

Guide to Living in Tampa

Welcome Class of 2012! This guide has been put together by members of the 12 PAC with the goal of facilitating your move to Tampa. It includes input from previous classes regarding apartments, condos, and a few services typically required while moving (i.e. electricity, water, cable/internet, etc).

Before we list the specifics, we want to include just a few words about the general area. As we are sure you became aware during your interviews, USF COM is lucky to train at a number of different facilities around Tampa and St. Petersburg. While this gives us a wide variety of experiences, it does require some considerable driving time. Your chosen location for the next four years will make a big difference in the amount of time you will spend in your car. We will give you a run down of some of the popular areas to check out for living.

The area near the University Mall is a high crime area. You should avoid apartments located on the west side of Bruce B. Downs from Bearss Ave. to Busch Blvd. We cannot emphasize this enough.

Typically, 1st and 2nd year students choose to live in the areas east and north of the USF campus called New Tampa and Temple Terrace.

New Tampa

New Tampa (including Tampa Palms) is best described as the suburbs of Tampa. Nothing in this area is older than about 10 – 12 years. The area is populated by many families and the crime rate is very low. Rental rates will be lower in this area than popular South Tampa neighborhoods. With that being said, what New Tampa gains in low rent and clean neighborhoods, it perhaps lacks in character and accessibility to most of the hospitals. Also, since there is only one thoroughfare in and out of New Tampa which is Bruce B. Downs, traffic can be horrible during rush hour. It has been said that it can take up to 45 minutes to travel less than 10 miles towards USF at these times and 1 ½ hours to TGH. Depending on how far out you look, there are many complexes just up the road from USF, and a few back roads if you research the apartments near them.

Temple Terrace

Temple Terrace is the closest area to USF, both mileage and driving times. Much of the residential areas of Temple Terrace lie east and south of the campus. There are some very nice communities which you could find to live in Temple Terrace. We urge you to look around for these areas. As always in big cities, there are some sketchy neighborhoods. One caution is that these apartment and condo communities are the closest to USF and many of them lease to the **many, many undergraduates** of USF. For those of you that have already forgotten what it is like to live around undergraduates, let me remind you that it can be loud and crazy at times. Therefore, look into these places carefully. Other than that, many of our classmates thought Temple Terrace was a good option within 10 to 15 minutes driving times.

South Tampa

The trend has been for 3rd and 4th year students to relocate to South Tampa for their clinical years. Many students are recommending starting out in South Tampa. South Tampa is a more trendy area with many young professionals. Davis Island is a popular neighborhood, as are Hyde Park and SoHo. These areas are much closer to Tampa's downtown with entertainment, sporting events, restaurants and nightlife with Tampa General Hospital nearby. While the actual distance to USF from this part of Tampa is further than the New Tampa area, you are typically driving against the traffic, so travel times can be similar. Driving time is approximately 20 – 30 minutes,

but can be worse with traffic. Because this is the trendy area of town, prices are more expensive, but they say still affordable.

Brandon

Brandon is an exit south of the I-75 and I-4 intersection and is also a growing residential area. It takes about 20 – 25 minutes to get to USF, not much farther than living in Temple Terrace and New Tampa. What is nice about Brandon is that it is a more central location between USF and downtown, about 15 minutes in either direction which makes it a great place to live for your 3rd and 4th years. Many students have purchased condos in Brandon.

Carrollwood

West of USF and I-275, Carrollwood is more of a residential area which makes it nice and quiet. There are many condos and town homes for sales in these areas. It is a 20 – 30 minute drive from USF, depending on traffic. Recommended because of the beautiful and quiet residential neighborhoods.

Some students prefer to move once and stay put for their stay in Tampa. Although it is more difficult to find housing located between downtown and USF, it can be done. Areas to check out are Seminole Heights, Sulfur Springs, and Ybor City. We would recommend driving through these areas (both during the day and night), to determine whether you would feel safe there. These are historic landmarks with a lot of character and said to be in a revitalization period. Within these neighborhoods, there are beautiful areas which may be only blocks away from a sketchy area. They typically provide convenient access to both USF and downtown.

