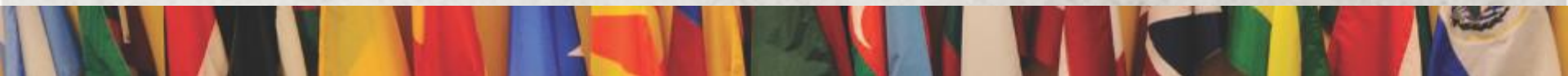


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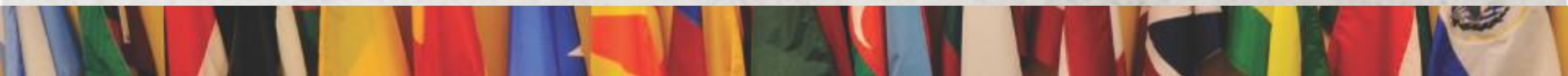
*On- and Off-Campus*





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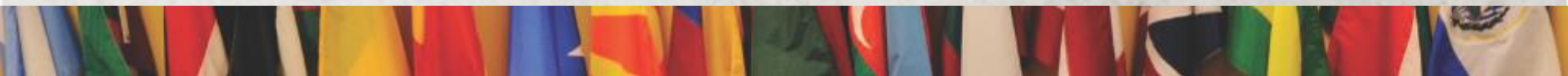
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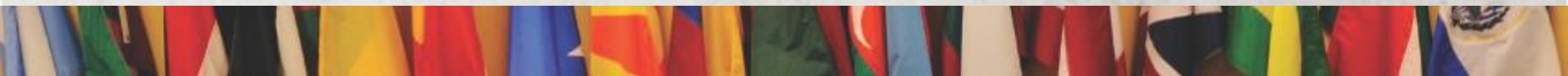
## *Fletcher's Residence Hall*

- For single students or married students attending school without their spouse and children
- *Great for students who:*
  - Can't arrive early to look for housing
  - Don't want to commit to a 12-month lease



# Blakeley Hall *Accommodations*

- Houses 84 residents
- Double and triple suites
- Each bedroom has:
  - Bed (twin XL)
  - Dresser
  - Closet
  - Desk and chair
- Residents provide all other furnishings (including their own bed linens, blankets, towels, fan, lamp, cookware, etc.)

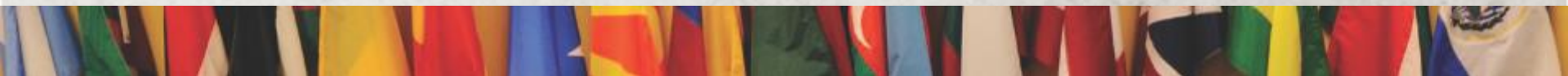


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## *Common Spaces*



- Bathrooms shared with three or four other students
- Common spaces:
  - Large renovated kitchen
  - Laundry facilities
  - Common lounge
- On-campus parking is available for a fee



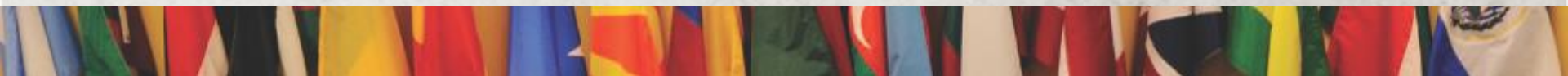
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## *Typical Community*



### 2016-2017 Class Stats:

- Residents: 84
- Programs: 6
- Countries: 22
- Languages: 39
- Average Age: 28
  - Youngest: 21
  - Eldest: 59



# Blakeley Hall

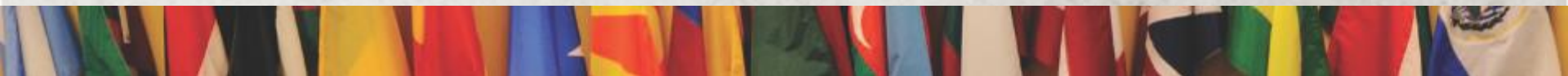
## *Key Dates*

<b>May 1</b>	Blakeley Hall Application due
<b>May 10</b>	Confirmation of room will be sent
<b>June 7</b>	\$400 Deposit due
<b>June 21</b>	Deadline to cancel place in Blakeley (or forfeit deposit)
<b>August 13</b>	Shipments may arrive
<b>August 24</b>	Blakeley Hall opens
<b>August 25</b>	Blakeley Hall Orientation (mandatory)

*For More Information*

<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Blakeley>

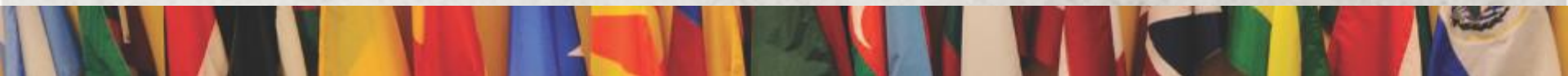
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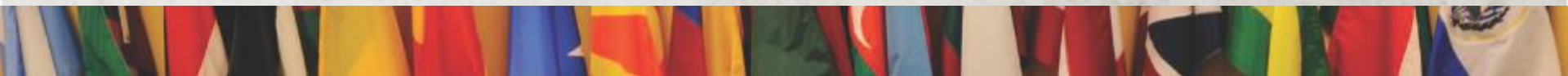
*Housing Off-Campus:*

**Many Possibilities!**



# Fletcher's Neighborhood

- The Fletcher School is located in a densely populated urban area a few miles northwest of downtown Boston.
- The communities in which Fletcher students usually live are **MEDFORD**, **SOMERVILLE**, **CAMBRIDGE**, **ARLINGTON**, and **MALDEN**.
- Many apartments in this area are accessible by walking, biking, or by public transportation.
- Students with cars may find it easier to live farther away from campus where housing may be less expensive.

