Property Comparisons List

On-Campus		Private Renting		Lodgings/Digs	
Location		**Location**		**Location**	
Saves travel expenses		Check out distance from UCD: walking,		Check out distance from UCD: walking,	
Saves on time travelling in and out		bike/bus/car etc.		bike/bus/car etc.	
Beside all facilites and amenitities		Check out distance from:		Check out distance from:	
e.g. Shops/laundry/clubs/sports/		all facilities and amenities		all facilities and amenities	
societies and more coming		e.g. Shops/entertainment, sports/clubs etc.		e.g. Shops/entertainment, sports/clubs etc.	
		Check out fare price on public transport		Check out fare price on public transport	
		Check out fare price with taxis		Check out fare price with taxis	
		Are there any friends living nearby?		Are there any friends living nearby?	
		Would you feel safe in the area		Would you feel safe in the area	
Living with others		**Living with others**		**Living with others**	
Always someone to hang out with		Best friends may no be compatible housemates		Budget for clothing/socialising	
Usually a mix of under/postgrad and		Can be communal cooking		Some lodgings are self-catering	
internationals		Need to set rota for cleaning		Check if Wi-Fi present	
Or friends can pick apartment to share		Someone needs to take charge of paying rent		Be open and honest to avoid disagreements	
Can be communal cooking/cleaning		Budget for food/clothing/rent/bills		Have a balance between study, rest, work	
Budget for food/clothing/socialising		Check if Wi-Fi present		and socialising to get the most out of your	
Wi-Fi present		Can you study with noisy housemates?		academic and social life and experiences	
Can you study with noisy housemates?		Be open and honest to avoid disagreements			
Be open and honest to avoid disagreements		Have a balance between study, rest, work			
Have a balance between study, rest, work		and socialising to get the most out of your			
and socialising to get the most out of your		academic and social life and experiences			
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Check out Property		**Check out Property**		**Check out Property**	
Check out photos on www.ucd.ie/residences		Check if size of bedroom and living area are		Check if size of bedroom and living area are	
Check for open days		sufficient		sufficient	
Check if Student Recruitment are running		Are desk and chair supplied?		Are desk and chair supplied?	
campus/residences tours.		Is there enough natural light in rooms?		Is there enough natural light in rooms?	
		Are there enough bathrooms?		Are there enough bathrooms?	
		Is there enough room in the kitchen?		Is there enough room in the kitchen?	
		Are the furnishings up to standard?		Are the furnishings up to standard?	
		What kind of central heating system is in place?		What kind of central heating system is in place?	
		Is there a BER Certificate?		Is there a BER Certificate?	
		Are there signs of damp?		Are there signs of damp?	
		Are there any repairs needed?		Are there any repairs needed?	
Other Comparisons		**Other Comparisons**		**Other Comparisons**	
You only pay for the 37wks of the Academic Year		Might have to pay for the whole year - Check		Might have to pay for w/ends, holidays, study leave etc. Check	
Damage deposit required		Damage deposit required		Check if damage deposit required	
		Usually rent due in advance		Usually rent due in advance	
Legally tied to the licence to reside for 37wks		Legally tied to the contract		Check if legally tied to a contract	
Free Wi-Fi		Check if free Wi-Fi		Check if free Wi-Fi	
Basic contents insurance cover		Check if covered for insurance		Check if covered for insurance	
Central heating provided		Check out central heating (costs, budget for bills)		Check if available for late night/early morn study etc.	
Maintenance on site 24-7		Have Landlords number handy for emergencies		Usually have landlord on site	