REVIEWS AND ADVICE FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

LSU GRADUATE SCHOOL

HOUSING GUIDE

2022

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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE GUIDE



Start with the Housing Facts section. This section should help you determine the type of apartment you'd like to live in and how much you should expect to pay in rent.



Read about different neighborhoods and narrow down your search to parts of the city that you like most.



Use the Apartment Ratings section to identify the best apartment buildings across the categories (e.g. best amenities, highest rated) that matter most to you.



Visit VeryApt.com to read reviews, get pricing, and set up appointments for the apartments you like most.

ABOUT THE DATA IN THIS GUIDE

All of the data in this guide are based on feedback from real renters in Baton Rouge. We asked students to rate their apartments on a scale of 1-10 across six categories:



Overall



Value



Management



Amenities



Location

Safety

Based on their feedback, we compiled a list of the best apartment buildings for LSU Graduate students. If you are interested in additional data that is not in the guide or have a housing question, you can reach us at contact@veryapt.com.

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Where LSU Grad students live



35% Highland/Perkins
30% Garden District
20% Downtown
10% South Baton Rouge
5% Other (<5% each)

Who LSU Grad students live with



- 20% Alone30% Spouse/partner50% Roommate
 - Roommate (excluding spouse/ partner)

27% of LSU Grad students live with pets

What type of properties LSU Grad students live in

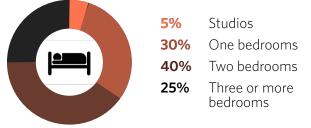


65% Large property (50+ units)15% Mid-size property

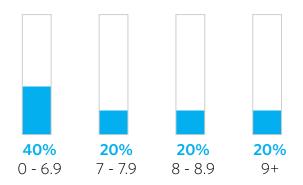
(20-49 units)

20% Small property (2-9 units)

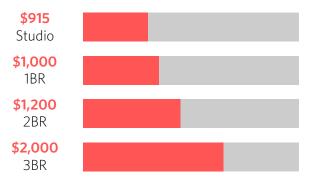
What size residences LSU Grad students live in



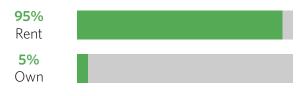
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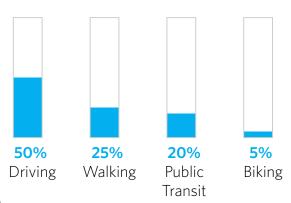
Average rent by apartment size



Rent versus own



Commute methods



Rent with Confidence

Time Savers

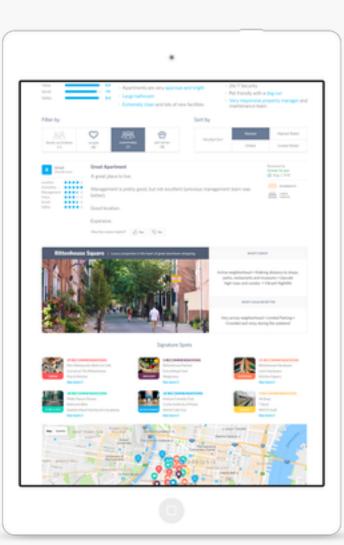


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Intelligent Search



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Trusted Reviews



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WHY WE STARTED VERYAPT

VeryApt was born from the simple realization that the small things about an apartment are often the most important: a friendly doorman, lots of sunlight in the living room, a running trail nearby, or that amazing hole-in-the-wall Thai restaurant across the street. We understand that the frustrations of apartment hunting are universal, but share a belief that it doesn't have to be. We know what makes an apartment truly feel like home is unique for each person and that's why our focus is on bringing you personalized recommendations based on timely, relevant, and real user reviews. We'll be there every step of the way to help you find your perfect apartment.

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NEIGHBORHOODS EXPLAINED

An overview of the most popular neighborhoods for LSU Grad students





Highland/Perkins

35% of LSU Grad students

Highland/Perkins is an extremely modern section of Baton Rouge with shopping centers, restaurants, and movie theatres. Between the museums and sports bars, there's an abundance of entertainment for every grad student in the area.



Downtown

20% of LSU Grad students

Close to the action, and close to LSU, is Downtown Baton Rouge. The neighborhood is home to a mix of students and young professionals who want to be in the heart of the action.



