



Campus Housing Guide

Northeastern University – Vancouver

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Housing

Northeastern in Vancouver currently does not provide on-campus housing. However, below are some resources to help you get started and find a suitable home based on your preference. We recommend you start researching before you come to Vancouver and arrive a few weeks before the start of term to give yourself enough time to find a suitable place to live.

Deciding Where to Live

Neighbourhood cultures, living costs, and transit routes are important factors when looking for housing. Northeastern Vancouver is conveniently located downtown and accessible by bus, SeaBus, all Skytrain lines and the Westcoast Express - easily connecting our campus to destinations throughout Metro Vancouver. We hope to provide you with some insight into popular places to live with relatively easy commutes to our Campus. When choosing where to live, please always do your research and due diligence; this document is by no means an endorsement for any particular neighbourhood, but rather, a starting point for you to begin your search.



Transit Costs

There are three fare zones across Metro Vancouver. The number of SeaBus and/or SkyTrain boundaries you cross during your trip determine your fare.

1. All bus trips regardless of zones crossed, time of day, or day of the week are a 1-Zone fare.
2. SkyTrain and SeaBus require a 1-, 2-, or 3-Zone fare, depending on the time of day and number of zone boundaries you cross during your trip.
3. A single fare is valid for 90 minutes on bus, SkyTrain, and SeaBus.
4. All journeys across the system starting after 6:30 p.m. weekdays and all travel on weekends (Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) are a 1-Zone fare.

Cash Fares

Pass Type	1-Zone	2-Zone	3-Zone
Adult	\$3.05	\$4.35	\$5.90

Monthly Passes

Pass Type	1-Zone	2-Zone	3-Zone
Adult	\$100.25	\$134.00	\$181.05



Neighbourhood Cultures

Commercial Drive/East Vancouver

East Vancouver is a popular choice for students because of its unique and affordable neighborhoods, Commercial Drive, Hastings Sunrise, Grandview/Woodlands. Commercial Drive plays host to many community street festivals during the summer, such as Car Free Day and Italian Cultural Day. The commute by bus or SkyTrain is 1 zone and typically 20 minutes or less.

West End

The West End lies west of Downtown Vancouver, and is bound by water on three sides: English Bay, Coal Harbour, and Lost Lagoon in world-famous Stanley Park. Recreational amenities are within walking distance for residents of this high-density area. The West End includes Davie Village – traditionally a hub for the city's queer community – and Denman Street, which together provide local shopping and restaurants. This area also has high-end retail on Robson Street and Alberni Street.

North Burnaby/Burnaby Heights

Located on the border of Vancouver, Burnaby Heights and North Burnaby are a great place to find a more suburban neighbourhood feeling location with proximity to downtown and easy fast access on the Rapid 5 Bus (1 zone). Popular highlights of the neighbourhood are Centennial Park and the wide variety of restaurants and shops.



North Vancouver

The City of North Vancouver is comprised of nine census neighbourhoods. The neighbourhood boundaries were developed to reflect areas with unique characteristics and include the following: Lower Lonsdale, Central Lonsdale, Grand Boulevard, Moodyville, Cedar Village, Mahon, Marine Hamilton, Westview and Tempe.

Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant is a vibrant and eclectic area known for its unusual stores, heritage buildings, artistic residents, and arts-focused festivals. The area is popular with first-time homebuyers, urban professionals, and families. Mount Pleasant runs from False Creek southeast and up the slope toward the busy Mount Pleasant shopping district, where Broadway, Kingsway, and Main Street meet.

Kitsilano

“Kits” is one Vancouver’s most trendy neighbourhoods. There are many grocery stores in the area, restaurants, and a vibrant nightlife. During warmer months, Kitsilano Beach and Jericho Beach are popular with residents and tourists. Kitsilano plays host to several outdoor Volleyball leagues, Street festivals such as Khatsahlano and Greek Day, as well as the annual Kitsfest. Kitsilano is highly desirable, which means finding housing can be difficult and rent is higher than other neighbourhoods. Bus service starts early and ends late. An average trip to campus is 20mins by bus (1 zone) and or by bike.

