

## Housing Cost Comparison Worksheet

*Compare your budget when you live in the residence halls, university-owned apartments, or privately owned apartments.*

	University Housing Residence Hall	University Housing Ashton Woods Apt	Private Apartment	Private Apartment	Private Apartment
<b>Monthly Costs</b>					
Monthly Rent	\$712 - \$1051 (only academic year; \$8,554 - \$12,618 total)	\$660 - \$900 (12 month lease; some 2 bedrooms available)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food (estimate \$200 each/month)	meal plan included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Eat at Restaurants	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Parking (academic year)	varies	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Electricity <sup>1</sup>	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Heat <sup>1</sup>	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gas <sup>1</sup>	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Water (estimate \$25 for 1 bed.)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Garbage (refer to lease)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Sewer (refer to lease)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Recycling (refer to lease)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Internet (estimate \$25)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Cable (estimate \$50)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Laundry Services (est. \$3/load)	included	included	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Furniture	included	Available at \$100/mo	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>SPLIT BETWEEN ROOMMATES</b> <i>(minus food, take-out, &amp; laundry!)</i>	\$ not applicable	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>One-Time Fees &amp; Costs</b>					
Security Deposit	\$0	\$250	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Application Fee	\$200	\$0	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Cleaning Fee	\$0	\$0	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other	\$0	\$0	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL START COST</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

<sup>1</sup>Electricity, Heat, & Gas varies. Call Ameren at 1.800.755.5000 with the address and apartment # to get the average usage from the previous tenant.