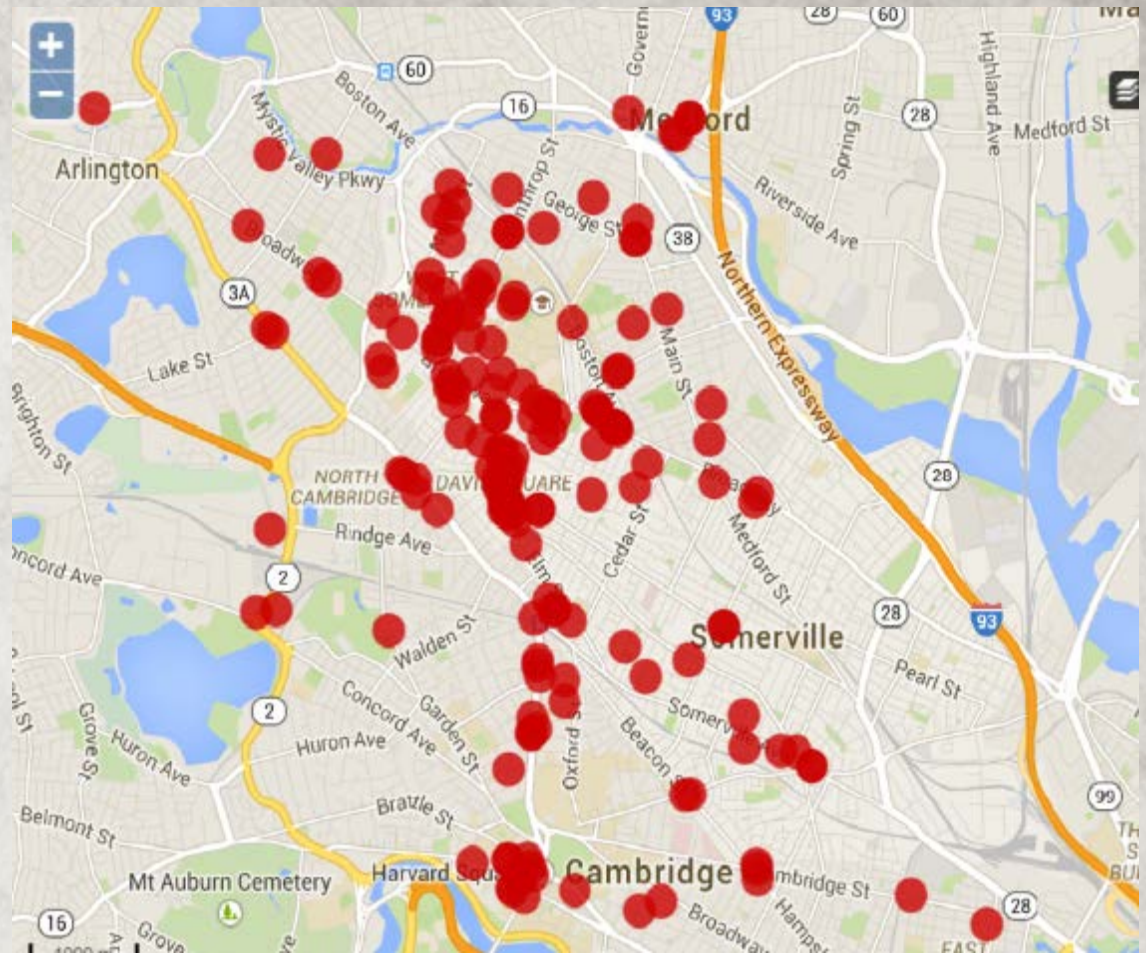


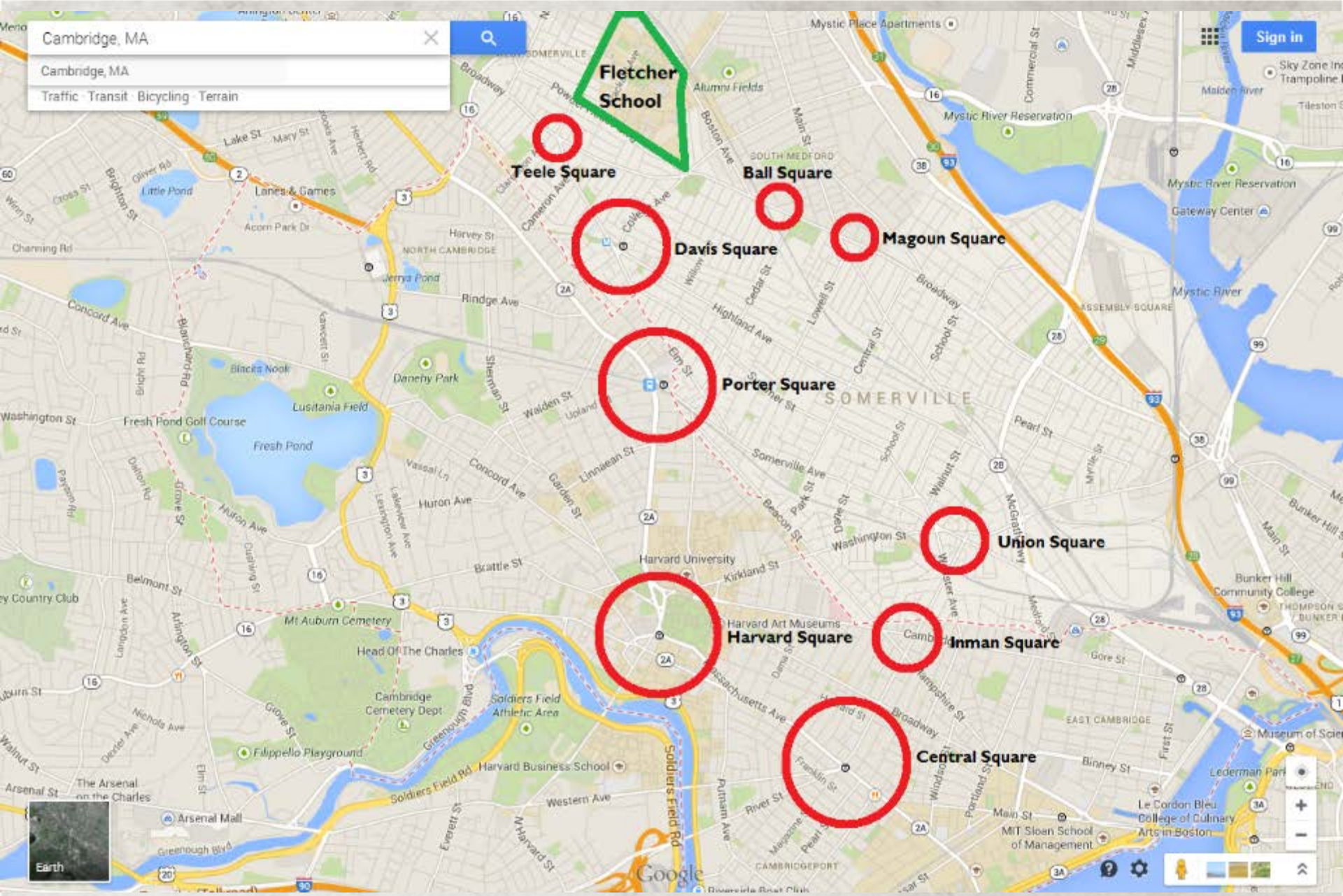
# Somerville, Medford, & Cambridge: Neighborhood Guide

With the Tufts University campus located partially in **SOMERVILLE** and partially in **MEDFORD**, these two towns are the most convenient options for many Fletcher students.

**CAMBRIDGE** is adjacent to Somerville and is another convenient location for students

*The following slides outline various neighborhoods of **SOMERVILLE, MEDFORD, CAMBRIDGE***