South Vancouver (Little India)

South Vancouver Little India is the area between Main and Fraser around 49th Avenue. This neighbourhood is filled with small produce shops, South Asian cuisine, and sweets shops. This is also the home of the annual Vancouver Diwali Festival and parade. The Number 8 Fraser and Number 3 Main buses run frequently to downtown with an approximate 35-minute 1 zone commute, or you can use the Rapid Bus to connect to the Canada Line SkyTrain for a shorter commute.

Marpole/Langara

Located between 49th Ave and Marine Drive between Cambie Street and Oak Street, this area offers lots of houses to rent with more people. The Canada Line runs along Cambie and the longest commute would be 18 minutes. There is now a new complex located at Marine and Cambie with a T&T Asian supermarket, a movie theatre, and restaurants. Marpole is also a quick trip to Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport.

Neighbourhoods Living Costs

Below is a chart with Median Prices of 1- and 2-Bedroom rental prices.

Neighbourhood	Median Cost 1-Bedroom	Median Cost 2-Bedroom
Commercial Drive/East Vancouver	1350	1650
West End	1585	2265
North Burnaby/Burnaby Heights	1425	1750
North Vancouver	1450	2080
Mount Pleasant	1400	1800
Kitsilano	1600	2175
South Vancouver (Little India)	1500	1790
Marpole/Langara	1175	1400

Rental averages from [CMHC October 2020](#)

Additional costs might include and are not limited to:

- Utilities (e.g., heat, water, electricity)
- Internet, Cable TV
- Security deposit (one-time cost)
- Pet deposit (one-time cost)
- Apartment furnishings
- Laundry, parking, food and entertainment
- Tenant insurance (BCAA is one option)
- Vehicle transportation, such as parking, car insurance and gas



Northeastern Vancouver Yammer Page

Join our [Yammer Page](#) to find possible roommates or other students seeking accommodation.



Finding a place

Online

(These sites/groups are provided as a resource to students. Northeastern does not endorse these sites or their rental listings.)

- [liv.rent](#)
- [Global Education City](#)
- [Rentsline](#)
- [Craigslist](#)
- [Apartment Love](#)
- [PadMapper](#)
- [Rentseeker.ca](#)
- [Kijiji.ca](#)
- [Zillow.ca](#)

Resources for Renting in Vancouver

[Renting it Right](#) is a free online course created by Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre and Justice Education Society that can help guide you throughout the process of finding suitable accommodation. If you are planning to move or store your belongings, there are companies offer storage services for a fee.

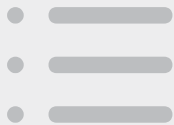


Housing Scams

Internet web sites and other third-party rental resources are great for searching for roommates, apartments, and subletting. However, this is no guarantee they are free from scams. Be cautious when completing transactions with prospective roommates, tenants, property owners, etc. Learn about common scam techniques and avoid becoming a victim.

Here are some guidelines to help keep you scam free:

- Never rent a place you or a friend cannot view in advance
- Never wire funds via Western Union or MoneyGram
- Never make payments in the form of cash. Use a credit card or bank check that can be tracked. Many credit cards offer fraud protection
- Never give out financial or personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card information
- Be mindful of fraudulent checks and money orders



Housing Advertisement Terminology

Appl/appliances: stove, refrigerator (fridge) and dishwasher

Apt: apartment

Bdrm or br: bedroom(s), usually preceded by a number. Bedrooms are separate from the kitchen and living room.

Bsmt: basement, below the main floor of the building; usually a self-contained suite in the bottom part of a house

cable: extra channels for your television; sometimes included in cost of rent

drapes: curtains

f: prefer female occupant only

f&s: fridge and stove only, no other appliances

hydro: electricity

hot plate: heating elements for cooking but no oven

gas: natural gas (heating)

gdn lvl: Garden level means a basement suite which may be partially above ground

incl util: Price includes cost of utilities (heat, hot water)

m: prefer male occupant only

n/d: non-drinker (of alcohol)

n/p: no pets

n/s: no smoking

prkg: parking

pvt ent: private entrance

r&b or rb: room and board (cooked meals provided)

refs: references required

ste or suite: set of rooms

w/d: washer and dryer

w/w: wall-to-wall carpeting