GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE GUIDE

Start with the Housing Facts section. This section should help you determine the type of apartment you’d like to live in and how much you should expect to pay in rent.

Read about different neighborhoods and narrow down your search to parts of the city that you like most.

Use the Apartment Ratings section to identify the best apartment buildings across the categories (e.g. best amenities, highest rated) that matter most to you.

Visit VeryApt.com to read reviews, get pricing, and set up appointments for the apartments you like most.

ABOUT THE DATA IN THIS GUIDE

All of the data in this guide are based on feedback from real renters in Boston. We asked students to rate their apartments on a scale of 1-10 across six categories:

- Overall
- Value
- Management
- Amenities
- Location
- Safety

Based on their feedback, we compiled a list of the best apartment buildings for BU Questrom students. If you are interested in additional data that is not in the guide or have a housing question, you can reach us at contact@veryapt.com.

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Where BU Questrom students live

- 35% Fenway/Kenmore
- 30% Allston
- 25% Brighton
- 5% Brookline
- 5% Other

Who BU Questrom students live with

- 30% Alone
- 25% Spouse/partner
- 45% Roommate (excluding spouse/partner)

8% of BU Questrom students live with pets

What type of properties BU Questrom students live in

- 40% Small property (2-9 units)
- 30% Mid-size property (20-49 units)
- 25% Large property (50+ units)

What size residences BU Questrom students live in

- 10% Studios
- 35% One bedrooms
- 30% Two bedrooms
- 25% Three or more bedrooms

Distribution of property ratings

- 35% 0 - 6.9
- 10% 7 - 7.9
- 40% 8 - 8.9
- 15% 9+

Average rent by apartment size

- $1,625 STUDIO
- $2,200 1BR
- $2,900 2BR
- $3,200 3BR

Rent versus own

- 100% Rent
- 0% Own

Commute methods

- 50% Walking
- 45% Public Transit
- 5% Biking
Rent with Confidence

Time Savers
All the information you need in a single place. Photos, prices, floor plans, maps, and amenities - VeryApt has you covered.

Concierge Service
On demand rental experts that can provide apartment recommendations, set up apartment tours, and help you with your rental application - all at no extra cost.

Intelligent Search
Personalized apartment recommendations based on the amenities you want, your proximity to school or work, and your desired price range.

Trusted Reviews
Hundreds of verified apartment reviews from current and past tenants that help you make an informed decision about where you want to live.

WHY WE STARTED VERYAPT
VeryApt was born from the simple realization that the small things about an apartment are often the most important: a friendly doorman, lots of sunlight in the living room, a running trail nearby, or that amazing hole-in-the-wall Thai restaurant across the street. We understand that the frustrations of apartment hunting are universal, but share a belief that it doesn’t have to be. We know what makes an apartment truly feel like home is unique for each person and that’s why our focus is on bringing you personalized recommendations based on timely, relevant, and real user reviews. We’ll be there every step of the way to help you find your perfect apartment.

Julia Rizio
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NEIGHBORHOODS EXPLAINED
An overview of the most popular neighborhoods for BU Questrom students

1. Fenway/Kenmore
   35% of BU Questrom students
   Fenway’s close proximity to BU makes it a popular choice for students who wish to walk to campus. It is home to the historic Fenway Park and boasts plenty of restaurants and bars. Cultural landmarks that are definitely worth a visit include the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Symphony Halls.

2. Allston
   30% of BU Questrom students
   Filled with hip and trendy shops, Allston has become a popular spot for BU Questrom students. Many students choose to live here due to the convenient location to campus. The Charles River Reservation is a great state park situated along a river. Like many areas of Boston, the restaurant and bar scene is great in Allston.

3. Brighton
   25% of BU Questrom students
   Brighton offers affordable options for students looking for a quiet, green neighborhood who are also okay with being a bit farther away from the downtown scene. While a bit quieter, there are still many grocery and restaurant options for students.

4. Brookline
   5% of BU Questrom students
   It is perfect for people looking for that perfect hybrid of suburban and urban lifestyle, as it is still very close to the city’s attractions. Public transit options make it easy for students to get to campus. It is a great area for families or those looking for a quieter space. The popular spots in town revolve around the eateries and shopping centers.

Other Neighborhoods
less than 5% each

5. Back Bay
Fenway/Kenmore
Get an Authentic Boston Experience

ABOUT FENWAY/KENMORE
This neighborhood has a ton of energy and is great for students who wish to walk to campus because of the proximity to BU. It is home to the historic Fenway Park and boasts plenty of restaurants and bars. Cultural landmarks that are definitely worth a visit include the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Symphony Halls. It's hard to find a spot in Boston with more buzz than Fenway/Kenmore, especially during baseball season which makes it a great place to socialize.