Roommates

If you have not received a list of people in your class that are looking for roommates for the coming year, please contact Linda Krausman at lkrausma@health.usf.edu and give her the information that you want published on the Roommate/Housing Request List. Having a roommate can be very beneficial and many students have said that this worked out very well for them. Others have lived alone for various reasons and this also worked out well for them as well. Below are a couple of thoughts to keep in mind while making your decision.

Roommates:

- Help you save money on bills, utilities and rent, leaving more money for other fun activities.
- Are nice to carpool with, and can help you to save on the horrendous gas prices.
- Are great to have for a study partners and someone to ask questions of for difficult concepts.

Cautions:

- Make sure you talk with your potential roommate before moving in with them to ensure that you are compatible in some way. It can be stressful if you don't get along. Also, you don't have to limit yourself to people in your medical school class. Upper classmen and physical therapy students work out well, as do other graduate students. Please make sure that these people understand your schedule. It is, many times, difficult to convey the meaning of the word "Study" to people that are friends, undergraduates, the working 9-5ers, or anyone else not in the program.

Living Alone:

- You will not have to deal with others habits.
- Quiet all the time.
- Students who have lived alone said it worked out, but it was much more expensive and could be quite lonely at times. Some of the students who tried living alone ended up looking for roommates for the coming year of medical school.

Living With Parents

Medical school is a financially stressful time and one you hate to be throwing away money on rent. Therefore, some students choose to live with their parents if this is an option. Some students who have lived with their parents have said that it worked out very well. Others said that they also would if their parents lived in the area because of the free rent and food. Other students have said that you should consider this option very carefully because no matter how good the relationship is with your parents, this could lead to major unnecessary distractions. Medical school is very demanding of your time and many students would rather have their parent's home to go to for some relaxation and a good meal on the weekends rather than the place you must go back to for studying and sleep, day in and day out.

The bottom line is that you will need to decide what is best for you. We, at the 12 PAC, are happy to help with any questions you may have. We recommend that you not wait until the last minute, when you may be desperate and stressed out, to find a place to live. Some of the more desirable places tend to fill up rather quickly. Shop around and see these places for yourself. You may also want to drive the route to school during rush hour to decide what you are willing to deal with each day. Don't assume the price is set, ask for discounts and talk to the managers.

Good Luck with your search!

what is best for you. You may also want to look into the following websites:
www.apartmentratings.com, www.classified.tbo.com, www.apartmentguide.com.

Apartment Guide

Ascott Place

Location: On Bruce B. Downs close to Fletcher
Address: 14003 Saulk Court; Tampa, FL 33613
Phone: (813)971-6776
Travel Time: 2 minutes, walking distance to school
Cost: Cheap
Comments: close, quiet, friendly staff, 3 swimming pools, 2 tennis courts and fitness center.

Bavarian Village

Location: Off of 42nd Street close to USF
Address: 14402 N 42nd St; Tampa, FL 33613
Phone: (813) 615-1100
Cost: \$725/month,
Comments: I would recommend this location because it is close

Bay Club at Rocky Point

Location: just W of Tampa International Airport
Address: 2600 North Rocky Point Drive; Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: (813) 637-0052
Travel Time: 25 min
Cost: \$800 for 760 sq ft 1BR/1BA.
Comments: Nice and very quiet. Recommended for anyone who likes a little distance from school and the city.

Bay Oaks Apartments

Location: South Tampa
Address: 3105 Bay Oaks Court; Tampa, FL 33629
Phone: (813) 839-8496
Travel Time: 25-30 minutes going in opposite direction of traffic
Cost: Reasonably priced
Comments: Close to TGH (good for 3rd and 4th year if you don't want to move later), great location overlooking the water, near the best night life in Tampa

Bristol Place

Location: Tampa Palms
Address: 15210 Amberly Dr; Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: (813)978-8300
Cost: 2 BR \$800+, 1 BR \$700+
Travel Time: 10 minutes
Comments: Nice, clean, friendly staff, safe, affordable, maintenance was quick to respond in general but slow to fix things after the hurricanes. Close to school, Publix and other stores. I really enjoyed the Tampa Palms area (great sidewalks for running and biking)
Unfriendly office staff, unfair application of rules, manager is rude, maintenance is slow, parking problems, pest control issues (roaches).

