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Department of  
Biomedical  
Engineering  
Welcome Packet  
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# 15<sup>th</sup>

Largest BME  
Department Nationally



## Welcome!

We are excited that you are considering the University of Utah for your graduate school experience. This information packet, prepared by current BME graduate students, will help you learn more about our program, the lives of our current students, and life in Salt Lake City!



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## Graduate Tracks

# 17<sup>th</sup>

In BME Research  
Expenditures



# Life In Utah

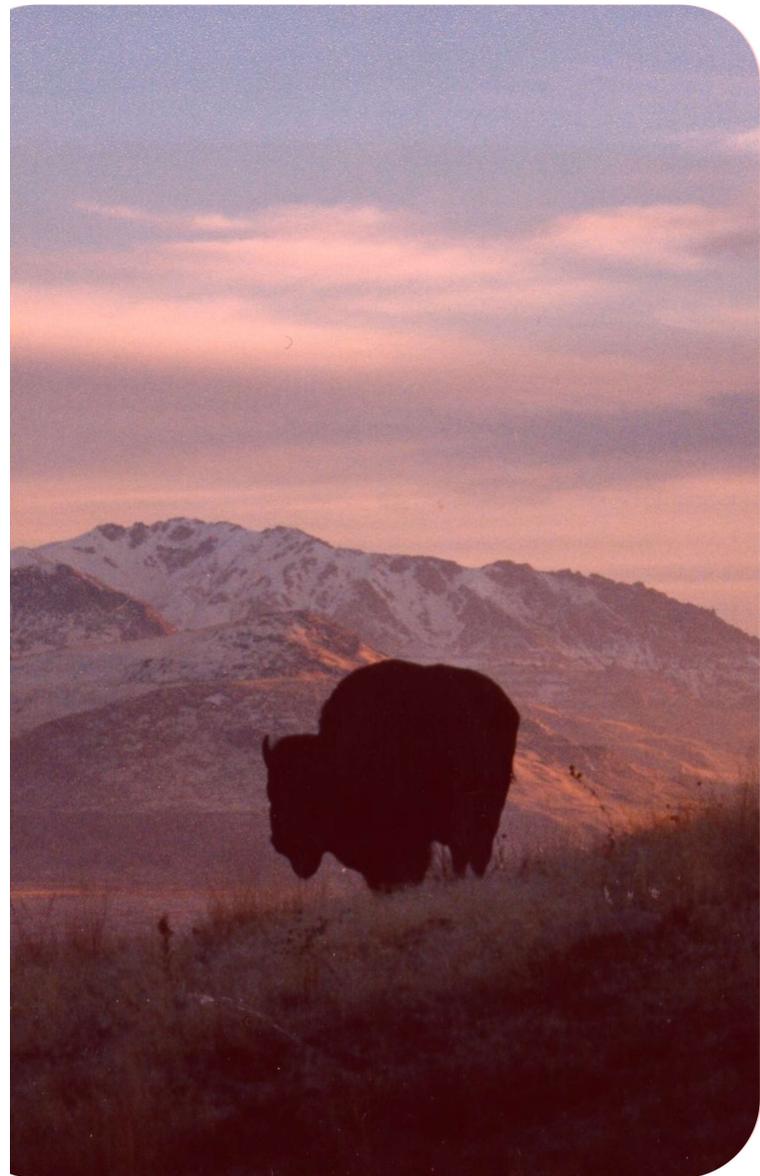
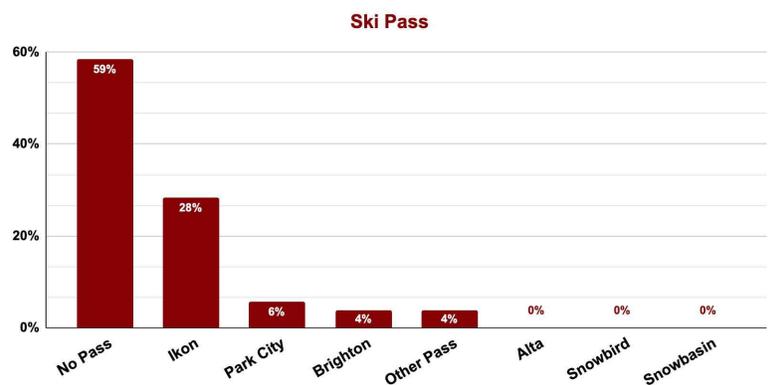
*“I came for the access to the mountains and stayed for the atmosphere and peers.”*

