SUBLETTING YOUR APARTMENT

The University has found that there are contract holders or guests of contract holders that are attempting to sublet their apartments or sell the use of rooms for outside events such as SXSW and Austin City Limits Music Festival and in most cases, the contract holder or the contract holder’s guest is attempting to charge more than the rent rate.

Please know that subletting or selling the use of any part of your UT Apartment and/or charging a guest rent that is in excess of what the contract holder pays is strictly prohibited!

If it is found that any contract holder or the guest of a contract holder is subletting of their apartment or renting out any part of their apartment for outside events, a vacancy notice may be initiated and the student may be referred to Student Judicial Services for disciplinary action.

It has been reported to our office that subletting and roommate listings were found on one or more of the following websites:
- Facebook
- Craig’s List
- Numerous UT student organization websites

Per the terms and conditions of your contract:
- General Rules of Operation: Item C. You agree not to sell, sublease or assign this contract.
- Item I. State law prohibits using state property for private enterprise. No concession or business of any type may be operated by anyone from the living unit.
- Item X. Solicitation. No solicitation is allowed in University housing pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System.
There will be 4 positions opening on TAB in the Fall of 2014: Gateway (2), Colorado (1), and Brackenridge (1).

TAB members are required to attend the meeting twice a month every other week and must commit to at least 2-year service.

In exchange for their service, TAB members receive a $50 rent credit for each meeting they attend.

If you are a resident living in either of three apartments and interested in joining TAB, please send a cover letter describing why you want to join TAB and a copy of your resume to glowacki@utexas.edu. The on-site interview will be held on May with more details to be announced at future dates.
FIRE LIFE SAFETY VIOLATION RESULTS

During our February 2014 fire life safety inspections, 55 apartment residents received one or more violations out of the 186 apartments that were inspected, which is a 24% rate of violations. The most common violations during this inspection were as follows:

- 28 stove violations
- 23 electrical violations
- 12 blocked exit violations
- 1 tampering with smoke detector
- 2 unapproved space heaters
- 1 toxic/hazardous substances

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the fire life safety requirements and help keep the UT Apartment community a safe place to live by following all fire life safety procedures as listed in the Apartments Living Guide: [http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/pdfs/haps_living040914.pdf](http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/pdfs/haps_living040914.pdf)

Residents can be held responsible for any fire damages caused by you or your guests.

Reminder:
Car washing is not permitted at University Apartments at any time.

Attention May Graduates!
Per your contract, you must vacate no later than May 31, 2014. To avoid penalties, contact UT Apartments Office to receive details and further instructions.
Hello!

My name is Xiaosa (Jack) Xu. I am a third year PhD Student in the Plant Biology Graduate Program of Molecular Bioscience Department in UT. I am a Tenant Advisory Board Member (TAB) of Brackenridge complex. I love the friendly neighbors and nice living environment here. It’s my great honor to become a TAB member representing the Brackenridge residents to improve our quality of life.

I was born in a very poor mountain village of a coastline city in northern east China. The spectacular mountain gave me a strong will to overcome any difficulty and thrive in today’s pressure-cooker world. The vast sea also gave me great generosity and a mind to understand and accept all different cultures. When I was in my childhood, I never thought I would have the opportunity to study abroad. The only dream was to study hard and leave the mountain villages to see the outside world. When I was young, I wanted to do something useful for my home village and my country one day when I became powerful. The only way for a rural kid in China, to make this dream come true was to study hard.

With 5 years primary school, 4 years middle school, and 3 years high school, I finally got admitted to the university in 2007 fall. I chose Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU), which offered the lowest tuition among all the top level Universities in China. With much effort, I was selected as one of thirty students among the university to join the “Honored Top-Student Program of Agriculture and Biology” and started to study my loved area, Plant Biology. I had been familiar with plants since my childhood when I worked in the fields with my parents. Crop plants, including corn, wheat, peanuts, soybeans, sweet potato, and taros, are the major income resources for village families to support the children to go to school. I really had been hoping to improve the yield and qualities of these crop plants since then.

