202.466.6228
- Barclay Ravenel Apartments, 202.232.7382
- Brunswick House Apartments, 202.667.0879
- Archstone Dupont Circle, 202.332.9500
- The Gables at Dupont Circle, 202.986.3600
- Westpark, 202.452.1230
Shoppers are drawn to M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW, which boast many of the city’s boutiques. Carryout and four-star restaurants alike satisfy diners of every taste and budget, and proximity to Georgetown University and GW ensures a lively nightlife.

COMMUTE:
Georgetown has no Metrorail stations, but it is within a 10-20 minute walk from campus or can be reached by any Metrobus running on Pennsylvania Avenue.

RENT ESTIMATES:
Studio, from $1,400; 1 bedroom, from $1,550

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
Most rentals are private residences/row houses.
Logan Circle boasts a terrific location and is mere blocks from the restaurants, shopping, and exciting nightlife of Dupont Circle, Chinatown, and the U Street Corridor. The area features art galleries, a live theater, and numerous bars and restaurants, many of which have student-friendly prices. A local Whole Foods provides convenient grocery shopping.

COMMUTE:
Metro stations: Convention Center (green/yellow lines), Metro Center (red/blue/orange lines), and McPherson Square (blue/orange lines). GW Law is within walking distance.

RENT ESTIMATES:
Studio and 1 bedroom, $1,000–2,100; 2 bedrooms, from $2,100

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
• Latrobe, 202.667.5991
• Belvedere Apartment House, 202.628.9683
• Fifteen Hundred Mass Ave Apartments, 202.293.1500
• The Cambridge Apartments, 202.628.7368
• Post Massachusetts Avenue, 202.234.7678
American University (AU) Park and Friendship Heights neighbor Tenleytown. The AU campus is somewhat far removed, although a shuttle bus runs from the Metro station to the main campus. Tenleytown has less of an urban feel because of its tree-lined residential streets, many parks, and green spaces, but Wisconsin Avenue also has plenty of businesses and restaurants.

COMMUTE:  
Tenleytown-AU Metro station (red line), 25-30 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:  
Studio, $1,100–1,400; 1 bedroom, from $1,450

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:  
• Connecticut House, 202.363.1200  
• Clarence House, 202.362.3319  
• Friendship Terrace Apartments, 202.244.7400
U Street is an eclectic, up-and-coming neighborhood with great restaurants, bars, and nightclubs. It is a hotspot for national and local music acts, at venues such as the 9:30 Club and the Black Cat as well as the newly renovated Lincoln Theater. Once known as the “Black Broadway” for its historic jazz venues, U Street has recently experienced a revitalization of economic and residential development.

**COMMUTE:**
U Street/Cardozo Metro station (green line), 20–25 minutes

**RENT ESTIMATES:**
Studio, $900–1,300; 1 bedroom, from $1,350

**AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:**
- Dorchester House, 202.667.3312
- Camden Roosevelt, 202.265.4540
- Belmont Apartments, 202.265.0405
- Peabody and Theoharis Management, 202.387.6000
Van Ness is a more residential area than downtown. Connecticut Avenue and Metro’s red line run directly through Van Ness, making transportation very convenient. Van Ness also has many restaurants and easy access to grocery stores.

**COMMUTE:**
Van Ness Metro station (red line), numerous bus lines, 25-30 minutes

**RENT ESTIMATES:**
Studio, from $1,300; 1 bedroom, from $1,500; 2 bedrooms, from $2,200

**AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:**
- Albemarle House Apartments, 202.362.5115
- The Consulate, 202.362.6870
- Archstone Van Ness, 202.244.3100

“The same management company owns both the Consulate and Archstone Van Ness apartment complexes. The buildings are across the street from each other, and I have lived in both. While walking to school from Van Ness isn’t really an option, [the buildings] are great because they are so close to the Metro. Also, the grocery store and other necessities are in the immediate vicinity. The buildings have lots of great amenities, like the gorgeous pools that are really nice during the summer, and the apartments are spacious. The Consulate houses a lot of grad students from different schools, while the Archstone Van Ness has a mix of younger and older residents and tends to be a little quieter.” —H.G.
Across the Potomac River and six miles south of D.C., Alexandria is a more suburban community that is home to a large commuter population. In addition, Alexandria has a wealth of art galleries, specialty shops, antique stores, coffee houses, restaurants, and bars (some of which are noted for their pet-friendly policies). There is also a farmer’s market in town each weekend. Old Town Alexandria is a charming, historic waterfront area with cobblestone streets lined with colonial houses, churches, restaurants, and shops.