Easy access to transit  Lively

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WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT FENWAY/KENMORE

★★★★★
Review by BU Questrom Student  14 BUSWELL
The neighborhood has a Target, Dominos, USPS, and other restaurants within walking distance. Questrom is a 7 min walk, and two t-line stations are a 6 min walk. It safe around to go jogging.

★☆☆☆☆
Review by BU Questrom Student  CONDO
Being a block over from Fenway park, there is always something happening. it’s very exciting to be right in the middle of all the excitement but being down one block as to not have to hear it all the time. there are so many great bars in a walking distance and so many little restaurants that are tasty.
ABOUT ALLSTON

Filled with hip and trendy shops, Allston has become a popular spot for BU Questrom students. Many students choose to live here due to the convenient location to campus. The Charles River Reservation is a great state park situated along a river. The park offers running, walking, and even skating with unbeatable views. Like many areas of Boston, the restaurant and bar scene is great in Allston.

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WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT ALLSTON

★★★★★

Review by BU Questrom Student

The building is located on the edge of streets with a lot of restaurants and activity, so there are lots of bars and places to eat within walking distance. You can also walk to the Charles in about 15 minutes. It’s a quick commute to Kenmore or Brighton. One downside is that there is a lot of construction happening right now and not a lot of green space for our dog when we walk around the building.

Review by BU Questrom Student

Almost all of my neighborhood are all kinds of apartments. And lots BU students live here, so it’s safe.
Brighton
Cheaper Option on the Outskirts of Downtown

ABOUT BRIGHTON

Brighton offers affordable options for students looking for a quiet, green neighborhood who are also okay with being a bit farther away from the downtown scene. While a bit quieter, there are still many grocery and restaurant options for students. At the center of town is Rogers Park, which offers plenty of green space for outdoor activity, as well as baseball, tennis, and basketball recreational areas.

 Quieter  Longer Commute
 Affordable  Clean

MEDIAN RENTS IN BRIGHTON

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WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT BRIGHTON

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Review by **BU Questrom Student**  📍 THE SAYBROOK

Clean and quiet. Most houses are family houses

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Review by **BU Questrom Student**  📍 80 GORDON ST

Lots of transportation options nearby. Many restaurants, bars, shops and markets close by. Safe and relatively quiet. Lots of students in the area.
Brookline
Great Suburban Feeling Neighborhood

ABOUT BROOKLINE

It is perfect for people looking for that perfect hybrid of suburban and urban lifestyle, as it is still very close to the city's attractions. Public transit options make it easy for students to get to campus. It is a great area for families or those looking for a quieter space. The popular spots in town revolve around the eateries and shopping centers - Coolidge Corner, Washington Square, and Brookline Village. Larz Anderson Park is also a favorite with the locals. Here, the park offers plenty of walking pathways, gardens, and a skating rink.

MEDIAN RENTS IN BROOKLINE

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WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT BROOKLINE

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Review by Resident  
98 TOXTETH ST
Wonderful, safe, trees, good access to public transport. Very nice place for young families/young professionals. Good grocery shopping and entertainment.

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Review by Resident  
76 MARSHAL ST
Coolidge Corner is great, restaurants, grocery stores, safe neighborhood and streets to walk around, close to Fenway and on Green T line!
## APARTMENT RATINGS

### KEY
- ★★★★★: Excellent for a category
- ★★★★: Great
- ★★★: Average
- ★★: Below average
- $$$$: $3330+ per renter
- $$$: $2820- $3329
- $$: $1800- $2819
- $: < $1800

* Prices subject to change and may vary significantly by room type.

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** Buildings with fewer than 3 reviews or ratings below 7.0 are not listed in this guide but reviews can be found online at VeryApt.com.

*** Some buildings with fewer than 3 reviews are included above because of high ratings but do not appear in the top 10 lists.
MOST POPULAR
Buildings with the most BU Questrom students

READ MORE REVIEWS AT VERYAPT.COM

What students typically look for:

- Excellent location
- Reasonably-priced apartments
- Solid amenities

![Image of apartment buildings]

**TOP 5**

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**580 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE**
Fenway/Kenmore, 580 Commonwealth Avenue

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
"Great option for people who want to live alone. It is BU graduate housing so it is close to the business school."

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**14 BUSWELL**
Fenway/Kenmore, 14 Buswell St

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
"Great option for people who want to live alone. It is BU graduate housing so it is close to the business school."

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**1163-1191 BOYLSTON STREET APARTMENTS**
Fenway/Kenmore, 1191 Boylston St

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
"This building is located right off of Fenway Park and less than a ten minute walk to either the Kenmore or Hynes Convention Center stops on the green line. While it is right by Fenway Park, the crowds are not that loud/bothersome. The building isn’t quite restored, some of the exterior/interior halls could use some work."