*“UofU is a great school with exciting research opportunities. Besides, Salt Lake City is a great place to live in.”*

## A Place For You

Welcome to our vibrant community, boasting over 10 unique neighborhoods easily explored with complimentary bus and TRAX (Light Rail) services using your student ID. Just a 45-minute drive away, enjoy the luxury of famous ski resorts such as Park City, Brighton, Alta, and Snowbird. Immerse yourself outdoors with numerous hiking trails within walking distance of several neighborhoods and campus. Salt Lake City is a gateway to adventure, surrounded by **5 national parks, 45 state parks, 5 national history museums, 14 national monuments, 26 natural areas, and 15 ski resorts.** Indulge in the seamless blend of convenience, exploration, and timeless beauty that defines our community.

**Welcome to Salt Lake City!**





*“I chose Utah because it had the best combination of research I'm interested in and activities to do outside of lab, plus the work-life balance to actually be able to enjoy those things.”*

### **Favorite Student Activities**

- Concerts, Music, & Film Festivals
- Cross Country Skiing
- Disc Golf
- Exploring Local Cafes and Breweries
- Hiking/Camping
- Knitting & Crochet
- Mountain Biking
- Nature Photography
- Pottery Class
- Rock Climbing
- Skiing & Snowboarding
- Trail Running
- Trivia Nights
- Visiting Museums
- Yoga



**Department of Biomedical  
Engineering Website**



# Housing in Salt Lake City

## Avenues

Charming, Historic Homes  
Small Local Business  
Hiking & Biking Trails  
Close to University  
Great Views of the City

## 9th & 9th

Local Shops  
Cafes & Restaurants  
Walkability  
Food, Coffee, Entertainment

## Top Methods of Finding Housing

Word of Mouth  
Zillow  
Rentler  
Facebook  
KSL  
University Housing  
Apartments.com  
Realtor  
Driving Around

## University

Residential Area  
Student Housing  
Close to Work & School  
Great Public Transportation

## Foothill

Neighborhood Feel  
Close to Red Butte Garden  
Near Emigration Canyon  
Closer to Skiing Canyons  
Easy Freeway Access

## Harvard & Yale

Beautiful Homes  
Centrally Located  
Easy Commute to Campus  
Cafes and Restaurants

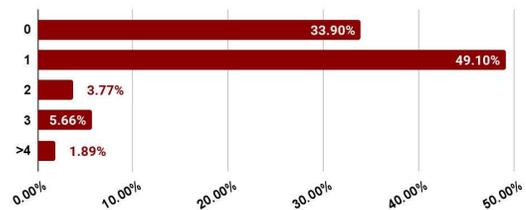
## Downtown

Metropolitan  
Restaurants & Nightlife  
Pioneer Park  
Sports and Events  
Centers  
City Life Atmosphere