COMMUTE:
Metro stations (throughout the county): Braddock Road and King Street (blue/ yellow lines), Van Dorn Street (blue line), and Eisenhower Avenue and Huntington (yellow line), 20-25 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:
Studio and 1 bedroom, $1,100–$1,700

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
- The Alexander, 703.379.6951
- Carlyle Mill, 703.739.0557
- Mason Gardens Apartments, 703.836.7814
- Pendleton Park Apartments, 703.836.0828
Arlington is best known as the home of the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery, but it is also home to a number of “urban villages,” including Ballston, Clarendon, Court House, Crystal City, Rosslyn, and Virginia Square, all built around Metro stations. These neighborhoods have an urban feel, with soaring high-rise apartment complexes and abundant restaurants and shops, but a more suburban attitude. Arlington also has a large commuter population.

COMMUTE:
Rosslyn-Ballston stations (blue/orange lines) and Pentagon City and Crystal City stations (blue/yellow lines), 10-25 minutes

RENT ESTIMATES:
Efficiency, from $1,200; 1 bedroom, $1,500-1,700; 2 bedroom, from $2,000; 3 bedroom, from $2,500

AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:
- Sheffield Court, 703.527.7700
- Library Courts, 703.812.9010
- Ballston Archstone Square, 703.243.7368
- Crystal Plaza, 703.415.0660
- Crystal Square, 703.413.5400

“Arlington is a good location with mostly affordable housing. My only advice is to make sure you live close to a Metro station. Law school books IL year can be rather heavy.”—E.B.
Bethesda is due north of Georgetown and a nearby Maryland suburb. Bethesda is a bustling suburb with a large variety of delicious restaurants and great shopping. Bethesda Row is an entertainment hub and the center of nightlife in this trendy D.C. suburb. Popular Bethesda “musts” include Bethesda Bagel, Georgetown Cupcakes, Bethesda Row Landmark Theater, and Gifford’s Ice Cream.

**COMMUTE:**
Bethesda Metro station (red line), 30 minutes

**RENT ESTIMATES:**
Studio, from $1,500; 1 bedroom, from $1,800; 2 bedroom, from $2,000

**AREA APARTMENTS:**
- The Barclay, 301.656.3737
- Bethesda Place, 301.654.3003
- The Seasons, 301.652.6688
- The Metropolitan, 301.652.1555
- Triangle Towers, 301.658.7744

“I worked in Bethesda before law school. The traffic is horrendous, and I would not recommend having a car there. It is a nice, safe place. I can personally vouch for Bethesda Bagel; they have good stuff there.”—K.A.
Just outside the northernmost tip of Washington, Silver Spring is a large unincorporated area that maintains the urban feel of D.C. It contains large shopping districts filled with national retail chains and restaurants. The downtown area hosts several ethnic and music festivals every year celebrating the diverse and eclectic makeup of its residents.

You also will find here the AFI Silver Theater, a renovated movie theater showing both art house and mainstream films.

**COMMUTE:**
Silver Spring Metro station (red line), 30-40 minutes

**RENT ESTIMATES:**
Studio, $900–1,400; 1 bedroom, $1,100–1,650; 2 and 3 bedrooms, from $1,600

**AREA APARTMENT COMPLEXES:**
- Lenox Park, 301.608.7500
- Falkland Chase Apartments, 301.589.8081
- Alexander House Apartments, 301.581.4277
- Twin Tower Apartments, 301.587.7766

“The traffic in Silver Spring—like in Bethesda—is awful. I would not recommend having a car in Silver Spring. If you choose to live in Silver Spring, you should find a place close to the Silver Spring Metro stop. When I first lived in Maryland, my address was technically in Silver Spring, even though I lived about five miles north of D.C., which is nowhere near downtown Silver Spring.”—K.A.
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