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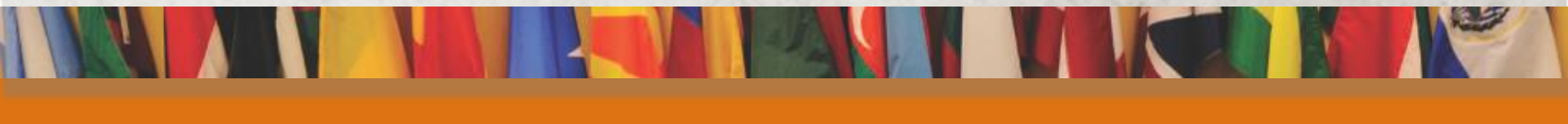
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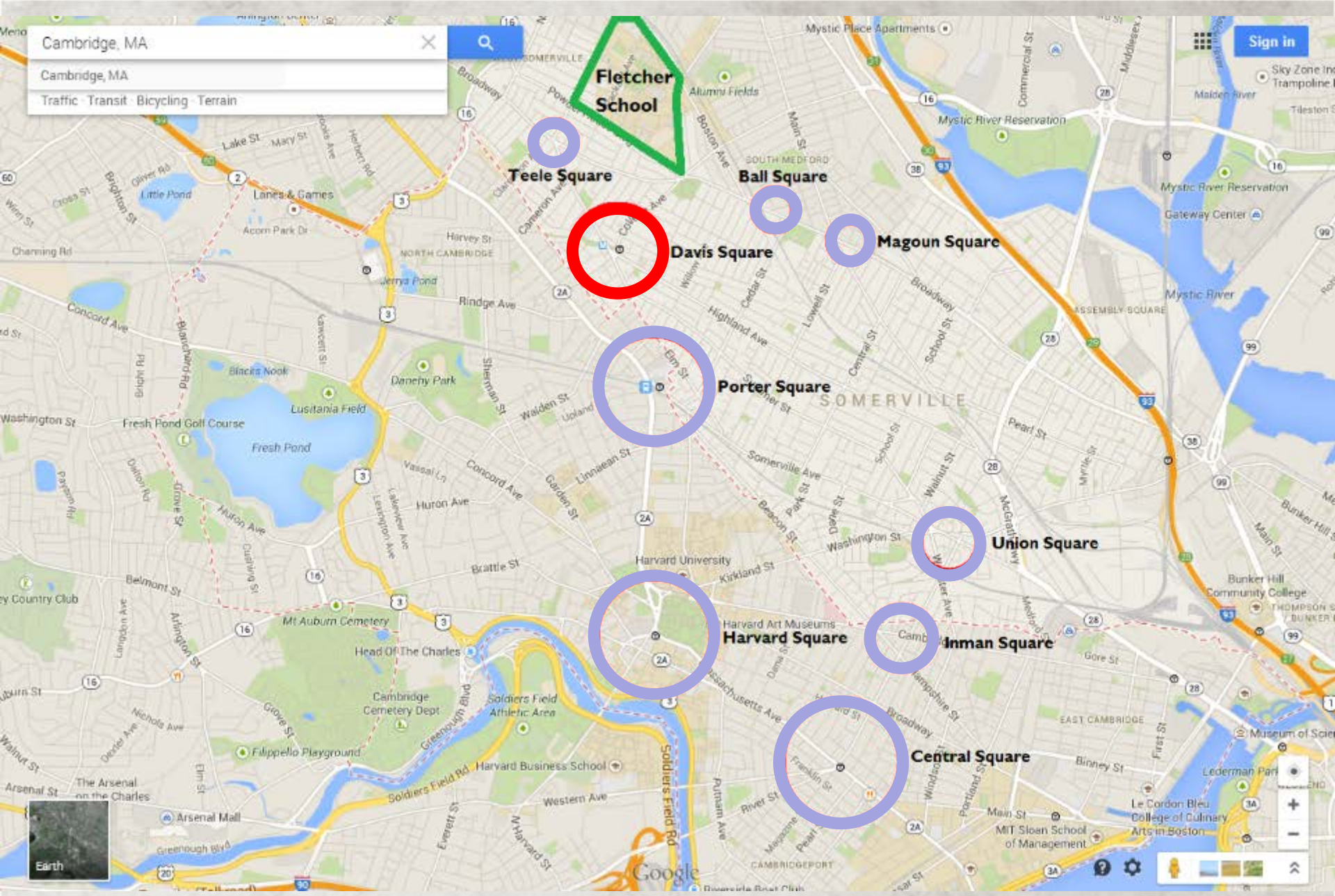
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# Davis Square

## Somerville

- **Rent:** \$\$\$
- 1 mile from campus
- Wide variety of restaurants and cafes, as well as the Somerville Theater



Davis Square T station  
on the **Red Line**



15-20 minute walk  
from campus



10 minute bus ride  
on the #96 bus or  
campus shuttle



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# Teele Square

## Somerville

- **Rent:** \$\$
- 0.5 miles from campus
- Mostly residential with a handful of small restaurants and cafes



