Basic Boston Housing Traits:

1. Boston is an old city, and our housing is old too. Many apartments do not have elevators, central air conditioning, or laundry in-building.

2. Boston is an expensive city, and many of the apartments students look at will be too pricey to afford alone. Finding roommates is key.

3. Boston is full of college students, which means that most apartments open up during the summer and most leases start on September 1 to match the academic year.

Students are strongly encouraged to come to Boston to view apartments before renting them. Some landlords will not rent to tenants who have not seen the apartment.

Good Links to have:

Office of Housing Resources
www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr

TranSComm
www.transcomm.org

City of Boston webpage
www.cityofboston.gov

Student Financial Services
www.bumc.bu.edu/osfs

Office of Off Campus Services
www.bu.edu/offcampus

Popular Neighborhoods

1. The South End
   Home of the BUMC, closest to campus. About 25% of BUMC student population lives here.

2. Fenway/Kenmore
   Location of the Charles-River Campus, easy to access from BU Shuttle. About 15% of BUMC students live there.

3. Allston/Brighton
   Not very convenient, but cheap and easy to find housing. About 5-7% of students live here.

4. Back Bay
   Fairly convenient, beautiful. Near 5% of students live here.

Price Ranges

- **Very Expensive:**
  - Studios: $1000-$1500
  - 1 Bed: $1400-$2000
  - 2 Bed: $1700-$2500
  - 3 Bed: $2200-$3200

- **Expensive:**
  - Studios: $900-$1300
  - 1 Bed: $1200-$1600
  - 2 Bed: $1600-$1900
  - 3 Bed: $1800-$2600

- **Moderate:**
  - Studios: $800-$1200
  - 1 Bed: $1000-$1500
  - 2 Bed: $1400-$1800
  - 3 Bed: $1800-$2400

- **Inexpensive (for Boston!):**
  - Studios: $700-$1000
  - 1 Bed: $900-$1200
  - 2 Bed: $1300-$1600
  - 3 Bed: $1600-$2200

Commuting Times

- **Close:**
  - Commute under 30 minutes, no transferring.

- **Average:**
  - Commute under 45 minutes, one transfer.

- **Long:**
  - Commute up to 60 minutes, sometimes two transfers.