30% of LSU Grad students

Easily the youngest, hippest, and chicest neighborhood surrounding LSU is the Garden District. Being close to the LSU campus attracts many students to this area. Alongside the students are many artists that have found studio space in this part of town.

4 South Baton Rouge

10% of LSU Grad students

South Baton Rouge is close enough to the action of Downtown while just far enough to have a dense suburban feel. This area is quieter than its surrounding neighborhoods which makes it a perfect place for families or individuals who want to escape the city's fast-paced lifestyle.

Other Neighborhoods



Highland/Perkins The Hub for LSU Students

ABOUT HIGHLAND/PERKINS

The LSU campus is located in Highland/ Perkins, making it an ideal location for students to live in. The neighborhood can be quiet during the week, but on weekends and game days it is full of bustling students and LSU fans. The neighborhood also provides its residents with many restaurants and bars.





WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT HIGHLAND/PERKINS

Review by LSU Grad Student

O BURBANK ESTATES

The location of the apartment is in close proximity to campus, which is very nice. The neighborhood is nice and is made up mostly of undergraduate and graduate students. The only drawback is that Burbank Drive accumulates a good bit of traffic at certain times of the day; however, it is definitely manageable.

Review by LSU Grad Student

V THE DISTRICT

It's next to Sprouts (like Whole Foods) and next to a lot of nice places along Perkins. It's about a 5 minute drive from Perkins Rowe (shopping, best nearby movie theater) and about 10 from the mall of Louisiana. In the other direction, you're only about 10 minutes from LSU campus. Whatever food or common activity you're looking for, you should be able to find it within 15 minutes of here. It generally seems safe.

Garden District

Youngest, Hippest, and Chicest Neighborhood

ABOUT GARDEN DISTRICT

Do not let the suburban feel of the neighborhood confuse you; the Garden District houses lively bars, delectable restaurants, and homey coffee shops. The hip area attracts young artists for its creative community, students for its proximity to campus, and families for its natural beauty. So living here means having a lively community.

Bars and Restaurants

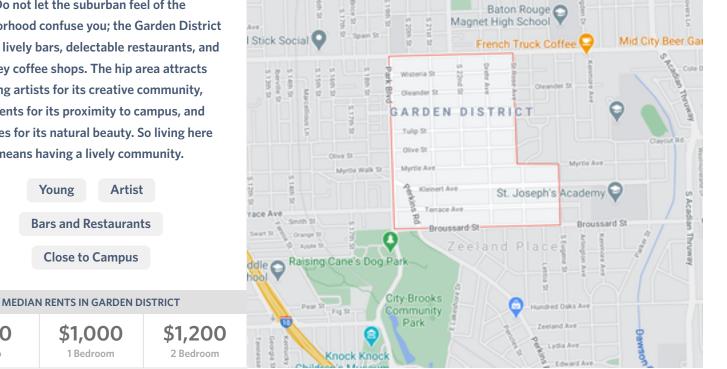
Close to Campus

\$1,000

1 Bedroom

Artist

Young



WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT GARDEN DISTRICT

\$900

Studio

Review by Local Resident

♀ 22ND & OLIVE ST.

Safe, up-and-coming, hip part of Baton Rouge, full of artists and young professionals, coffeeshops, neat bars, and cool venues. Easily the hippest, innovative, gentrifying part of Baton Rouge.

Review by LSU Grad Student Q LABELLE FOUNTAINE

Poets Corner is the best! All the benefits of the Garden District, walking distance to the lakes, very liberal friendly neighborhood.

Downtown

Living in the Heart of the Action

ABOUT DOWNTOWN

Many LSU students prefer to go Downtown after class to study in the plentitude of coffee shops or go out at night to the exciting bars. Living downtown means there is always something happening right outside your door. There are spectacular bars and restaurants, entertaining live music and comedy clubs, and beautiful parks.