10 minute walk  
from campus



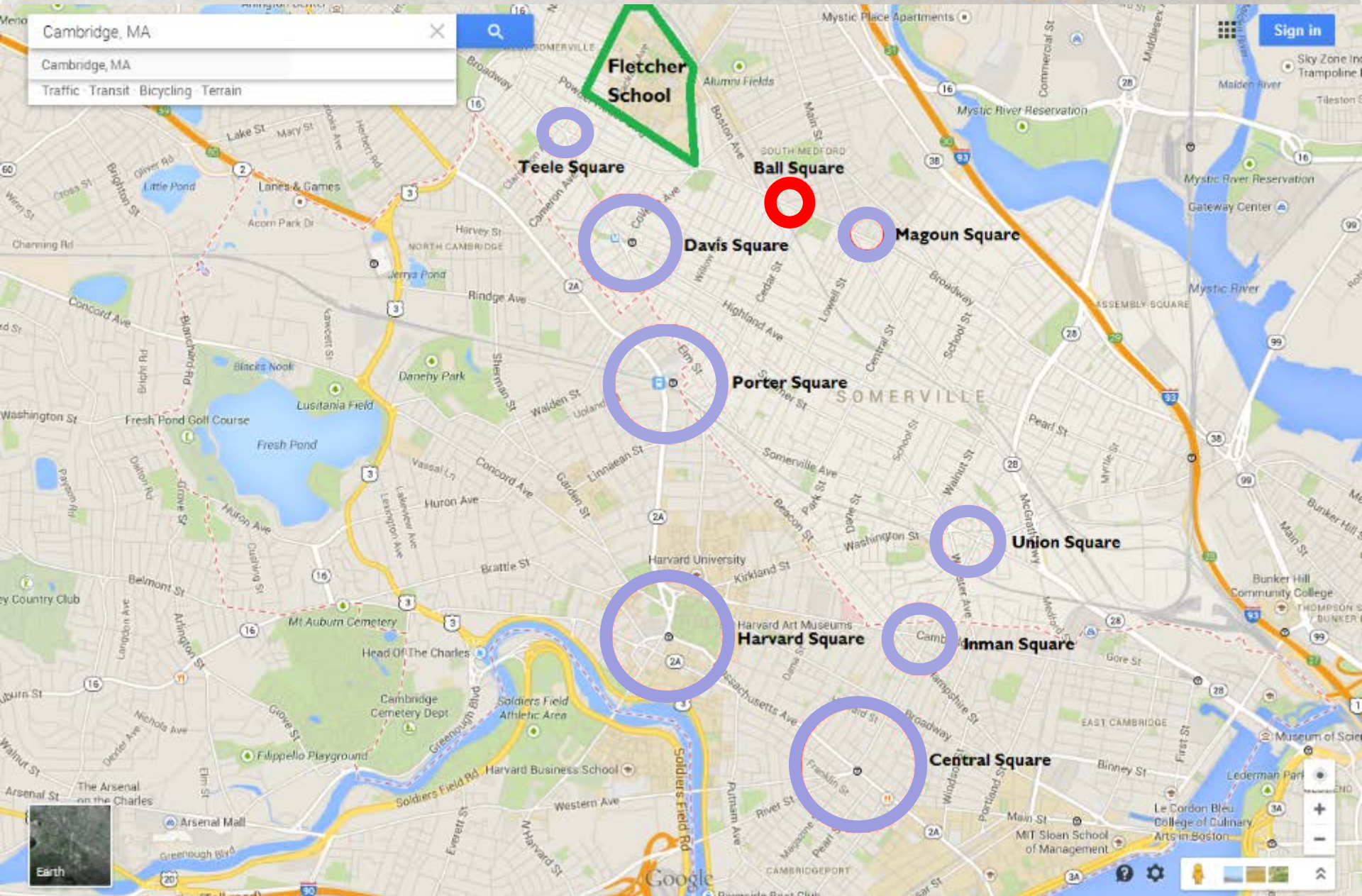


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*Medford*

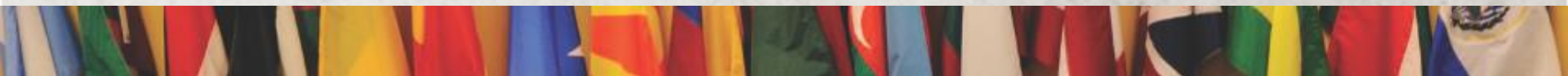
- **Rent:** \$\$
- 1.6 miles from campus
- Porter Square shopping plaza (10-15 minute walk) has a large grocery store, pharmacies, and a variety of restaurants