Brittany Oaks

Location: Temple Terrace
Address: Bearss and Bruce B Downs
Phone:

Cost: \$700 for 2 br/1 bath approx 950 sq ft
Travel Time: 8 min
Comments: Nagging about pets. Cheap for size and location; gated community; prompt maintenance requests.

Cambridge Woods

Location: On 42nd Street off of Fletcher Avenue
Address: 14240 N 42nd Street; Tampa, FL 33613
Phone: (813) 972-3021
Travel Time: 8 minutes (About 2 miles from school)
Cost: Affordable
Comments: Convenient location, great community, great office staff, close to campus, nice quiet place to live

Camden Live Oak

Location: Temple Terrace (North of school off of Bruce B. Downs)
Address: 5100 Live Oaks Blvd; Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: (813) 971-5100
Travel Time: 2.5 miles from school (7-24 minutes depending on time) (15 min average in rush hour)
Cost: \$760/mo including everything but electricity and phone
Comments: Clean, quiet, maintenance people respond quickly. Weight room with treadmills and elliptical trainers. Two pools. Outside of the apartment is not that glamorous, some have encountered problems with bugs, kitchen is a little small but bathrooms, closets, living room are all ample, nighttime security, gated, can get loud at times but if you call security they quiet it down quickly

Campus Club

Location: Off of Fletcher
Address: 5651 E Fletcher Ave; Tampa FL 33617
Phone: (813) 988-6400
Travel Time: 10 minutes
Cost: Good price for all inclusive deal
Comments: Brand new, good size, pool and gym, management is not very responsive

Campus Lodge

Location: On Livingston Avenue off of Bearss
Address: 15115 Livingston Avenue, Lutz, FL 33559
Phone: (813) 866-9700
Travel Time: 10 minutes
Cost: moderate
Comments: Beautiful pool and workout facility, large complex, many undergraduate students live there so it can be a little loud on the weekends

Carlton Arms North

Location: Fletcher Avenue, near I-75
Address: 6400 Markstown Drive; Tampa, FL 33617
Phone: (813) 988-1488
Travel Time: 7 minutes
Cost: affordable
Comments: Quiet, big apartments, good maintenance staff

Carrington Park

Location: Tampa Palms, off Bruce B. Downs by I-75
Address: 16801 Tampa Palms Blvd West; Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: (877) 579-8561

Travel Time: 15 minutes in rush hour (10 miles)
Cost: 2 bd = \$850-950. Large apt for the price. 1bd = \$760. Occasionally have great specials.
Comments: New complex with wonderful amenities. Quiet, safe. Usually plenty of parking, traffic can be loud in certain areas of complex but not too bad; clean and gated and the apartments are spacious. Has all the amenities (gym, pool, hot tub). Office people not too smart, they lost my roommate's rent check. Tampa palms, though close to school, is to far away from downtown... where I have all my fun.

Central Park Apartments

Location: Temple Terrace
Address: 7500 Central Park Circle; Tampa, FL 33637
Phone: (813) 985-1253
Travel Time: 10 minutes
Cost: ?
Comments: Mgmt is very lazy and things are not taken care of.

Collegiate Hall

Location: Near USF
Address: 2919 Network Pl; Lutz, FL 33559
Phone: (813) 978-0088
Travel Time:
Cost: \$509 individual lease
Comments: Commute is great. Complex can be a little noisy. Free unlimited printing

Compton Place Apartments

Location: Tampa Palms
Address: 6000 Compton Estates Way; Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: (813) 971-7100
Travel Time: 15 minutes
Cost: Good value for square footage.
Comments: Parking & mgmt can be a problem. Poor management; SLOW repairs

Cypress Pointe

Location: On Fletcher near I-75
Address: 5119 E Fletcher Avenue; Tampa, FL 33617
Phone: (813)989-1610
Travel Time: 8 minutes
Cost: \$745
Comments: Noise from upstairs and the ceiling squeaks. Maintenance people averaged over two months getting work done and the water has been off unexpectedly twice in six months. Dirty pool. No gym. Noisy neighbors. Bad maintenance.

