The RENTER’S Checklist

Apartment Name & Address ________________________________
Landlord’s Name and Phone Number: ________________________

**COST**
- Rent: ____  Security Deposit: ____
- What utilities are included? Cost?
- Furnished or Unfurnished?

**KITCHEN**
- Is it large enough to eat in?
- Is the sink scratched, damaged, rusted?
- Does the faucet work?
- Is there adequate pressure?
- Does the sink drain?
- Is the stove / oven clean?
- Do the burners and oven work properly?
- Is there adequate cabinet and counter-top space?
- Is the floor in good condition?
- Is there a vent fan? Is there a dishwasher?
- Is there a garbage disposal?
- Are the refrigerator and freezer large enough?

**BATHROOM AND PLUMBING**
- Do the faucets work and have adequate pressure?
- Is there a shower? Condition?
- Is there a shower curtain rod?
- Is there a medicine cabinet? Mirrors/towel racks?
- Is there a toilet paper holder?
- Is there good lighting? Is there a vent fan?
- Are the electrical outlets usable and safe?
- Does each apartment have its own hot water tank? (10 gallons per person is recommended)

**PROPERTY OWNER**
- Is the property owner generally available?
- Will she/he respond promptly when repairs are needed?
- What do other tenants think about the property owner? Online reviews?

**SECURITY**
- Are the door locks adequate?
- Are there locks on the windows?
- Are the hallways / outside entrance(s) lit?
- Is there a buzzer or intercom system?
- Are there peepholes in the entrance door(s)?
- Is there an alarm system, security personnel?

**GENERAL**
- Is there enough parking? On or off-street?
- Are there water stains on the ceilings or walls?
- Can the neighbors hear me?
- Are there signs of mice or pests?
- Do the windows have curtain or blind holders?
- Do rooms have ceiling lights?
- Is there adequate closet or storage space?
- Has the apartment been freshly painted?
- Can the mailbox be locked?
- What is the general condition of the building?
- Have there been any reported crimes?
- What level floor is the apartment on?
- Is it within walking distance to campus or on a bus line?
- Are there laundry facilities on the premises?
- Is it close to a grocery store?

**HEATING**
- Can I control the heat?
- Is the house insulated?
- Are there storm windows?
- Are there heat ducts in each room?

**ELECTRICITY**
- Are the outlets grounded in each room?
- Is the circuit breaker or fuse box within easy access?
- Do all the outlets and light switches work?