

# La Follette School Student Association

## Housing Guide 2018-2019

### Madison Neighborhoods

#### Near Campus/State Street

*Why it's great*

“Furnished and all utilities included! Less than five-minute walk to Memorial Library and Memorial Union, one block from bus stops and a backyard with a dock on Lake Mendota!”

#### Old University/Hilldale/Near West

*Why it's great*

“I love it here! It's super quiet, management is quick to fix problems and they have giveaways and events for residents! All of Old University is on the bus line and it is a straight shot to campus. There is also a high proportion of grad students in the area.”

“Hilldale is just 2.5 miles from campus and there are plenty of buses than run down University Avenue. You are walking distance from multiple grocery stores, Target, Hilldale Mall, restaurants, bars and coffee shops!”

#### University Housing

*Why it's great*

“This campus affiliate area is entirely graduate students or UW staff/faculty! There are lots of families, it's kid-friendly, very multicultural, has lots of free events, free parking, and community garden plots for rent! It is also on the bike path and bus route to campus.”

### **Greenbush/Vilas/Drake/Park Street**

*Why it's great*

“This area is only a 15-20 minute walk to the main part of campus. The neighborhoods are a mix of young professionals, families and students, but not too many undergrads.”

### **Capital Square/Near Capital**

*Why it's great*

“Convenient to everything and only a 25-30 minute walk to campus. There are plenty of bus stops and it's easy to get around. You are also close to bars, restaurants and shopping! It's just far enough away from campus that it doesn't feel student-centric – there are other young professionals living and working in the area.”

### **Mansion Hill**

*Why it's great*

“Affordable and only minutes to campus! I like that it is close to campus but there aren't many students, especially undergrads.”

### **East Johnson/James Madison Park**

*Why it's great*

“Right by Lake Mendota and a convenient walk or bus ride to campus! There are cool bars and restaurants in the area and though there are students living here, it doesn't feel too student-centric.”

### **Williamson Street/Atwood Avenue**

*Why it's great*

“Such a cool area! It has more of a neighborhood, community feel as fewer students live over here. Like the Capital area, there are tons of unique bars, restaurants and shopping nearby. Though it's not really walking distance to campus, there are plenty of buses and a bike path!”

## Other Resources and Advice

### Transportation

[Madison Metro Bus System](#) - Free bus pass for UW Madison students provided by ASM

[BCycle](#) - Reduced price bicycle rentals, rental stations located throughout Madison

[Zipcar](#) - Reduced price hourly car rentals for UW Madison students

[Red Bike Project](#) - Free bicycle rental and maintenance for UW students from April through November

[City of Madison Bike Map](#) - Interactive map of bike paths and lanes

*Student advice* - “If you plan to live farther from campus, make sure to know the bus routes and schedule. Some of the most convenient bus routes stop running in the early evening.” “E. Johnson, Gorham and University Ave. are all major thoroughfares. They can be busy streets to live on but have plenty of bus access.”

### Housing

[UW Housing for Graduate Students](#) – Three unique housing neighborhoods are within one half mile from campus

[Campus Area Housing](#) – Searchable database of off-campus rentals

[Tenant Resource Center](#) – Provides a variety of services to renters, awareness of tenant rights, conflict mediation and attorney references

[Madison Neighborhood Associations](#) - List of all city of Madison neighborhood associations and contact info

*Student advice* - “W. Mifflin St. and Langdon St. are both undergraduate heavy areas and tend to be loud. Langdon Street is the location of all of UW’s fraternities and sororities. They may not be the best areas for graduate students to live.”