Ms. SONG Xue  
(Full-time Postgraduate MA Language Studies)  

SONG Xue is a postgraduate student studying in CityU. She came to Hong Kong last year and she enjoys her off-campus life a lot. “Living off-campus is very nice! The time is flexible, and you are much freer without being bound by many rules.”

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Mr. DUAN Huayi  
(Full-time Undergraduate BSC Computer Science)  

DUAN Huayi, like many other students, made use of the internet to find his accommodation instead of using estate agents. Huayi made use of various Chinese language-based websites where other students had shared their experiences and information online. He added that because all of these websites are non-profit websites he trusted them more.

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Ms. Emilie VITTINI  
(Full-time Postgraduate LLM Common Law)

The usual way of finding accommodation in any city—not just Hong Kong—is by going through a real estate agency. However, Emilie used social media to find her apartment in Hong Kong. She has two simple tips for those who are looking for off-campus accommodation: first, don’t limit yourself to the traditional platforms for finding accommodation – check out social media. Second, don’t take the first apartment you find. If you look around, you are more likely to find a place that suits your tastes and budget.  

Mr. Peter KERBL  
(Full-time Postgraduate MA Global Business Management)

Peter arrived in Hong Kong in September 2014, but he had already started his search for accommodation in Hong Kong before he arrived. He found his apartment through a website specifically aimed at helping people find “flat-share” accommodations in Hong Kong. This website serves as a platform to connect persons with extra rooms and those looking for accommodation. 

Mr. Sergio Rodolfo CRUZ GOMEZ  
(Full-time Research PhD Computer Science)

I found the off-campus accommodations through the university web site, since the university recommends these places then I was sure it was a good quality place. You should ask your landlord on what specifically the place provides, the internet plan they have, etc. Also you should ask for pictures of the place if the place web site does not provide them.
Ms. CHEN Jinghan, Angela
(Full-time Postgraduate MA Language Studies)

Moving off-campus may be a nerve-racking experience, especially if you are not familiar with Hong Kong but it can also be very exciting if you are well informed. Ms. CHEN Jinghan (Angela), a Masters student of Translation and Interpretation, shares her experience as a non-local student living off campus. Read more...

Mr. CHEN George Jie
(Full-time Postgraduate LLM International Economic Law)

I am currently living at Dash Suites. My rent is around 13,000 HKD per month including amenities. Honestly, I didn't find very much information about off-campus accommodations before coming to Hong Kong. Most of my information was from the SRO Off-Campus Accommodation Orientation. I am from the US and I don't know much about Hong Kong housing. One of the things I found more bothersome as a student doing a short program is that most places require rent for a year upfront. As a student who is only here for 10 months, I found that limited my options right away. Read more...
Ms. JIANG Yingyun, Iris
(Full-time Postgraduate MSc Finance)

The moment after I made up my mind to enter university in Hong Kong, there is something that added burden to my self-financed study – the soaring housing prices. Because of this, I have started making preparations two months before semester started, so that I know what to expect in case the rental prices continue to surge. Read more...

Ms. CHEN Shan, Phyllis
(Full-time Postgraduate MA Language Studies)

To be honest, to the majority of mainland students, the 4-year-curriculum is spent mostly within school campus – at your student residence hall. Therefore, renting an apartment off-campus is like entering a completely different territory. Yet, it is also a brand-new experience. I started looking for apartments once I got my admission letter from City University. At first, I had no idea what to do and was quite lost. Fortunately, I received some help from my friends who were already studying in Hong Kong, which allowed me to have more understandings towards local housing prices and situations. Read more...
Mr. Vincent YOGA  
(Full-time Undergraduate BENG Civil and Structural Engineering)

I found the information about off-campus accommodations in Hong Kong at Student Residence Office's off-campus seminar during the summer semester. When you first meet your landlord, you should ask for details of the contract as clearly as possible. Before you sign your lease, you should pay attention on whether the place is a registered flat or if it is under an illegal flat system. I do not have any recommendations on how to find a roommate because I found my roommate by myself; usually your known friend is better. 

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