Deerpath on the Lake

Location:
Address: 10200 N Armenia Ave; Tampa FL 33612
Phone: (813) 933-5333
Travel Time: 10-15 minutes (20-25 during rush hour)
Cost: \$894 includes cable and water for 2 br/ 2 ba
Comments: Has a laundry center. Allows pets if you have them at the time of the lease signing. All the stores you need are within 5 minutes. Nice neighborhood, mostly families of young adults, low crime area. Maintenance can be slow. Apartments on the lower level can be noisy, especially if neighbors have young children

The Enclave at Richmond Place

Location: New Tampa
Address: 18001 Richmond Place Dr; Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: (813) 910-1800
Travel time: 13 min (according to mapquest – in reality probably a lot longer)
Cost: \$765/2 BD, 1 BA + sunroom
Comments: Reliable maintenance. You can hear upstairs neighbors sometimes.

Fairway Oaks

Location: USF area
Address: 14306 46th St N, Tampa, Fl 33613
Phone: (813) 977-9333
Travel Time: Very close to school, 5 minutes in rush hour
Cost: \$675/mo 2 bedroom 1bath with cable included and w/d hookups
Comments: Management is really nice and will do whatever they can to help.
Very spacious, good value for your money.

Grand Reserve

Location: New Tampa
Address: 16616 Palm Royal Drive, Tampa
Phone: 972-0888
Travel Time: Heavy traffic in morning on way to USF (20 minute drive in traffic)
Cost: \$850/2Br + 2 Ba, 1200 sq ft. not including utilities
Comments: Friendly staff, apartments are nice but look a little “aged”

Greenbriar Apartments

Location: Near intersection of Fletcher and N. 15th St.
Address: 13214 Bunn Cir, Tampa, FL 33612
Phone: 813-971-5351
Travel Time: 10 minutes
Cost: Cheap
Comments: Close to school, no safety concerns, very quiet

The Hamptons

Location: Off of Bruce B Downs, right across from Lifestyles family fitness center (Tampa Palms, New Tampa)
Address: 15350 Amberly Drive, Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: 813 – 977-3312
Travel Time: 5 minutes with no traffic, 15 minutes rush hour
Cost: A bit pricy for a single, affordable for a double (1br 1bath 900 square feet 1 garage \$825, 2br 2 bath 1400 square feet with 2 garages \$1,113) (one negative thing is that rent does not include anything you have to pay for water, cable, phone, garbage monthly)
Comments: Extremely safe and attractive. Lots of families with kids and some USF students, very quiet and extremely beautiful apartments, apartments are about 6 years old but this year they repainted and re-roofed every apartment so they look brand new. One bedroom apartments are all upstairs with a private carpeted stairway. Alarm system. Small gym/weight room, racquet ball court, fun swimming pool, maintenance staff is very helpful and friendly. 2 minutes from publix, 5-10 min from I-75. Huge rooms and good size kitchen.

Hidden Palms

Location: Tampa Palms
Address: 14555 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613

Phone: (813) 972-0171
Travel Time: Within biking distance to school (2 miles from school)
Cost: \$650/1BR ~ 750sq ft. (\$584/ 1BR ~ 640 sq ft.)
Comments: Quiet, comfortable, attractive. Required renters insurance, water and sewer bills are additional expenses.

Island Walk

Location: Harbor Island
Address: 600 Island Place Way, Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: (813) 314-9600
Travel Time: 10 miles from school, 15 minutes (will take you the same amount of time to get to school as someone from North Tampa because there will be no traffic in the morning)
Cost: expensive
Comments: Gated Community, close to SOHO and Bayshore, nice pool with Jacuzzi, workout room with weight lifting and cardio equipment

Lakeview Oaks

Location: Near UCH Hospital
Address: 14201 Cyber Place
Phone: (813) 631-0300
Travel Time: 8 minutes
Cost: 1160 for a three bedroom/3 bath.
Comments: Great Maintenance Staff, Close to school, "Fringe Benefits" (a resident actually made this comment), some buildings are quiet (beware! This usually means others are not). apartments include washer/dryer; cable is also included. Management is pretty good about attending to problems and parking is not a problem. It's not exactly luxury living but it's a nice place by most students' standards