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Studio $1,625 1 BR $2,200 2 BR $2,900 3 BR $3,200
HIGHEST RATED
Buildings with the best overall ratings
READ MORE REVIEWS AT VERYAPT.COM

What the highest-rated properties typically offer:

- High-end amenities
- Close proximity to work/school
- Nearby stores/grocery
- Excellent management

Studio $1,625
1 BR $2,200
2 BR $2,900
3 BR $3,200

TOP 5

1st 371 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
Back Bay, 371 Commonwealth Ave
$$ 10.0 OVERALL RATING

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
“Great place to live but landlord extremely selective for some reason. Denies housing to undergrad which can be nice”

2nd 1330 BOYLSTON
Fenway/Kenmore, 1330 Boylston St
$ 9.5 OVERALL RATING

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
“1330 Boylston is a fabulous apartment building. It hosts 200 units in the Fenway neighborhood—literally right across the street from Fenway Park. The amenities—a rooftop pool, boutique gym, common area, and outdoor patio—are clean and current, and the staff, to include the 24/7 concierge, are responsive. My experience as a full-time working professional attending BU is different from most students, but if you can afford the rent, 1330 Boylston is a great place to be. My morning commute is a 9-minute walk to BU.”

3rd 83 GARDNER ST. APARTMENTS
Allston, 83 Gardner St
$$ 9.0 OVERALL RATING

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
“Great location to go to Star market and Super 88. And it only takes about 2 or 3 mins to walk to T station. So it’s quite convenient.”
BEST FOR VALUE

Highest-rated properties for value

READ MORE REVIEWS AT VERYAPT.COM

What top value properties typically offer:

✓ Great price-to-space trade off
✓ Good location
✓ Solid amenities and basic features

Studio $1,500
1 BR $1,900
2 BR $2,600
3 BR $3,000

TOP 5

1st
THE SAYBROOK
Brighton, 214 Market St
$$ 8.4 VALUE RATING

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
“Great Apartment but location is not that great”

2nd
14 BUSWELL
Fenway/Kenmore
$ 8.1 VALUE RATING

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
“Great value for an amazing location. Quick 5 minute walk to school. Its a nice and spacious apartment.”

3rd
80 GORDON ST
Brighton, 80 Gordon St
$$ 7.9 VALUE RATING

Review by BU Questrom Grad Student
“The apartment is sunny, large and it has everything necessary. It’s also close to the T stop and bus stops. However, there were many maintenance issues, for example: the walls were dirty, peeling, scratched, stained, etc, the floor is extremely scratched and black, the floors creak, the lightbulbs are very dim, the curtains are old and dirty. Overall, a good original structure and floor plan that is now very old and not well kept.”

4th
533 CAMBRIDGE STREET

5th
83 GARDNER ST. APARTMENTS

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Brownstones
Smaller properties and how to find them

ABOUT BROWNSTONES

Brownstones are apartments in older buildings, typically a few stories tall. They usually do not have a doorman, an elevator, or many amenities, but can be cheaper and more spacious than the apartment and condo units in high-rises.

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A BROWNSTONE

- CHEAPER
- LARGER FLOOR PLANS
- 3+ BEDROOMS AVAILABLE
- MORE PRIVACY

WHY YOU MAY WANT TO AVOID A BROWNSTONE

- NO DOORMAN
- LESS CONVENIENT LOCATIONS
- OLDER CONSTRUCTION
- LIMITED AMENITIES
- MORE MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Finding a brownstone

Brownstones can be challenging to find because they tend to be individually owned and do not have full time leasing managers. Brownstone listings are typically available ~60 days in advance. You can find a brownstone by searching online listings, contacting a landlord directly, or by working with VeryApt’s Concierge Team who can help identify some options.

Preparing for a brownstone search

Most BU Questrom students opt for larger properties in order to live closer to other students and simplify the housing search. That said, there are plenty of wonderful brownstones - be prepared to visit more properties to find that perfect home, carefully examine the pros/cons, and move quickly if you find a unit you love.

TIPS AND ADVICE

Reliable Landlords

Check online reviews and talk to previous tenants to find out about your landlord. Look for one that responds quickly to maintenance requests and has a history of returning deposits.

Noise and Neighbors

Sounds often travel well through brownstones and you can easily be disturbed by barking dogs, music, or construction. Check out the surrounding area to get a sense for what it may be like.

Lease Terms

Leases with independent landlords are negotiable. Check your lease for restrictions on sub-letters and visitor policies. You may be able to avoid a rent increase by locking in a longer lease.
FOR DETAILED REVIEWS AND PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDATIONS VISIT

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