20 minute walk  
from campus



5 minute bus ride  
on the #80 bus

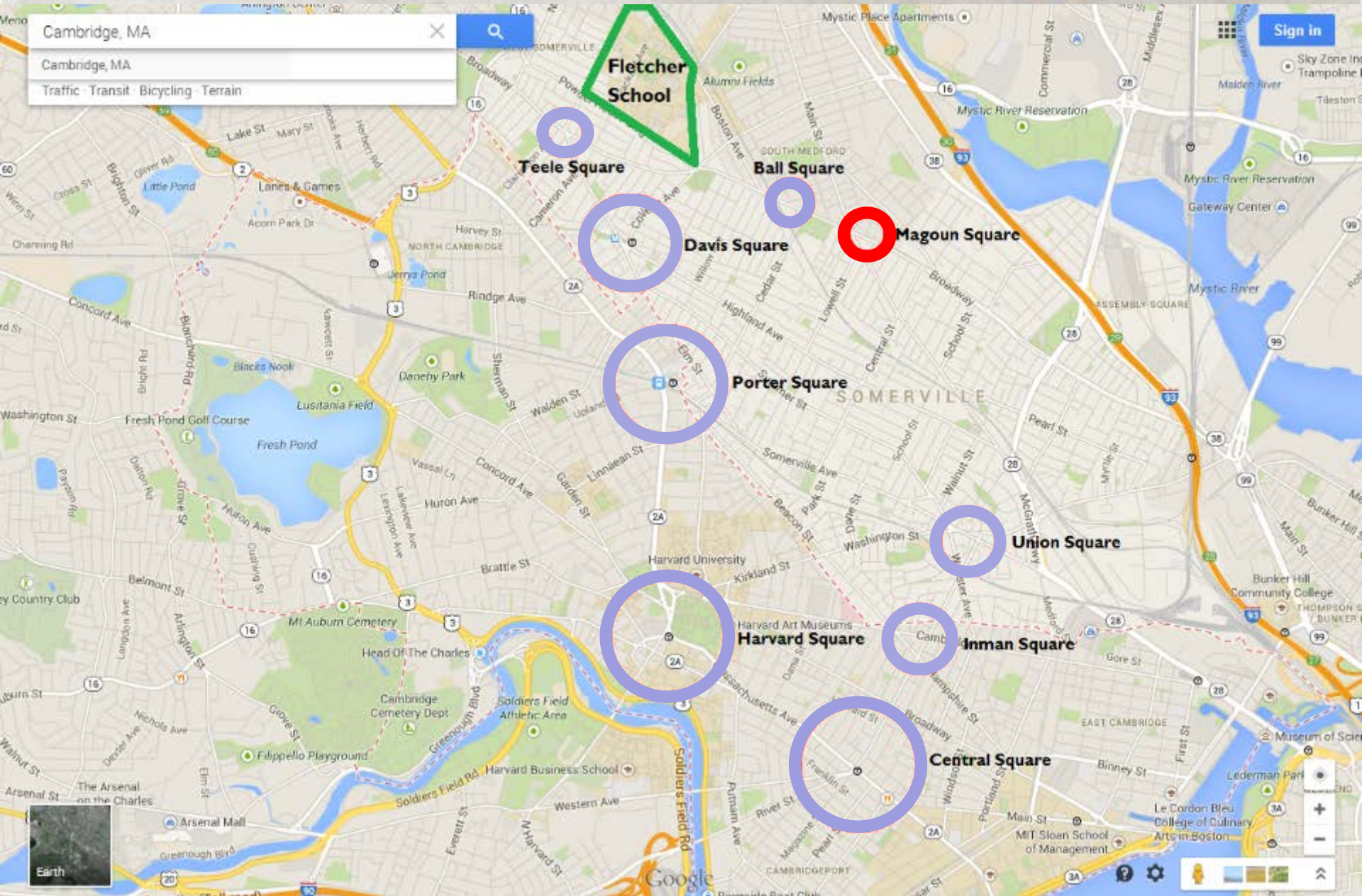


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## Medford

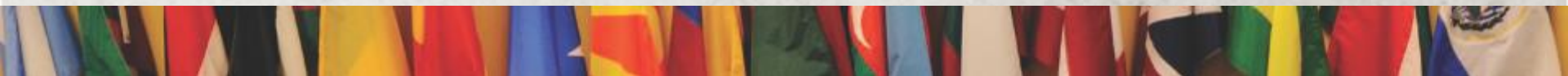
- **Rent:** \$\$
- 1.3 miles from campus
- Porter Square shopping plaza (15-20 minute walk) has a large grocery store, pharmacies, and a variety of restaurants



30 minute walk from campus



15 minute bus ride on the #80 bus



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# Porter Square

## Cambridge

- **Rent:** \$\$\$
- 1.6 miles from campus
- Porter Square shopping plaza has a large grocery store, pharmacies, and a variety of restaurants



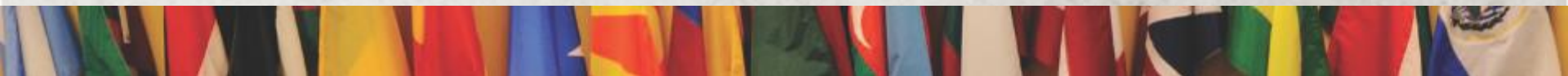
Porter Square T station  
on the **Red Line**



30 minute walk  
from campus



15 minute bus ride  
on the #96 bus



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# Union Square *Somerville*