Marquis

Location: Between Hillsborough Ave. and Sligh Ave., off of N. Armenia Ave. (Carrollwood)
Address: 2609 Gemini Ct, Tampa, FL 33614
Phone: 813-879-5491
Travel Time: 15 minutes
Cost: ?
Comments: Clean, Quiet, Gated

Monticello Apartments

Location: By USF, 42nd street
Address: 42nd street right off Fletcher (13807 N 42nd St, Tampa, FL 33613)
Phone: 813-910-3433
Travel Time: 5 minutes to school
Cost: affordable (\$485/mo including all utilities and basic cable)
Comments: Lots of undergraduates, can be noisy at night but not too bad, 4 bedroom apartments, affordable, furnished with couch, computer desk in room, bed, TV, roommate matching available, really close to school, can be lots of traffic on 42nd street but still will not take you long to get to school, each roommate has own lease which was great, each room has bathroom, gated community, visitor parking can get filled easily, pool, Jacuzzi next to leasing office, gym and computer room

Oak Ramble

Location: Bruce B. Downs (also leads to 46th by a back way)
Address: 14627 Grenadine Dr, Tampa, FL 33613

Phone: 813-977-1407
Travel Time: 10-15 minutes
Cost: 2br/bath 950 sq feet \$750
Comments: They changed management, Bug Problems, Individual apts can range from beautiful to awful (Make them show you yours BEFORE you sign!!!!). Decent parking, large oak trees, good apt size for price, free alarm system, close location to school. Can get loud at times and many undergraduates live here. Has w/d hookups and onsite laundry room too, central heating/air, fridge, dishwasher, sink disposal, cable hookups, work out room, 2 pools, car maintenance area, tennis courts and free tennis lessons from one of the residents.

Palencia Apartments

Location: Carrolwood
Address: 3450 Palencia Dr; Tampa FL 33618
Phone: (813) 968-3366
Travel Time: Close to campus but commute is twice as long during rush hour
Cost:
Comments: Apartments are over priced.

Park Del Mar

Location: Near Pebble Creek Golf Club (New Tampa)
Address: 19411 Via Del Mar, Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: 813-907-0947
Travel Time: 15-20 minutes (45 minutes with morning rush hour)
Cost: Pricy
Comments: Lived there 3 years and no problems

Portofino Apartments

Location: New Tampa off of Bruce B. Downs and New Tampa Blvd.
Address: 8702 New Tampa Boulevard Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: 813-979-0900
Travel Time: 10 miles from school (30min in traffic, 15min with no traffic)
Cost: Moderate (Ask for specials!)
Comments: Management is decent when dealing with repairs, lots of kids in the complex, safe and quiet. In the process of converting to condos. Problems with the staff

Post Walk

Location: Hyde Park
Address: 800 S Dakota Ave, Tampa, FL 33606
Phone: 813-258-4600
Travel Time: 25-30 minutes
Cost: Expensive – 1 BR \$1250
Comments: Quiet, fun area, great office staff. Easy 25 min commute b/c going the opposite way of traffic. Good location.

The Palms at Livingston

Location: Livingston Avenue off of Bearss Ave.
Address: 15420 Livingston Ave, Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: (813) 972-2516
Travel Time: 3 minutes (5 minutes with no traffic, 15 with traffic) (2 miles)
Cost: Very inexpensive, 1BR 550 sq feet \$500
Recommendation: NO!! (1)

Comments: A classmate's car was stolen and vandalized, parking lot floods a lot, staff was helpful and catered to maintenance problem and was flexible when student broke lease.

The Preserve at Deer Park

Location: Close to USF
Address: 15420 Livingston Ave; Lutz FL 33559
Phone: (813) 910-0077
Travel Time: Within biking distance to campus
Cost: \$765/mo 2BR/ 2BA
Recommendation: Yes (3)
Comments: Easy commute. Great prices. 1 BR are affordable but small.

