

**Senior Seminar: Renting an Apartment**  
**30 Important Questions to Ask**

1. Is there an application fee? How much? Is it refundable?
2. Is there a credit check? How much? Is it refundable?
3. Is there a background check? How much? Is it refundable?
4. How much is the security deposit?
5. How long is the lease?
6. How much notice is required before moving out?
7. When will the apartment be vacant? (ready to move in)
8. Is apartment/renter's insurance required?
9. When is the rent due?
10. What forms of payment area acceptable for rent?
11. Is there a late fee? If so, when does it start, and how much?
12. Who pays for electric/gas?
13. Who pays for heat?
14. Are there any other utilities that the tenant pays? (water/trash/sewer/etc.)
15. Where is parking? (off-street or parking lot) Is a permit required for parking?
16. Is the apartment 'cable ready'?
17. What have previous tenants paid for their monthly electric bill?
18. Who is responsible for lawn care/snow removal?
19. What type of security is there?
20. Where is the mailbox? Is there a key?
21. Where is the trash/What day is trash pickup?
22. What are the procedures for an emergency repair or requesting maintenance?
23. Are pets allowed? Is there a monthly fee for them? Extra security deposit?
24. Are you offering any discounts or special offers?
25. What is the guest policy?
26. How many people can live in the apartment?
27. Does each person need to be on the lease?
28. What is the policy on sub-letting?
29. What are the hours of the leasing office?
30. What are the hours for the gym/fitness room/pool?