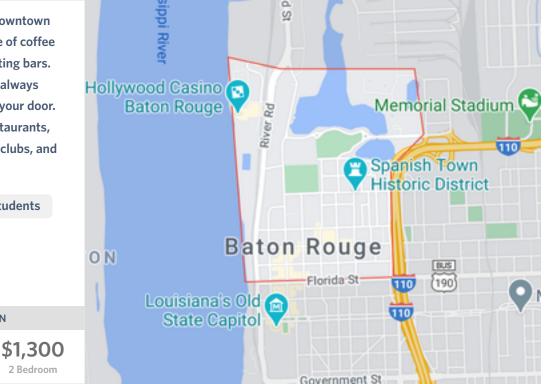
Active Young LSU Students Short Commute

MEDIAN RENTS IN DOWNTOWN

\$950

1 Bedroom

\$800 Studio



WALTER "WOLFMAN"

GTON & THE ROADMASTERS

WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT DOWNTOWN

Review by LSU Grad Student

Q LAKE TOWERS

Very close knit and historical neighborhood - close to downtown restaurants/bars.

Review by LSU Grad Student

Q LAKE TOWERS

Great neighborhood. Complex is on the edge of Spanish Town. Only a few blocks to the state capitol, Veteran's Park, downtown Baton Rouge, the river. Easy walking to any of these locations. Nice park with a lake (really more of a pond) just behind the complex. Complex entrance is from the I-110 access road only.

South Baton Rouge

Dense Suburban Feel

ABOUT SOUTH BATON ROUGE

South Baton Rouge is close enough to the action of Downtown and campus, but far enough to have a dense suburban feel. Being much quieter than its surrounding neighborhoods makes it a perfect place for families or individuals who want to escape the city's fast-paced lifestyle. There are many restaurants, grocery stores, and gas stations close; so everything you need is less than a five minute drive away.

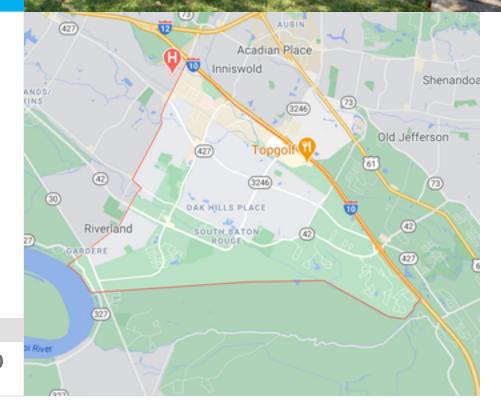
 Close to Campus
 Family Friendly

 Quite Neighborhood
 Quite Neighborhood

 MEDIAN RENTS IN SOUTH BATON ROUGE
 \$1,400

 \$950
 \$1,100
 \$1,400

 Studio
 1 Bedroom
 2 Bedroom



WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT SOUTH BATON ROUGE

Review by LSU Grad Student

? TURNBERRY PLACE

Lots of amenities, but very car-focused. Few sidewalks, which is unfortunate.

Review by LSU Grad Student

SIEGEN OAKS

It takes me about 15 minutes to get to Tiger Stadium. Very close to shopping (one exit from the mall). Great for those who don't want to live near all of the undergrad housing, but wants to still have a reasonable drive to campus.

APARTMENT RATINGS

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KEY

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- Excellent for a category ••••
- ... Great
 - Average
 - Below average

- \$\$\$\$ \$1050+ per renter
- \$\$\$ \$900-\$1049
- \$\$ \$750-\$899
- \$ < \$750

* Prices subject to change and may vary significantly by room type

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Lake Plaza Condominiums	Condo	7.5	\$\$				••	••	•••	••	••
Lake Towers Apartments	Apt	7.3	\$\$\$				••	••	••	••	•••
Lakeside Villas	Apt	8.0	\$\$\$				••	•••	•••	••••	••••
Lark Baton Rouge	Apt	6.0	\$\$				••	••	••	•••	••
Latitude 30 Apartments	Apt	6.0	\$\$				••	••	••	••	••

** Buildings with fewer than 3 reviews or ratings below 7.0 are not listed in this guide but reviews can be found online at VeryApt.com. *** Some buildings with fewer than 3 reviews are included above because of high ratings but do not appear in the top 10 lists.