- **Rent:** \$\$
- 2.5 miles from campus
- Wide variety of restaurants and cafes, as well as a weekly farmers' market



25 minute bus ride  
on the #80 bus





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# Inman Square

Cambridge

- **Rent:** \$\$
- 3.2 miles from campus
- Eclectic neighborhood with a wide variety of great restaurants, cafes, and bars



45 minute bus ride  
on the #87 bus



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# Harvard Square

## Cambridge

- **Rent: \$\$\$\$**
- 3.5 miles from campus
- Harvard University, bustling square with many students, restaurants, and cafes
- Close to the Charles River



Harvard Square T  
station on the **Red Line**



25 minute bus ride  
on the #96 bus



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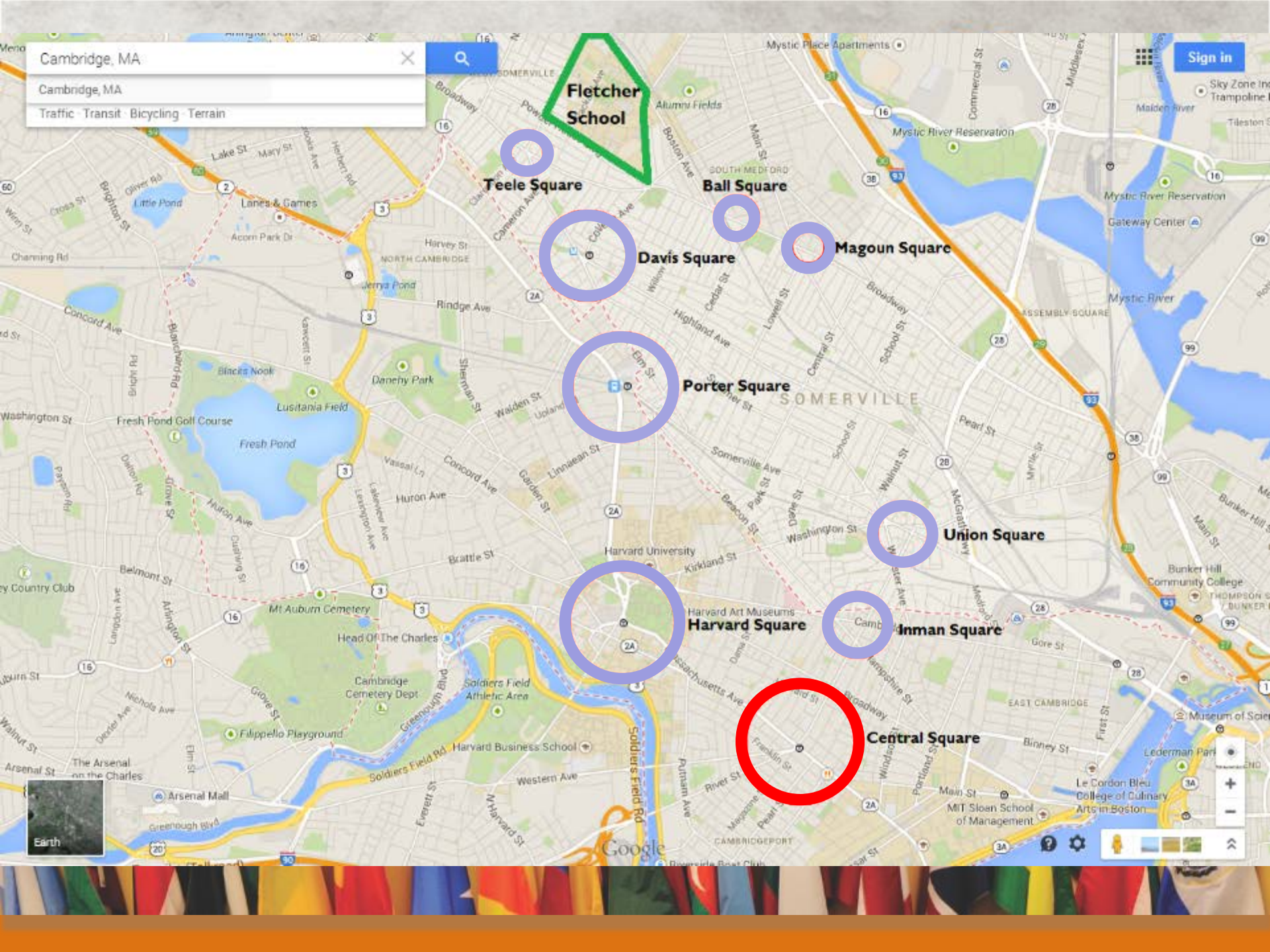
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# Central Square

