

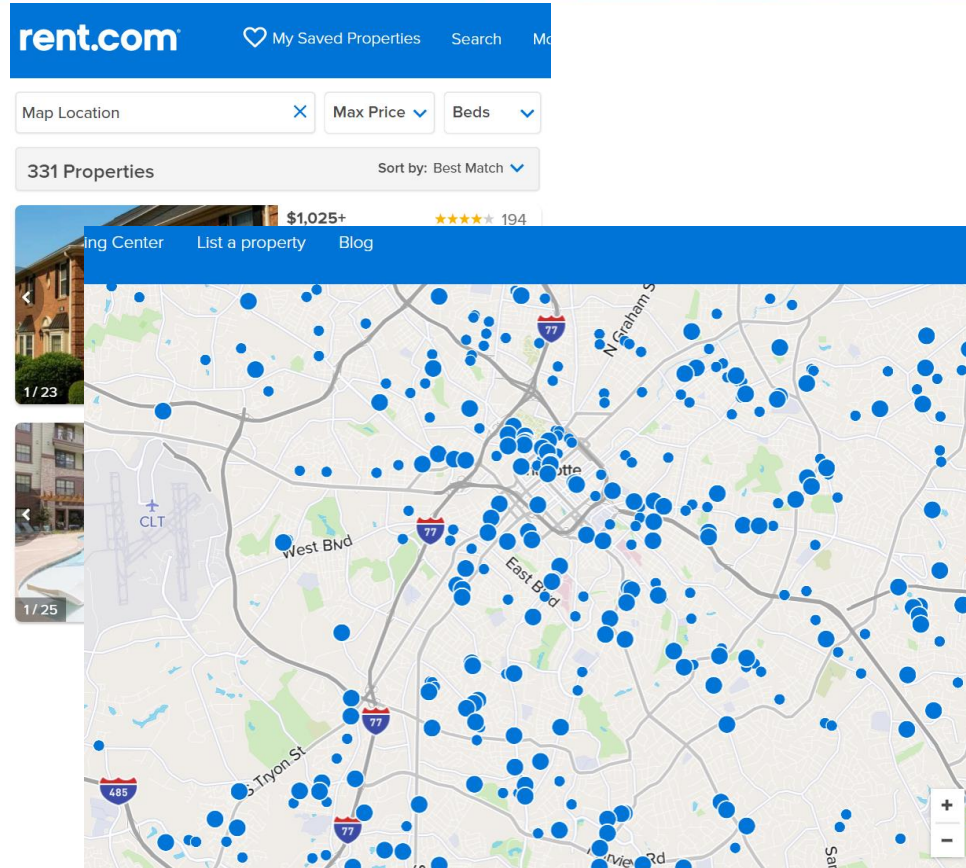
Living Off Campus 101



Finding a Place

Things to Consider

- Rent & Other Fees
- What's Included?
- Size (1 BR, 2 BR, 3 BR, house)
- Location
 - How far are you willing to drive?
 - What's nearby?
- Safety of the Area



The screenshot displays the rent.com website interface. At the top, the rent.com logo is visible, along with navigation links for "My Saved Properties", "Search", and "More". Below the header, there are search filters for "Map Location", "Max Price", and "Beds". A summary bar indicates "331 Properties" and "Sort by: Best Match". The main content area features a map of Charlotte, NC, with numerous blue circular markers representing rental listings. The map includes labels for major roads like I-77, I-485, and I-85, as well as local streets like West Blvd, East Blvd, and N Graham St. On the left side of the map, there are two small thumbnail images of rental properties, one with a "1/23" indicator and another with a "1/25" indicator. A blue navigation bar at the top of the map area contains links for "Listing Center", "List a property", and "Blog".

Costs to Consider

- Rent (the obvious one)
- Initial Costs & Fees (administrative fees, deposits)
- Utilities (electric, water/sewage, trash)
- Bonus Utilities (cable, internet)
- Apartment Parking Fees
- Pet Fees (pet deposits)
- Renter's Insurance
- Furniture
- Laundry



Additional Things to Consider

- Apartment Age Restrictions – May need a Co-signer
- Food
 - Campus Commuter Meal Plan
- Amenities – Pool, Gym, etc.
- Gas
- Commuter Parking & Commute Time
- Financial Aid
 - Talk with your SFS Counselor
- Talk with your Parents



Benefits of Off-Campus Living

- More Freedom
- More Control of your Own Space
- More Space (larger rooms, etc.)
- Less expensive parking
- Learning How To Take Care Of Yourself

