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# Student Housing Guide

By the UMKC Law Student Emissaries



# A GUIDE TO LIVING IN KANSAS CITY

On behalf of the University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, and the UMKC Law School Emissaries, welcome to Kansas City! We, the Emissaries, have compiled a guide to assist you in familiarizing yourself with Kansas City and the surrounding areas. We hope that your new home will be lively and exciting. No matter what your background, we are confident that you will find that Kansas City truly does have something for everyone. We hope you enjoy Kansas City and find this guide helpful in getting settled in and finding what you need!

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## **HOUSING ON CAMPUS**

### **Johnson Hall**

- Space to House 329 students and is open to all UMKC students. Four person suites and single rooms with shared bathrooms are available. There are private study rooms, community kitchens and lounges on each floor. Depending on the room you get the price will be either \$7,378 or \$9,122 for the full academic year.
- Named after Herman and Dorothy H. Johnson.

### **Oak Street Hall**

- Space to house 559 students, with study rooms, kitchenettes, and lounges on each floor. There are various room options from shared and single rooms. It is across the street from Whole Foods, Pizza 51, Kin Lin, and Crow's Coffee. Also includes the Smart Market, which students can use flex dollars in addition cards and cash. The price range of the rooms varies from \$7,378 to \$9,542 for the full academic year.

### **UMKC Rockhill Apartments**

- Provides 2 bedroom (1036 square feet apartments), available for lease for the entire year. The price for the full year is \$10,804. For law students who choose to live on campus, this is where they most often choose to live.

### **Brookside 51**

- Not affiliated with UMKC residential life, Brookside 51 provides housing within walking distance of the law school. There are studio, one bedroom and two bedroom options. The prices varying from \$1,435-\$3,348 per month depending on the unit.



## HOUSING OFF CAMPUS

There are a ton of off campus housing options for students to explore in the Kansas City area, which can be overwhelming! When looking into off campus housing there are a few things to definitely keep in mind. Here's a list for you to use to help determine what the best option for you might be.

- Do you have any pets or needs for a specific type of pet?
  - A lot of areas are pet friendly, but do you need a yard space or easy access to a dog park?
- Any amenities that are a must for you? Washer/dryer in unit? Covered parking option?
- What type of commute are you willing to deal with?
- Do you want to find a roommate?

### **Apartment Locator Services:**

If you have no idea where to start when it comes to off campus housing, here is a list of services that might help!

- [www.rent.com](http://www.rent.com)
- [www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com)
- [www.trulia.com/rent/](http://www.trulia.com/rent/)
- [www.apartmentfinder.com](http://www.apartmentfinder.com)
- [www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com)
- Want Google Fiber? Check this out!  
<http://g.co/fiber/kcapartments>
- <https://offcampushousing.umkc.edu/listing>

## The Plaza

Close to UMKC and is a popular choice for many law students. The apartment buildings tend to be older and pricier than other options, but the location and views are incredible. There are plenty of stores, bars, and restaurants within walking distance. Here are some potential places to check out:

- [Locarno Apartments](#)
- [Fountain View on the Plaza](#)
- [Montreux](#)
- [Cambria Luxury Rentals](#)
- [Plaza Club City Apartments](#)

## Westport

Another close option to UMKC. There aren't as many apartments as the Plaza, but they tend to be lower in price. There are plenty of bars, restaurants, and stores nearby.

- [City Place at Westport](#)
- [West 39<sup>th</sup> Apartments](#)
- [Infinity Plaza at West](#)

## Brookside

Yet another close option to UMKC. There are not many apartments in this neighborhood, but students are able to rent out houses and duplexes. Brookside has a lot of restaurant and bars to explore, as well as close access to the Harry Wiggins Trolley Track Trail (great for hiking and walking, leashed dogs are welcome here). If interested check out various home rental search sites to find current Listings!

## Union Hill

A bit further away, about a 10-minute drive to campus. There are several housing options in the area including apartments, townhomes, and houses. There are plenty of restaurants nearby including the original Gates location as well as the Uptown theatre. Warning though, there is a lot of road construction going on currently.