## Sugarhouse

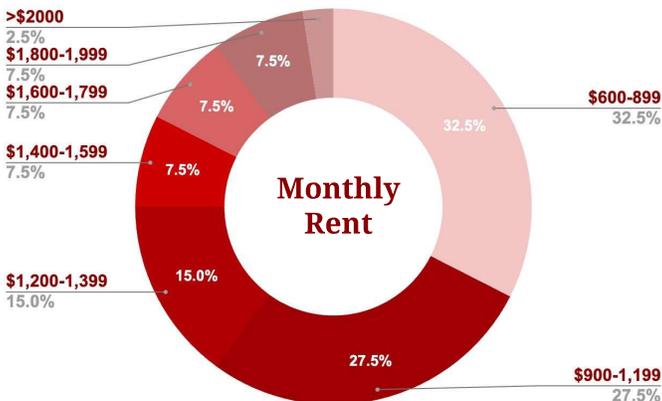
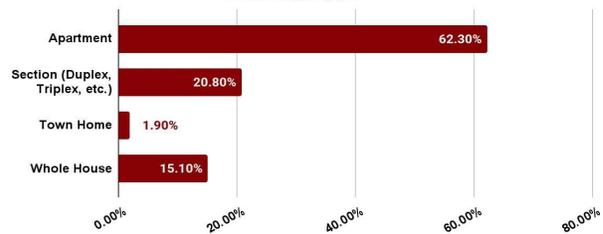
Safe Neighborhood  
Shopping Centers  
Sugarhouse & Fairmont Parks  
"Mini Downtown"  
Great Restaurants

## Number of Roommates

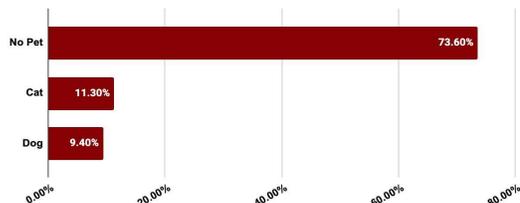


Utilities are occasionally included in rent. Student who pay for separately pay on average \$92.21 ranging from \$35-\$200.

## Housing Type



## Pets



\*All Data collected from 53 current masters and PhD students (2024-2025)