## Cambridge

- **Rent: \$\$\$\$**
- 3.5 miles from campus
- Eclectic neighborhood with a wide variety of great restaurants, cafes, and bars
- Located between Harvard University and MIT
- Close to the Charles River

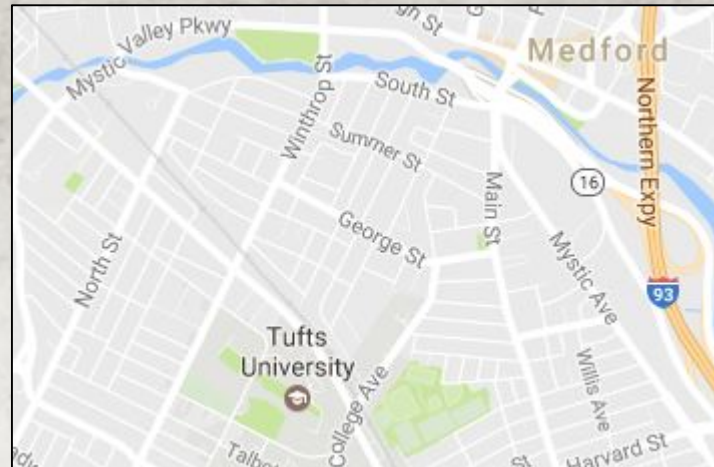


Central Square **T** station  
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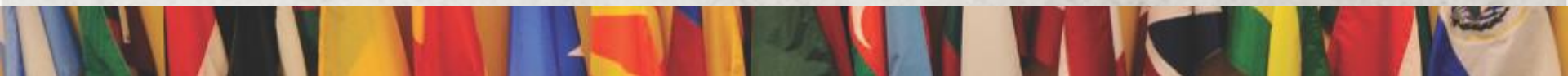


## Tufts-Adjacent

- **Rent:** \$\$
- 0-0.5 miles from campus
- Suburban residential neighborhoods with access to grocery, cafes, and the bus system



1-10 minute walk  
from campus



# Medford

- **Rent:** \$\$
- 1-2 miles from campus
- Suburban residential town located northeast of the Fletcher campus



15-30 minute walk  
from campus



10-15 minute bus  
ride on the #94 and  
#96 buses



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# Malden

- **Rent:** \$
- 4 miles from campus
- Suburban residential town located northeast of the Fletcher campus



15 minute drive  
from campus



40-minute bus ride  
on the #101 bus



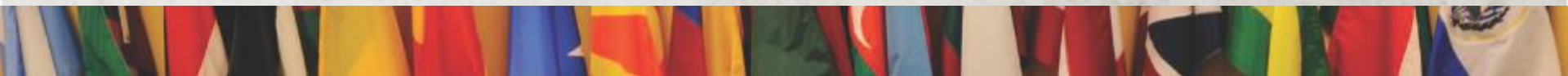
Malden Center T station  
on the **Orange Line**

(\*\*convenient to downtown Boston, not to campus)



# Rent: Summary

- **Rents vary according to the area you choose**, but generally:
  - A studio/one-bedroom apartment can range from \$1200 to \$3000 a month.
  - Two bedrooms: on average \$800-\$1200 per month, per bedroom.
  - Three or more bedrooms: on average \$700-\$1000 per month, per bedroom.
- **Rent often does not include the cost of utilities** - a major expense during New England's cold winters. Utilities can run over \$200 a month per apartment, averaged over the 12-month period.
- Anecdotally, Fletcher students who share accommodations (2, 3, or 4 bedroom apartments) pay an **average of \$700-\$900 a month** before utilities.
- Be sure to **consider broker/realtor fees**, which can often run up to one month's rent.