The Preserve at Tampa Palms

Location: Tampa Palms
Address: 17220 Heart of Palms Drive, Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: 1-888-845-6423
Travel Time: 15-20 minutes
Cost: Reasonable deals on rent. \$850/1 BR 1000 sq ft. Good offers/move-in specials for summer.
Recommendation: Yes (7)
Comments: In the process of converting to condos. Quiet, safe, new, large rooms, family-type neighbors, great management, 2 well-kept pools. Fireplaces, screened balcony which fits two chairs and a small round table. Good sized rooms. Huge walk-in closet. Master bath has two sinks, tub/shower. Small kitchen. W/D included. Utilities separate. Alarm system that you can have monitored for a minimal monthly fee. Close to restaurants and Muvico. Maintenance is good; the leasing office is kind of tough to get a hold of by phone but there is always someone available in the office during business hours. Workout room, indoor basketball court, tennis court, pool table, car port for car washing. Garages available. Free pest control. Mini BBQs available for grilling. Apartment complex sponsored happy hours at local restaurants or at clubhouse.

The Preserve at Temple Terrace

Location: Temple Terrace
Address: Fletcher and I75 (7855 East Fletcher Avenue, Temple Terrace, FL 33637
Phone: 1-888-316-0861
Travel Time: 8-10 min (about 4 miles from school)
Cost: \$750 2bd/2bath (ask for specials)
Recommendation: Yes (3)
Comments: Master bedroom with its own bathroom, nice sized walk-in closet. Good sized bedrooms. Community Pool. Gated. Fast maintenance. Very safe and close to school. Very cheap if you sign an extended contract.

St. Croix

Location: Near Bruce B Downs and Bearss
Address: 14535 Bruce B Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33613
Phone: 813-971-1692
Travel Time: 5-10 minutes
Cost: Affordable especially during "summer specials", \$610-795/1 BR, \$790-985/2 BR
(another classmate got a 1bd for \$661 so ask for specials)
Recommendation: Yes (10) No (4)
Comments: Close to class, quiet, great leasing staff, (fairly) safe, lots of parking, pools, clean, tennis courts and weight room, business center. Pets allowed (\$150 pet fee and \$150 pet deposit), third floor apt have vaulted ceilings, some have w/d

others have hookups, walk-in closets, relatively large balconies/patios some are screened in, dishwasher, garbage disposal, refrigerator with ice maker, ceiling fans in bedrooms, some apts have fireplaces, gated community, garbage pickup service, electric bill is usually low (around \$60 for 1 br on 3rd floor), Negative - very noisy neighbors; unresponsive, disorganized office staff; car break-in's; cars stolen from parking lot; parking lot not well lit, very noisy landscaping/maintenance going on almost all the time at St. Croix or neighboring complex; gym tends to be very busy in the evening, while the surrounding neighborhood is nice it is very near by to a bad neighborhood, problems with management and contract issues

Sun Pointe Lakes Apartments

Location: Directly off Bruce B. Downs going North from school before Bearss
Address: 14200 Bruce B Downs Bv 33613 Phone:
Phone: (813) 971-8111
Travel Time: Five minutes (in traffic)
Cost: \$590/mo including utilities
Comments: Only have one bedroom, not the nicest apartments in the world but good if you want an inexpensive place very close to school, very close to Target, can be loud at times

Sunscape Apartments

Location: USF area
Address: 13617 Fletcher Regency Dr, Tampa, FL 33613
Phone: (813) 972-1640
Travel Time: 2 miles, 15 minutes in rush hour
Cost: 1 BR 550 sq feet \$550 (ask for special \$477) very affordable
Comments: Negatives – gate and pool almost never worked, positives- maintenance fixes things quickly (within 24-48 hours), very safe, quiet, nice looking apartment complex. All units come with stackable w/d and free water.