In NAU, I finished all the required courses in the first three years as NO.1 GPA students of the program. In the last year from fall 2010 to summer 2011, I worked as a TOEFL teacher in New Oriental School (Nanjing), which is a leading Education & Technology Group in China. As a student in this “Honored Top-Student Program of Agriculture and Biology”, I also got the chance to join the best research lab of NAU since my freshman year. With three years effort, I finished one project by finding three important genes for controlling rice yield with my classmates. I, as the first author, published the paper in a key research journal. The college life opened my eyes to the world, and encouraged me to pursue scientific research studies abroad. In the spring of 2011, I got offers from UT, Cornell, Wisconsin-Davis and several other universities. I finally chose UT Plant Biology Program with a full coverage fellowship.

Since fall, 2011, I have been working on the “Light Regulation of Plant Growth and Development” in Dr. Enamul Huq’s lab. I hope the studies here might help me to realize my childhood dream, which is improving the crops yields and qualities by increasing the efficiency of using light by plants. I have finished my first project by finding a key mechanism and published my first author paper in Plant Cell, the highest research journal in plant biology, on April 16, 2014. In addition to the academic/research work, I have been involved in many leadership activities and organizations. For example, in addition to serving on TAB, I am also the Financial Director of UT Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), president of UT Chinese Student and Scholars (CSSA) Basketball Association, and member of UT Provost’s Graduate Advisory Council (PGAC). I hope I can continue to improve myself with my hard work, by improving things in our wonderful and vast world.

My experience living in Austin at Brackenridge complex, of course, will be one of my most beautiful memories of my life.
# Events at University Apartments

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BRK—Brackenridge Community Room
COL—Colorado Community Room
GAT—Gateway Community Room

If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, please email sasmith@austin.utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the event.
A Word From TAB

◊ TAB will be hosting a photo contest this summer. There will be two winners, one voted on by the number of “likes” that the photo receives on Facebook and one selected by the members of TAB. More details will be posted soon. Please check out the UT Apartments’ Facebook page!

TAB Spring Meeting Schedule

For more information about meetings, to view past meeting minutes, to make comments or suggests - Visit the TAB web page: http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.php?site=0&scode=2&id=777

Calendar of Events Details

Women’s Conversation Group (WCG) - Thursdays @ 1:30 PM at Brackenridge Community Room

Preschool Play Circle - Friday, May 2 @ 10:00 AM at the Colorado Community Room

CA Social - May 25 - BRK-Jasper Park -Kody - Memorial Day BBQ - 5:00 PM

Congratulations to the winners of the UT Apartments first social media contest! “Spring is in the Air” was a success!

The winner of the most Facebook “LIKES” is Magdalena Ganderats who submitted the photo of a forest pathway and the TAB Choice winner is Ashay Singh who submitted a mesmerizing shot of a bee in action.

Both pictures can bee seen on the UT Apartments Facebook page.

Also, TAB would like to congratulate the winners of the TAB sponsored Garden Contest that was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The winners are: Mao-Lun Weng, Xitian Cai & Hoang Dang.

The winners from both contests won gift cards from the UT Co-op and we would like to thank everyone who participated in both contests!
Rent

- Rent is always due on the 1st of every month and late after the 5th of every month regardless of whether you receive a courtesy bill reminder email or not
- Bookmark https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/ for reference if you do not receive the courtesy bill reminder email

Maintenance

- All maintenance issues in your apartment and around the complex must be reported via an online maintenance request.
- A paper version of the request may also be submitted to the leasing office.
- For after-hours issues call 512-496-2803

Moving Out?

- A 60 day written notice is required for all vacancies, including graduating residents
- Graduating residents have until the end of the month they graduate to vacate.
- If you give 30 to 59 days written advance notice you will pay a 50% penalty
- If you give 1 to 29 days written advance notice you will pay an 85% penalty
- To view the terms & conditions of your contract in its entirety go to: www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.phpsite=0&scde=2&id=518
- If you are graduating and have not submitted a vacancy notice, please contact the office

Grande Service

- All service requests for your cable or internet service must go through the office via a maintenance request.
- Please DO NOT contact Grande for service directly. Grande will be turned away if we do not have a maintenance request on file for you
- You may contact Grande directly if you want expanded services
- Grande will not be given keys to your apartment if you did not submit a maintenance request

Keep up with the University Apartments on Facebook! Search for “UT Apartments” and LIKE us. Make sure to check the page daily for important information
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Hook ‘Em Home
Guided by our values and commitment to support the University mission, our vision is to provide first-class housing and food service while embracing an inclusive, nurturing, community where students and staff realize dreams while achieving goals.

Maintenance Requests: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/
Log in and click on maintenance. Request form in the left hand column.

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