BOSTON
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING GUIDE

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY BOSTON

INFORMATION TO GET YOU STARTED

When browsing apartments and neighborhoods, it's handy to use Google Maps to scope out how close each location is to public transportation and our campus. The most popular way to get around in Boston is the MBTA, or the "T." Suffolk's closest T stops are Park Street (Red and Green Lines), Downtown Crossing (Orange, Red, and Silver Lines) and Government Center (Blue and Green Lines). There are also various bus routes to downtown, which are outlined on the **MBTA website.**

You might be eligible to **purchase a discounted MBTA commuter pass.**

September 1 is a common move-in date in Greater Boston. Keep in mind that if you are moving on that date, U-Haul trucks and other moving resources can book up in advance. Suffolk's fall semester typically begins the first or second week of September.

Here's more about some of the Boston-area neighborhoods you might consider. A lot of graduate students find housing opportunities through Facebook groups, Craigslist, and other websites, as well as through the **Suffolk University Off-Campus Housing Website.** If you're interested in living on your own, subletting is often a good way to get an apartment, especially if you have the option to take over the lease.

EAST BOSTON

CAMBRIDGE

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73 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108

BACK BAY

SEAPORT

SOUTH END

SOUTH BOSTON

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ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

MBTA: Green Line, B

Relation to Suffolk: About 30–50 minutes by T

Notes/Features: This area boasts many restaurants and local shops. Residents are mostly Suffolk, Boston University, and Harvard students and young professionals living in apartments alongside family homes. In this car-friendly neighborhood, you can find parking and even apartments that come with dedicated parking spots.
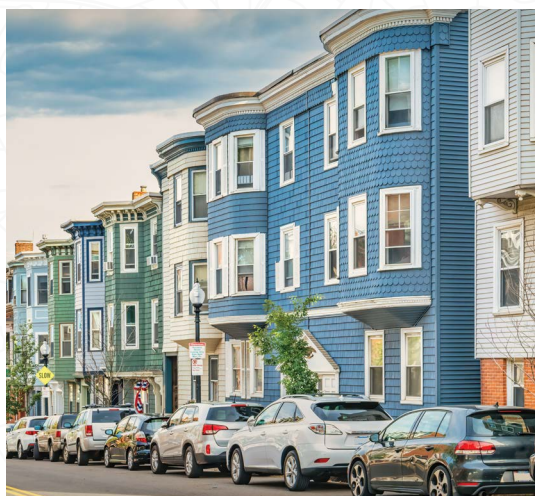
BACK BAY/BEACON HILL

MBTA: Green Line (various stops), Blue Line from Bowdoin, Red Line from Charles/MGH or Park Street

Relation to Suffolk: A 5–20-minute walk or T ride, depending on your starting point

Notes/Features: These historic neighborhoods brim with brick Federal-style walk-up apartments. Housing is generally more expensive here, and residents are primarily working professionals and families. Both neighborhoods are close to the State House, Boston Common, Downtown Crossing, and the center of the city.

CHARLESTOWN

MBTA: Bus Lines 92/93

Relation to Suffolk: 20–30 minutes by bus

Notes/Features: Home of the Bunker Hill Monument and other historic sites, here you'll find a mix of renovated luxury buildings and older apartments. This area is generally more expensive to live in but can be car-friendly.
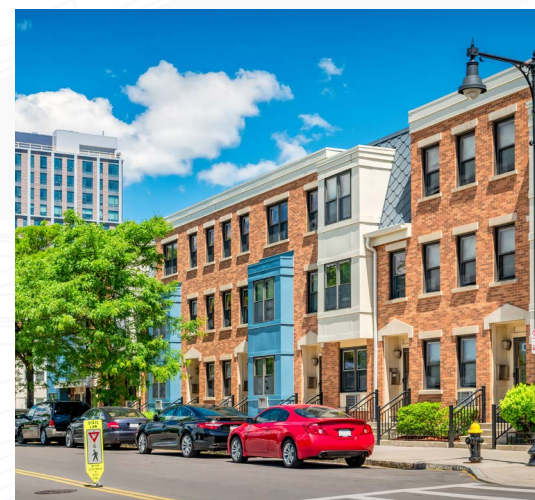
DORCHESTER/SOUTH BOSTON ("SOUTHIE")

MBTA: Red Line to either Braintree or Ashmont (Broadway, Andrew, or JFK/UMass)

Relation to Suffolk: About 20–30 minutes by T

Notes/Features: This is a popular area to live among working professionals and families. There is a good variety of shops and markets, and a lively restaurant scene. It is easily accessible by bus, and most apartments have parking spots or street parking options available.

EAST BOSTON ("EASTIE")

MBTA: Blue Line to Wonderland

Relation to Suffolk: About 10–15 minutes by T

Notes/Features: This neighborhood features car-friendly apartments and brand-new condos along the shoreline. It also has numerous restaurants.

EAST CAMBRIDGE/WEST SOMERVILLE

MBTA: Orange Line to Oak Grove; Red Line to Alewife, Porter, or Davis

Relation to Suffolk: Around 20–40 minutes by T

Notes/Features: Triple-decker houses and free-standing homes line this neighborhood's streets, with shopping hubs conveniently located near T stops. You can get around by subway or bus. Once here, you'll find a variety of old and new housing options with space to park a car.