Village Oaks

Location: Temple Terrace/USF area
Address: 8585 Montravail CIR, Temple Terrace, FL, 33637
Phone:
Travel Time: 10 mins, 15 w/ traffic
Cost: 1 BR - \$800, 3BR - \$1275
Recommendation: Yes (5)
Comments: Village Oaks is converting to a condo community sometime in the near future, so they are only taking one year leases. This was a great place to live and a great location. Definitely check this place out early if it appeals to you. Gated, safe, quiet, units are beautiful and modern. Brand new pool and tennis courts. Great location for 1st and 2nd year

The Villages at Turtle Creek

Location: Off of Bearss Ave., East of I-275
Address: 14620 Turtle Creek Circle, Tampa, FL 33549
Phone: 1-888-563-2147
Travel Time: 6 minutes
Cost: Cheap
Comments: Gated, friendly staff, well kept, quiet

The Vinings at Hunter Green

Location: New Tampa at Bruce B. Downs and Crosscreek
Address: 8801 Hunter's Lake Drive, Tampa, FL 33647

Phone: 1-866-865-4754
Travel Time: 20 minutes
Comments: Quiet, a little far (especially during rush hour), good prices

The Vintage at Tampa Palms

Location: Off of Bruce B Downs, East of I-75
Address: 5125 Palm Springs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: 1-866-204-9857
Travel Time: 20 mins
Comments:

*** Not Recommended**

Bently Court
Bristol Place *
Camden Live Oaks *
Campus Walk Townhomes
Central Park Apartments
Chipper's Pond
Compton Place *
Cypress Point
Eagles Point
Fisherman's Landing
Fontana Hall
Green Oak Manor
Lincoln Cove at Carrollwood
Palm Lake
Springwood
Square Plaza
St. Croix*
Sun Pointe Lake
The Gates of Tampa
The Palms at Livingston (car was stolen from parking lot)
The Madison at Soho *
University Square
University Townhouse
Worthing Square
Willowbrook –horrible maintenance, tons of problems

* - also recommended, so better check the place out your self

Condo Guide

The Arbors at Carrolwood

Location: Carrolwood (nice area of Tampa)
Address: 3939 Ehrlich Rd; Tampa, FL 33624
Phone: (813) 969-1959
Travel Time: 20-25 minutes from USF in AM, 30 min in PM
Cost: Decent for the area
Comments: Very nice, well kept apartment complex, two nice pools, small gym, very good location for shopping and restaurants, location not ideal for 3rd and 4th years, family friendly

The Falls of Temple Terrace

Location: Fletcher and I-75, close to USF

Address:
Phone:
Travel Time: 15 mins
Comments: Nice place but the prices have gotten very expensive

Courtney Palms

Location: Just outside of Brandon
Address: 2202 S US Highway 301; Tampa, FL 33619
Phone: (813) 626-1656
Travel Time: 20-30 minutes from USF and 7-10 minutes to TGH
Cost: \$150-200 for a unit
Comments: Quiet, nice neighborhood, hot tub, pool, gated, business center, gym, indoor basketball court, racquetball court, very close to the mall and other stores

Enclave Village

Location: Tampa Palms
Address: 13402 Bruce B Downs Boulevard; Tampa, FL 33612
Phone: (877) 764-8454
Travel Time: 20 minutes
Cost: Reasonable
Comments: Quiet, great area, close to campus, good location

Emerald Point Townhomes

Location: New Tampa
Address:
Phone:
Travel Time: 5 mi from USF

The Hamptons

Location: Tampa Palms
Address: 15350 Amberly Dr; Tampa, FL 33647
Phone: (813) 977-3312
Travel Time: 5 minutes from USF
Comments: Safe, well managed,

Heritage Isles

Location: New Tampa
Address: 18112 Sandy Pointe Dr, Tampa Fl 33647
Phone: 813 907 5680
Travel Time: 30 min with traffic (but only 15 without)
Cost: Low 150's to own
Comments: Great community, great club house, huge clean pool, very secure
Aesthetically pleasing, diverse neighborhood and friendly.

Hunter's Green

Location: New Tampa
Address: 9456 Highland Oak Dr; Tampa FL 33647
Phone: (813) 991-4818
Travel Time: 20 minutes (30-35 minutes during rush hour)
Cost: Reasonable
Comments: Quiet, safe, convenient location, good re-sale value

Hunter's Key

Location: New Tampa (North of I-75)
Address: Donna Michelle Blvd.