APARTMENT RATINGS

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Royal Palms Apartments	Apt	8.8	\$\$\$\$				••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
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Summer Grove Condominiums	Apt	9.3	\$\$				••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
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The High Grove	Apt	10.0	\$\$\$\$				••••	••••	••••	••	••••
The Oliver Apartments	Apt	6.0	\$				••	••	••	••	••
The Reserve At Cedar Lodge	Condo	9.0	\$				••••	••••	•••	••••	••••
The Sterling Student Housing	Apt	7.0	\$\$				•••	•••	•••	•••	•••
The Venue at Northgate	Apt	6.3	\$\$\$				••	••	••	••	•••
The Villas at Stone Creek	Apt	6.0	\$				••	••	••	••	••
The Villas on Brightside	Apt	8.2	\$				••	•••	•••	•••	••
The Warwick	Apt	8.5	\$\$				•••	••••	•••	•••	••••
Tiger Pointe	Apt	6.0	\$\$				••	••	••	••	••
Turnberry Place Apartments	Apt	8.0	\$\$\$				•••	••••	••	•••	••••
Village at Juban Lakes Apartments	Apt	8.5	\$\$\$				•••	•••	••••	•••	•••
Wildwood Baton Rouge Apartments	Apt	7.5	\$	~			••	••••	••	••••	••

ABOUT OUR CATEGORIES

Property Type

Apartment (Apt)	Properties with one building manager. Often have consistent pricing/features.
Condo	Properties with multiple owners. Lease terms and features can vary significantly by unit.

Key Building Factor Ratings

Overall Rating	Overall feedback on building quality.
Popularity	Estimated # of students in the building.

Living Situation Ratings

Families	Hows
Pet Owners	How

How students with partners and/or children rated the building. How students with pets rated the building.

Building Quality Ratings

Management	Maintenance and service quality.			
Amenities	In-room and building features beyond the basics.			
Value	Building quality given cost of rent.			
Social	Building community and social scene.			
Safety	Building neighborhood safety.			

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MOST POPULAR

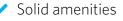
Buildings with the most LSU Grad students

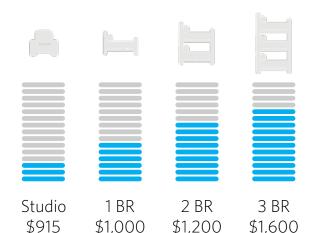
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What students typically look for:



- Excellent location
 - Reasonably-priced apartments





TOP 5





Review by LSU Graduate Student

"It's in close proximity to the LSU campus and makes it easy to walk and reach my classes. Don't have to depend on the buses. Good interiors. The management is slow and unorganized in responding to problems, but that's most of the places, so its bearable. Best part is that its located so close to the lake and only 3 mins walking distance to it."



Review by LSU Graduate Student

"Overall the apartment is pretty nice for the price. It has wood floors, included furniture, recently upgraded Internet services, basketball, tennis, volleyball, gym, computer lab, and a pool. The property is fairly well maintained. Only gripe is that many residents don't pick up after their pets. Also the kitchen is quite small. Maintenance is pretty responsive."



Review by LSU Graduate Student

"Overall, the experience has been good. The setting is majorly a family setting. The residential staff are awesome. A principal concern is the condition of the room. This could be due largely to the attitude or behavior of those living in those spaces. Taking responsibility for the room, to keep them clean helps to reduce presence of cockroaches and mold. Often times you notice some drainage issue within the compound. The facility workers are awesome, highly responsive."

HIGHEST RATED

Buildings with the best overall ratings

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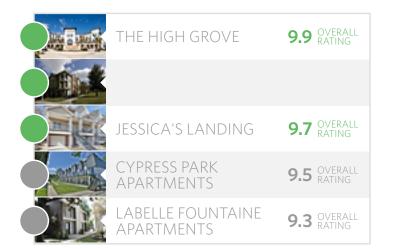
What the highest-rated properties typically offer:



- High-end amenities
- Close proximity to work/ school
- Nearby stores/grocery
- Excellent management



TOP 5





Review by LSU Graduate Student

"Located right next to the Mall of Louisiana, perfect complex for grad students who seek a little separation from campus life. It's just a short drive (around 10 minutes) to LSU via I-10, and is close to Siegen Marketplace with easy access to restaurants and stores."



Review by LSU Graduate Student

"This apartment complex is really nice. The front office staff is friendly and there are office hours on Saturday. They also allow rent to be paid online. If you input a maintenance ticket, the staff is responsive and friendly. There is a gym included and two swimming pools. There is also a really nice lake with sidewalks around it for walking. In addition, there is a children's playground, a tennis court, and some outdoor grilling equipment."



Review by LSU Graduate Student

"Jessica's Landing is a secure place to live that consists of condo/ townhomes that students rent from the owner or a property manager. A lot of students live in the gated community. It is quiet and right in front of a Tigertrail stop."