- [Union Hill Leasing](#)
- [Founders at Union Hill](#)
- [LOFTS at Union Hill](#)

## Midtown

Midtown is a 5–10-minute drive from campus with various housing options. On 39<sup>th</sup> street there are a lot of fun restaurants and stores to check out. The majority of properties is owned by MAC Properties (reaching out to their leasing office would be a good start for this area (816)-931-2108).

- [Ricardo](#)
- [International](#)
- [Del Monte](#)
- [Six 40](#)
- [The Hamilton](#)
- [The New Bern](#)
- [Gillham House](#)
- [Clyde Manor](#)
- [Ambassador](#)
- [Windemere](#)
- [Park Central](#)

## **Downtown/The Crossroads**

A 10-15-minute drive depending on traffic, the KC Downtown and Crossroads area has a lot to offer. You'd be close to the T-Mobile Center, Power and Light, and Union Station. There is the streetcar, which you can easily use to go up to the River Market (known for the KC Farmer's Market and plenty of unique restaurants and shops).

- [New Quality Hill – West Broadway](#)
- [SoHo Lofts](#)
- [The Manhattan](#)
- [East 9 at Pickwick Plaza](#)
- [KCLoftCentral](#)
- [West Seventh St. Lofts](#)
- [Quality Hill Towers](#)
- [RM West](#)

## **Waldo**

There are a few apartment complexes in Waldo, but it has various small home rentals for students to consider. It is close to the Ward Parkway Mall (includes an AMC) and quite a few rooftop bars. Waldo is approximately 10 minutes away from campus.

- [Waldo Heights](#)
- [Waldo Plaza](#)

## South KC

Generally less expensive than other options, the drive to South KC can take around 20+ minutes to get to the law school. There is a plethora of options, and some will include amenities such as pools.

- [Coach House](#)
- [Polo Run](#)
- [The Retreat at Woodlands](#)
- [Fountainhead](#)
- [Haven Kansas City](#)

## North KC

North KC will be 25+ minutes or more away from campus. Like South KC the apartments are typically less expensive than other options closer to campus. There are a ton of options to consider, but here are a few to get started.

- [The Heights at Linden Square](#)
- [Briarcliff City Apartments](#)
- [Northcrest-Line Creek](#)
- [The Creeks of Gladstone](#)
- [Northland Heights](#)



## Lee's Summit

Lee's Summit will be 30+ minutes or more away from campus. It depends where you live, but it can be quite the commute depending on traffic. Lee's Summit is a suburb with a quaint downtown with fun restaurants. There are a lot of apartment options, but it can get pretty pricey. There are also houses for rent available for students to check out.

- [The Residences at New Longview](#)
- [New Longview Apartments](#)
- [Summit Square Apartments](#)
- [The Fairways Apartment Homes](#)



Feel free to reach out to your student emissary! We are more than happy to tell you about our favorite places in KC and how we handled finding our own homes!

# **CAMPUS INFORMATION**

## **Campus Safety**

The University of Missouri – Kansas City is committed to providing the members of the campus community and visitors with the safest and most secure environment possible. Each year the UMKC Police Department makes available the Annual Campus Safety and Crime Report. This report is published to inform faculty, staff, students and citizens of our crime statistics, policies and procedures concerning alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, and general safety on the campus: [www.umkc.edu/safetyreport](http://www.umkc.edu/safetyreport)

UMKC Police Department  
5005 Oak Street  
Kansas, City MO 64112  
(816) 235-1515  
[www.umkc.edu/police](http://www.umkc.edu/police)



## **Parking Operations**

UMKC Parking Operations is responsible for anything to do with parking. Questions about parking regulations, permits, meters and tickets should be directed to Parking Operations. Parking Operations is located in the Administrative Center, Room 221, and their telephone number is (816) 235-5256, or you can visit their website at [www.umkc.edu/finadmin/parking/](http://www.umkc.edu/finadmin/parking/)