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EAST SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD

MBTA: Green Line to Medford/Tufts; Orange Line to Oak Grove

Relation to Suffolk: Currently less than 20–30 minutes by T

Notes/Features: East Somerville's housing options are similar to West Somerville's and tend to be slightly more affordable. Many family homes also are available in Medford. Popular areas include Union Square (on the Green Line), Assembly Row (along the Orange Line), Tufts University, Magoun Square, and Winter Hill (all along the Green Line).
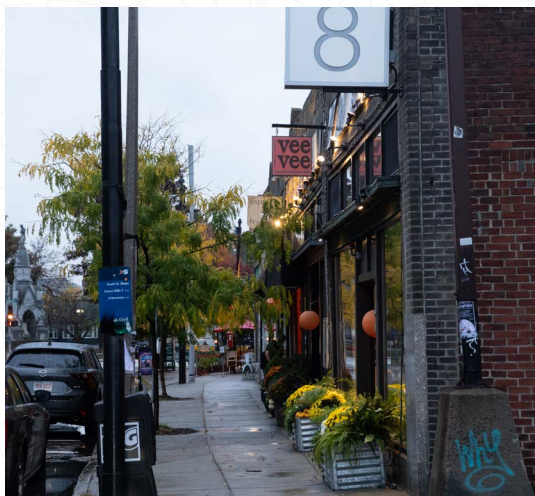
FENWAY/KENMORE

MBTA: Green Line to Heath Street on the E Line; Orange Line

Relation to Suffolk: 30 minutes by T

Notes/Features: This area features a mix of newer and older apartments, though there's been a significant increase in newer developments in recent years. It's generally more expensive, but offers easy access to Fenway Park, popular music venues, and a vibrant bar and restaurant scene.

JAMAICA PLAIN ("JP")

MBTA: Orange Line to Forest Hills; bus lines

Relation to Suffolk: Around 20–50 minutes by T or bus

Notes/Features: This neighborhood is known for bustling thoroughfares like Centre Street, which features a wide variety of retail shops and restaurants serving authentic cuisines. You can also explore its many green spaces, including sections of the Emerald Necklace, Jamaica Pond, and the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

MISSION HILL

MBTA: Green Line to Heath Street; Orange Line to Forest Hills

Relation to Suffolk: Around 30 minutes by T

Notes/Features: Bordering Jamaica Plain, Brookline, and Roxbury, Mission Hill is small but central. It's a primarily residential neighborhood with a few shops, eateries, and parks.

THE NORTH END

MBTA: Accessible via Haymarket (Green Line) or North Station (Orange and Green Lines); walking-friendly

Relation to Suffolk: About a 20–25-minute walk; 5–10 minutes by T

Notes/Features: The North End is Boston's "Little Italy." It has numerous restaurants and historic sites and shops, and neighbors the Greenway and various waterfront areas. Its apartments are older (but charming!) and parking is limited, so having a car here may be more difficult.

QUINCY

MBTA: Red Line to Braintree (North Quincy, Quincy Center, and Quincy Adams)

Relation to Suffolk: Around 30–40 minutes by T

Notes/Features: Suburban Quincy boasts its own downtown, along with various parks, docks, and beaches. The area features more free-standing houses; students living here typically find roommates to offset the cost.
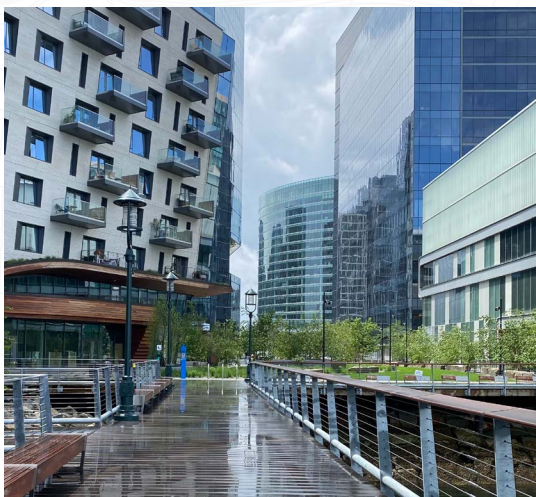
ROXBURY

MBTA: Orange Line to Forest Hills

Relation to Suffolk: Around 20–45 minutes by T

Notes/Features: Called "the heart of Black culture in Boston," Roxbury is home to the popular commercial center Nubian Square and offers easy access to downtown. West Roxbury features more suburban, family-friendly homes and spaces.

SEAPORT

MBTA: Silver Line

Relation to Suffolk: About 20–30 minutes

Notes/Features: Recently redeveloped, this area is popular among working professionals for its luxury apartments and fun nightlife. It features trendy restaurants, waterfront views, the Institute of Contemporary Art, and venues like the Leader Bank Pavilion. Housing costs tend to be more expensive.

Continue your search on the **Suffolk University Off-Campus Housing Website,** in partnership with Apartments.com. There, you can view rentals currently on the market and compare pricing, location, leasing terms, and proximity to Suffolk. Select the **Housing** tab in the homepage's upper navigation to go directly to available rentals. You can filter listings by entering your minimum and maximum monthly rent preferences under **Price** so you'll only see options within your budget. Happy apartment-hunting!

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