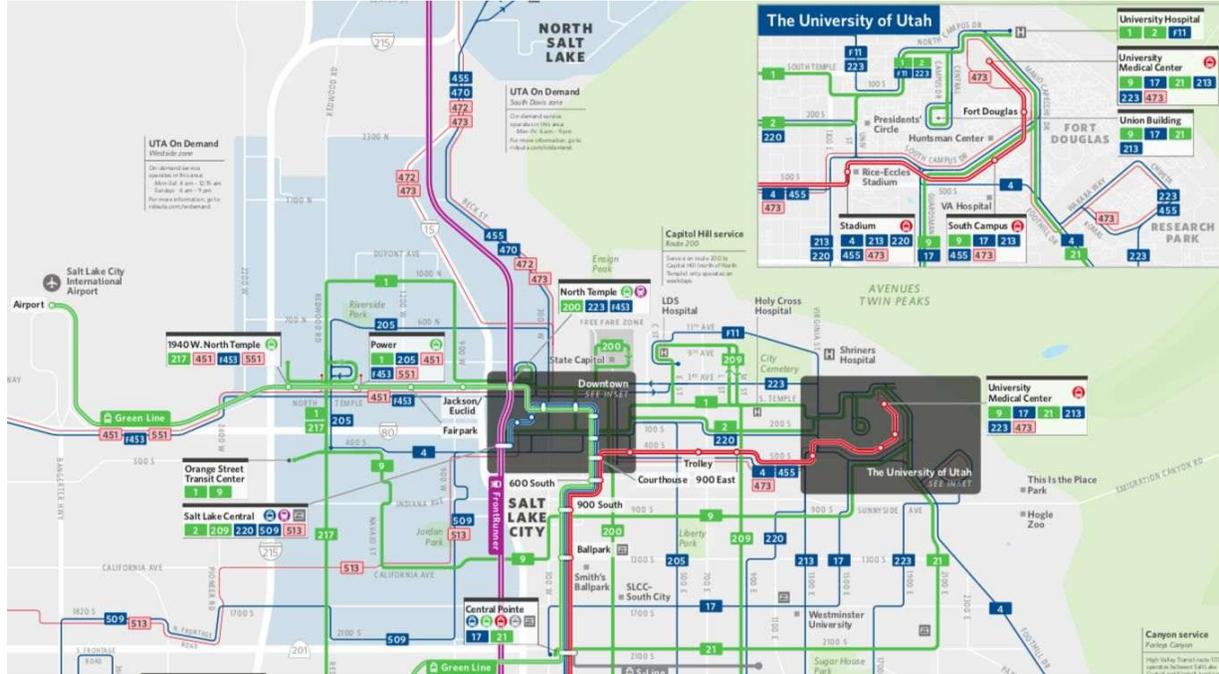
# Commuting to the



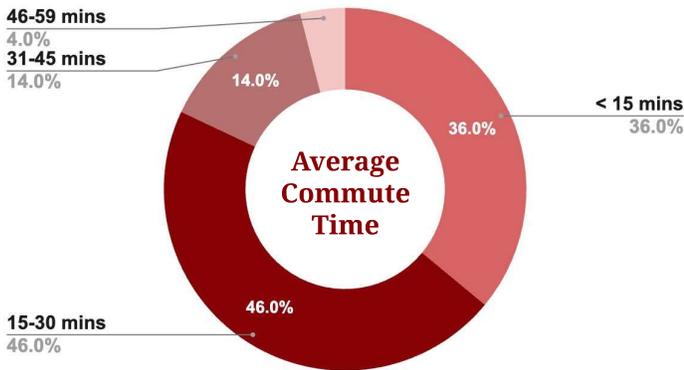
## UTA & TRAX

UTA Bus & TRAX are free for all University of Utah students and employees with valid UofU ID.

Online version of this map can be found here:



## Average Commute Times



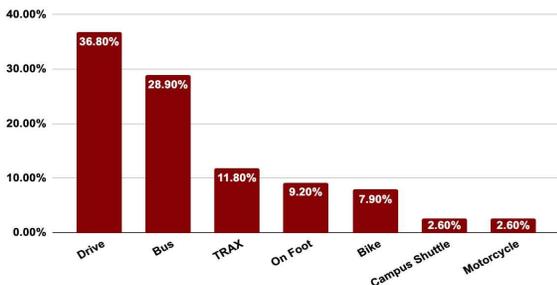
## University of Utah Parking Services Map



## UTA Schedules and Maps



## Commute Method



## Current Student Housing



# Advice from Students

- Find a place close to a bus/TRAX stop that goes directly to the U — this lowers gas/parking expenses, helps our inversion, and provides an easy way to get to work on snowy days.
- Consider bus or TRAX stops that do NOT require switching multiple times when commuting to campus. Use a *direct/single-stop* commute.
- Places come up for rent usually about 1-2 months before landlords want to start the lease. Looking early may not always be preferable.
- Landlords accept lots of applications for each apartment; ask how many active applicants there are before paying an application fee.
- Some low rents reported are passed down from previous students or other special circumstances. Expect to pay closer to market value, especially during your first year.
- If you are attempting to get into the student family apartments (married or in a civil partnership), get on the waitlist as soon as you can.



# Why We Chose Utah BME

*"I ski almost as much as I study!  
The outdoors have become a  
major part of my life, and I am so  
grateful to live closer to  
mountains. Also, I am in an  
incredibly well funded, research  
focused lab."*

*"UoU BME grad  
students have a better  
sense of community  
and work-life balance.  
It is clear that we  
support each other in  
academic and personal  
success."*

*"I did undergrad here  
and fell in love with  
Salt Lake and couldn't  
imagine leaving for any  
other programs that I  
interviewed at — they  
just weren't lucrative  
enough to draw me  
away."*

*"The entrepreneurship of the department  
as a whole is extremely strong. There is a  
great culture of translational science and  
lots of phenomenal companies that have  
spun out of UoU Department of  
Biomedical Engineering (i.e. Blackrock,  
Ripple, BioFire, etc)."*



**Success, Empowerment, and  
Advocacy at UofU BME**

## Tracks in BME

- BioInnovate
- Biomaterials and Therapeutics
- Biomechanics
- Cardiovascular Engineering
- Data Science and Computation
- Imaging
- Neuroengineering





# UBEC

## UTAH BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

**We hope to see you all there!**

**TO LEARN MORE:**