# Tips for Finding an Apartment

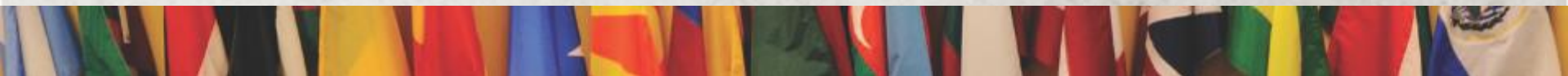
- **Start looking early and often!**
- **Where to start?**
  - **Decide on your priorities** – gym access, T-access, family, etc.
  - **Connect with current students** – they are the best resources about housing and may lead you to an available apartment:
    - <http://Tinyurl.com/FletcherHousing>
  - The **Fletcher Admitted Applicant Website** is a very useful source for housing information:
    - <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Congratulations>
  - **Tufts Off-Campus Housing Office** may also be a helpful resource:
    - <http://ase.tufts.edu/och/default.asp>

# Tips for Finding an Apartment

- **Good apartment search practices:**
  - Compare a few places before deciding on one.
  - See the apartment in person (or by proxy) before signing the lease.
  - Be sure to know your rights.
  - Ask about laundry facilities.
  - Be clear about what utilities are included or not included in the rent.
- **Realtors may be the easiest way to gain access to certain apartments (but not the only way).**
- **Getting a place for August 1 (rather than September 1) will give you time to move and get settled before classes start.**
  - If moving September 1<sup>st</sup>, be sure to **reserve a UHAUL MONTHS IN ADVANCE!**

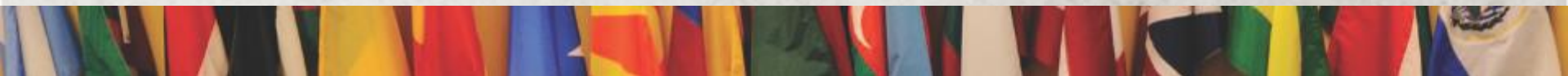
# Tips for Finding an Apartment

- **Visiting the Property** – make appointments with landlords or through realtors in advance
- **Make an Appointment and Arrive on Time** – landlords won't wait around for you if you're late
- **Be Presentable** – look responsible so the landlord will like you!
- **Be Persistent** – be sure to follow-up with the landlord ASAP if you like a place
- **Carry Your Checkbook** – you may need to place a deposit to demonstrate your interest
- **Timing** – patience! Give yourself a few weeks to find housing and it will work out.



# Tips for Finding an Apartment

- **Living with other graduate students/Fletcher students** makes arranging house schedules much easier
  - If possible, **meet or connect with potential roommates before committing**
- A great place is **not worth it if you sense that the landlord will be difficult** and not willing to fix problems
- Make sure that your apartment has a **good, quiet work space**



## Lead Paint Info for Families

- There is a lead law in Massachusetts that requires the deleading or interim control of lead hazards existing in homes built before 1978 where children under six reside. **Owners are responsible for complying with the Lead Law and paying the costs to delead.** This includes owners of rental property as well as owners living in their own single-family or multi-family home.
- Property owners can contact the Massachusetts Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to get a list of licensed lead inspectors to check for lead paint. Tenants with children under age six can call their local Lead Poisoning Prevention Program or Health Department and ask for a free lead inspection or determination.

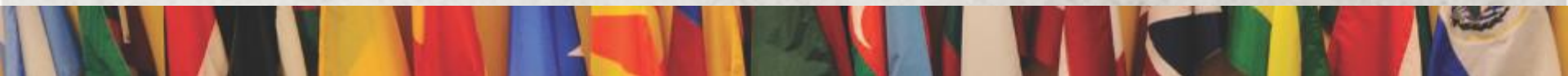
# On-Campus vs. Off-Campus: Pros

## On-Campus (Blakeley)

- Location
- Price
- Utilities included
- No worries on sublets
- Checkbook / Credit  
Check / References
- Community &  
roommates

## Off-Campus

- Space
- Flexibility (pricing,  
location)
- Accommodating to  
various needs
- Kitchen space
- More integrated into  
neighboring  
communities





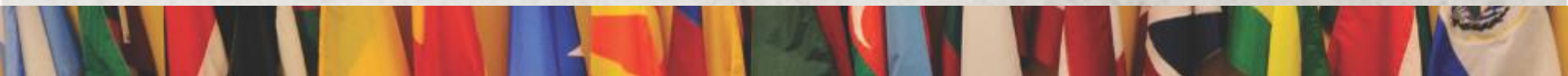
# On-Campus vs. Off-Campus: Cons

## On-Campus (Blakeley)

- Space limitations
- Shared kitchen
- Too close to school (?)
- 84 spots available
- Summer storage

## Off-Campus

- More work up front
- Commuting time
- Utilities in winter
- Landlords
- Summer sublets



## Final Thoughts

- Think about other creative housing options – like managing a fraternity house at MIT or being a Graduate Resident Director in the Tufts undergraduate dormitories!
- Contact Blakeley Resident Directors:
  - [Blakeley-RD@tufts.edu](mailto:Blakeley-RD@tufts.edu)
  - <http://Fletcher.tufts.edu/Blakeley>
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