## **Swinney Recreation Center**

Swinney Recreation Center is a popular destination for law students to get in the gym and work on their fitness. The recently updated Recreation Center offers a wide variety of amenities, which include a fitness center, swimming lap pool, aerobics rooms, racquetball, and squash courts, and both outdoor and indoor tracks. A membership to Swinney Recreation Center is included in each student's tuition and fees, and students have access to the recreation center with their student ID. For more information, visit [www.umkc.edu/src](http://www.umkc.edu/src) or call (816) 235-1772.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

### **Transportation**

The Metro Bus (Kansas City Area Transportation Authority)  
UMKC students are able to utilize the metro bus system with their student pass. For more information about bus schedules and areas of service, visit: [www.kcata.org](http://www.kcata.org)

### The KC Streetcar

The streetcar runs from Union Station to the River Market District. There is no cost to ride, and it runs continuously from about 6 a.m. to midnight, or later on the weekends. For more information, visit: [www.kcstreetcar.org](http://www.kcstreetcar.org)

## APPLYING FOR STATE RESIDENCY?

Although it is not required to establish Missouri residency at UMKC Law, here are some important things to take care of right away if you are planning on becoming a resident:

- Missouri or Kansas driver's license or state identification card
- Register to vote in Missouri or Kansas

### **Driver Licensing & Vehicle Registration**

#### Missouri DMV & Licensing Office

1161 Emmanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Kansas City, MO 64110

(816) 548-1135

[kansascitylicenseoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kansascitylicenseoffice@gmail.com)

#### Kansas DMV (Johnson County Motor Vehicle Office)

600 Lamar Ave

Mission, KS 66202

(913) 826-1800

[www.jocogov.org](http://www.jocogov.org)

#### Kansas Driver License

6507 Johnson Dr.

Mission, KS 66202

[www.ksrevenue.gov/dovlicenses.html](http://www.ksrevenue.gov/dovlicenses.html)



## Voter Registration

### Missouri

Jackson County

[www.jacksongov.org](http://www.jacksongov.org)

Election Board:

(816) 325-4600

Election Board of KC:

(816)842-4820

Cass County

[www.casscounty.com](http://www.casscounty.com)

Voter Registration:

(816) 380-8107

Clay County

[www.claycogov.com](http://www.claycogov.com)

Election Board:

(816) 415-8683

### Kansas

Johnson County

[www.jocoks.com](http://www.jocoks.com)

Election Board:

(913) 782-3441

Mission Office:

(913) 432-2266

Olathe Office:

(913) 829-2501

Wyandotte County

[www.wycokck.org](http://www.wycokck.org)

Voter Registration:

(913) 334-1414

## United States Postal Service

There are a lot of USPS offices nearby for students to use. Here are some of the options close to campus including other shipping providers.

### Plaza

5194 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO 64112

### Union Station

30 W. Pershing Road  
Kansas City, MO 64108

### Westport

200 W. Westport Road  
Kansas City, MO 64111

### FedEx

612 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64112  
(816) 960-2030

### Blue Parkway

4320 Blue Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64129

### UPS

4741 Central Street  
Kansas City, MO 64112  
(816) 561-7411



## K-12 School Districts

Are you looking to move and also find a school district for your kids? Ask the Admissions Office for recommendations! There are a lot of areas on the Missouri and Kansas side to choose from, it can be overwhelming! No worries there are a lot of great options to consider depending on what you are looking for!

### Missouri:

For KCMO check out: <https://showmekcschools.org/downloads/>

It provides a comprehensive list of schools near Kansas City proper. There are various options listed from public to private.

Looking to live further away in a suburb? Here are a few school districts to check out as well!

Blue Springs: [www.bssd.net](http://www.bssd.net)

Lee's Summit: [www.lsr7.org](http://www.lsr7.org)

Belton: [www.beltonschools.org](http://www.beltonschools.org)

North Kansas City: [www.nkcschools.org](http://www.nkcschools.org)

Liberty: [www.lps53.org](http://www.lps53.org)

Park Hill: [www.parkhill.k12.mo.us](http://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us)

### Kansas:

When looking at Kansas schools, check out the various Johnson County school districts. More information can be found on:

[www.k12academics.com/national-directories/school-district/Kansas/Johnson](http://www.k12academics.com/national-directories/school-district/Kansas/Johnson)