Phone:
Travel Time: 10-15 minutes (20-30 during rush hour)
Cost: Btw \$109,000 and 150,000 for 2 bed, 1.5 bath; \$150 monthly. for roof, water, sewer, yard maintenance, and pool
Comments: Next to starbucks, cold stone, Lee Roy Selmon's, 1 block from the Muvico, and 1 block form publix and Kash N Karry

Madison at SoHo

Location: South Tampa
Address: 2330 W Horatio St; Tampa FL 33609
Phone: (813) 253-0268
Travel Time: 30 mins against traffic
Comments: Close to many popular restaurants and bars, great area to live in

Milano Place (Bridlewood apartments)

Location: New Tampa
Address: 18404 Bridle Club Dr; Tampa FL 33647
Phone: (813) 975-8808
Travel Time: 30 minutes
Cost: \$130,000/1 BR; \$150,000/1 BR + den.
Comments: Condo conversion.

Oakbridge Run

Location:
Address:
Phone:
Travel Time:
Cost: Additional home-owners association fee
Comments: Great location

Raintree Village

Location: Temple Terrace
Address: 11803 Skylake Pl; Tampa, FL 33617
Phone: (813) 989-9223
Travel Time: 8 -13 min, very close
Comments: Usually quiet except during annoying construction. Pool, outdoor racquetball courts, tennis courts, animals allowed (no size limit),

Parkerest

Location: Harbour Island
Address:
Phone:
Travel Time: 15 minutes
Cost: Expensive
Comments: Very close to TGH for 3rd and 4th year, great location

The Quarter at Ybor

Location: Ybor City
Address: 1810 E Palm Ave
Phone: 248-3777; www.thequarteratybor.com
Travel Time: 15-20 min to USF, less than 10 to TGH.
Cost: \$139,000 for 1 BR.
Comments: Condo conversion. Even if you don't like Ybor at night, it's great during the day – lots of restaurants, shops, movie theaters, and entertainment within walking distance. Easy access to downtown.

Condos are nice and only 2 yrs old. Great amenities – 2 pools, huge gym, office center, personal movie theater, game room. Friendly, reliable management. Free pest control. Parking in 3 story garage (if you live on 3rd floor – you park on 3rd floor so you don't have to tote groceries up the stairs). Security 24/7. Never any concerns with safety.

Victoria Terrace

Location: Near USF
Address: 56th and Fowler across from Outback
Phone:
Travel Time: 5 minutes from campus
Cost: \$120-140 Home owner's association fee \$200/mo
Comments: Central location, many restaurants and grocery stores near by

*** Other Recommended Condos and Recommendations about areas**

Stone Creek – Temple Terrace
Riverhills – Temple Terrace
Villas Condominiums – New Tampa
Faircrest Condos

Services and Amenities

Electricity:

- Tampa Electric Company (TECO)
<http://www.tampaelectric.com/TEHMYourAccount.cfm>
Phone: (813) 223-0800

*****Make sure you call TECO ahead of time when moving to Tampa so that your electricity is already turned on when you arrive.

Cable:

- Bighthouse: worth the money to get the cable modem. Usually have student deals.
Phone: 727-329-2000
www.mybighthouse.com
- EarthLink High Speed Cable internet – no problems

Mechanics:

- AutoPro (Ken). Near USF, reliable and reasonably priced. Phone number 866-7411.
- Automotive Center of Temple Terrace Inc. 7800 N 56th Street. 813-985-5545, 813-988-0000. Driving service that will take you to and from your home while they repair your car. (Apparently Dr. Bognar also gets his car worked on here.)

Plumbing:

- Alvarez Plumbing is not recommended

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Other:

- “Good automobile advice and glad I did it -- get an AAA (American Automobile Association) membership. Cost is \$60/ year but well worth the price. I'm sure I don't need to tell you how comprehensive their services are (i.e. road side assistance, etc.) but I found it to be an invaluable little card to have in my wallet while exploring the Tampa area. (www.csaa.com)
- We recommend giving a spare key to one or more than one of your friends. We may be smart enough to be in graduate school, but a few of us had some issues remembering where we put our keys.