

“Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave and grow old wanting to get back to.”

To Rez or Not to Rez:

So often the advice is given to students heading off to post-secondary that where they live is of a secondary concern, as they are there to with the primary purpose of attending school. While undoubtedly the purpose of post-secondary schooling is to receive a higher level of education, a student’s choice of accommodation can greatly affect this same student’s ability to academically perform. A student’s home-life, or life outside of school, should support the student’s school-life. Excess stress, anxiety, or conflict at home can at times pervade all aspects of the post-secondary world. There is no right or wrong answer to the question of “Where should a post-secondary student reside?”, but rather it is a question of determining the right path for you after considering all the facts.

<i>Residence Accommodation</i>	<i>Private Accommodation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Proximity to University ✓ Required access to transportation ✓ Meal plan- access to food services ✓ Time management ✓ Socialization opportunities ✓ Sense of community ✓ Rental agreement aligned with school year ✓ Mentorships ✓ Sense of connection to the University ✗ Cost ✗ Privacy ✗ Roommates- the unknown ✗ Size of accommodation (possibly) ✗ Independent living experience ✗ High demand- availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cost (possibly) ✓ Independence ✓ Choice of Roommates ✓ Meal selection ✓ Sense of work and home separation ✓ More decision-making opportunities ✗ Transportation (parking or bus) ✗ Time management ✗ Rental agreements often not aligned with the school calendar ✗ More difficult to engage in socialization and networking ✗ Social supports ✗ Lack sense of connection to the University ✗ High demand- availability

BE TRUE TO SELF

- Do I want to travel to school every day?
- Do I want to like cooking/cleaning?
- Will my classes require me to stay last at school?
- Am I outgoing? Do I make friends easily?
- Am I easy to get along with?
- Do I effectively utilize my time (work & personal)?
- Do I know someone who I’d like to live with?

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Remember: Regardless of whether you choose to live in university residence or an apartment, competition can be fierce so be sure to apply or house hunt early!