BEST FOR AMENITIES

Highest-rated properties for amenities

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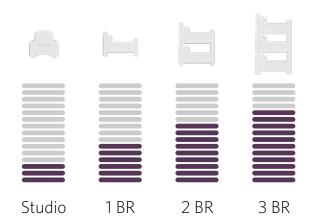
What top amenity properties typically offer:



- ✓ Great common spaces
- Convenient location
- ✓ Excellent management

\$1,900

✓ Newer construction



\$1,400

\$1,100

TOP 5

\$950





up here is because there are no breed restrictions for pets (as a husky owner, this is hard to come by, and most places will not allow my dog). The amenities are amazing, especially the gym. The location is far from campus, but in a great location. My main complaint is that maintenance issues are frequent, and maintenance is slow to respond. It is also rather expensive to live alone as a graduate student here."





Review by LSU Graduate Student

"This place has very nice apartments with good amenities, including a pool, public outdoor grills, gym, parking garage, and Amazon Hub locker inside the apartment complex to keep all of your packages (not just those from Amazon) secure. The downside is that management is slow with maintenance requests, the hub locker is semi-frequently down so you may have to wait a bit (usually not more than a few hours though) to be able to access your packages."

BEST FOR VALUE

Highest-rated properties for value

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What top value properties typically offer:

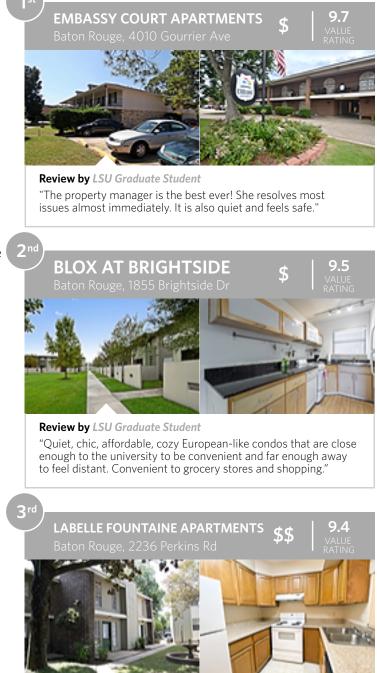


- Great price-to-space trade 2nd off
- Good location
- Solid amenities and basic features



TOP 5





Review by LSU Graduate Student

"Overall I really like this apartment. The location is great - far enough away from LSU to avoid raucous undergrads, close enough that there's a bus stop at my front door. I can walk to a grocery store, a coffee shop, and several bars and restaurants. There is lots of natural light, hardwood floors, a dishwasher, a gas stove, and a washer/dryer on site (although not in-unit). My property management company is relatively good. They give me sufficient space but have always been quick to respond to calls if I have an issue. The only downside is that my rent has increased every year I've lived here."



Townhomes are apartments in older buildings, typically a few stories tall. They usually do not have a doorman, an elevator, or many amenities, but can be cheaper and more spacious than the apartment and condo units in high-rises.

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A TOWNHOME

CHEAPER	LARGER F	LOOR PLANS	
3+ BEDROOMS AVA	ILABLE	MORE PRIVA	CY
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OLDER CONSTRUCTI	ON L	IMITED AMENII	TIES

MORE MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Finding a townhome

Townhomes can be challenging to find because they tend to be individually owned and do not have full time leasing managers. Townhome listings are typically available ~60 days in advance. You can find a townhome by searching online listings, contacting a landlord directly, or by working with VeryApt's Concierge Team who can help identify some options.

Preparing for a townhome search

Most LSU Grad students opt for larger properties in order to live closer to other students and simplify the housing search. That said, there are plenty of wonderful townhomes - be prepared to visit more properties to find that perfect home, carefully examine the pros/cons, and move quickly if you find a unit you love.



Reliable Landlords

Check online reviews and talk to previous tenants to find out about your landlord. Look for one that responds quickly to maintenance requests and has a history of returning deposits.

TIPS AND ADVICE



Noise and Neighbors

Sounds often travel well through townhomes and you can easily be disturbed by barking dogs, music, or construction. Check out the surrounding area to get a sense for what it may be like.

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Lease Terms

Leases with independent landlords are negotiable. Check your lease for restrictions on sub-letters and visitor policies. You may be able to avoid a rent increase by locking in a longer lease.

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