



The towns surrounding Dartmouth offer a variety of housing options. Winter weather can make driving a challenge, so try to select a place that is relatively close to campus (or invest in a four-wheel-drive vehicle).

In New Hampshire, students tend to live in Hanover, Lebanon, or West Lebanon. In Vermont—just across the Connecticut River—Wilder, Norwich, and White River Junction are popular locations. Hanover, Norwich, and Wilder are closest to campus, but they tend to be more expensive. You may find that the most difficult decision you will have to make is which town to choose.

New Hampshire

Hanover, NH

Pros: Very short commute (about five to 10 minutes); many students live within walking distance to campus; short distance to a variety of restaurants, athletic facilities, outdoor recreation, and cultural activities; students feel like they are part of the Dartmouth and Hanover communities; fantastic school system for children; very convenient for late-night study groups; lovely, historic town setting; you (and your partner) may not need to purchase a car

Cons: If you are not within walking distance, parking in Hanover and at Tuck is limited and you will have to take a shuttle bus to and from the parking lot, which adds a commute that you might not expect; if you live within one mile of campus, you will not be eligible for a Tuck parking pass; although Hanover does have a lot of shopping options, it is not close to major chain retail and grocery stores (they are located in West Lebanon); living close to the main roads of downtown Hanover may be noisy due to traffic; higher rent than in other towns

Sachem Village [West Lebanon, NH]

Pros: Very short commute (about 10 minutes) and within walking distance to Dartmouth campus in good weather (about two miles); an [Advance Transit](#) bus stops at the



entrance to Sachem Village on Route 10 and has stops throughout the Upper Valley; many Tuck families reside at Sachem, and it is a great place for partners and kids to meet; home to many other graduate students and their families and a great source for babysitters; access to a playground, large athletic fields, and hiking trails; the rent is included in your Dartmouth bill, and the housing office is extremely responsive to requests and issues

Cons: A family would need a vehicle to get to main shopping stores; lack of privacy for students looking to escape Tuck; housing fills up quickly

Lebanon, NH

Pros: Short commute (about 10 to 15 minutes); many of the apartment complexes are home to Tuck students; lower rent prices than in Hanover; shorter distance to major shopping centers; good school system (regional high school) for children; suburban-like town; close to I-89 and Route 12-A

Cons: Not within walking distance to Tuck; commute times may be longer due to morning and evening traffic on the one main road in and out of downtown Hanover; not a college-town setting

West Lebanon, NH

Pros: West Lebanon is located next to Hanover, so the commute is short (about 10 to 15 minutes); short driving or walking to major chain retail stores; lower rent prices than in Hanover; close to I-89 and Route 12-A, and the Lebanon airport is located off Route 12-A; some feel that the quality of apartments might be better than in Lebanon

Cons: Students cannot walk to campus so you would need to drive or use the [Advance Transit](#) public bus system; if you do not live in downtown West Lebanon, access to the major chain stores is not as easy; there is a lot of traffic (and uncoordinated traffic lights) on Route 12-A; the road from Lebanon into Hanover may cause additional time to your morning and evening commutes; commercialized town setting



Enfield, NH

Pros: Several nice homes or condos to rent on Mascoma Lake; rent prices are less than in Hanover and you get more for your money; great rural location and offers a change of pace; fabulous for families, with lots of outdoor recreational possibilities

Cons: Longer commute (about 20-30 minutes); it can seem like a remote location if you are not fond of rural areas; long commute that can be extended by the morning and evening traffic on I-89 and Route 120; once you are at Tuck in the morning, you are there for the day; you would not have the experience of living in a college town with easy access to shops, restaurants, and so on.

Vermont

If you choose to live in Vermont, you should know that Vermont residents have a state income tax (New Hampshire residents do not) and that the commute can be longer in the morning during the rush-hour traffic over Ledyard Bridge into Hanover. First-year students must park in the Dewey parking lot, which is on the other side of campus, and then take an [Advance Transit](#) shuttle to Tuck. Getting to the lot and waiting for the shuttle adds time to your morning commute.

Norwich, VT

Pros: Short commute (about 5 to 10 minutes); historic downtown area with great shops; affluent community with great school system for children; country living with plenty of quaint country stores

Cons: Difficult to walk to Tuck because you need to cross a highway and bridge; rent is higher and similar to Hanover prices; the [Advance Transit](#) bus system is not as reliable in Norwich; not very close to large commercial stores

Wilder, VT



- **Pros:** Short commute (about 5 to 10 minutes); close proximity to Hanover shops, restaurants, and cultural activities; great for first-year students who need to spend long hours at Tuck; great family location with lots of outdoor recreation
- **Cons:** Difficult to walk to Tuck; rent prices can be higher than in other towns but less than Hanover and Norwich

White River Junction (WRJ), VT

Pros: Short commute (about 10 to 15 minutes); there are many apartment complexes and condominium developments that are home to Tuck students, which makes it easy to make friends and carpool; several large stores and restaurants in WRJ and close to the Hanover and West Lebanon stores and entertainment; just far enough from Dartmouth to have some privacy and life away from Tuck; rent is less expensive, and there seem to be larger spaces available with amenities, such as a garage or a large yard

Cons: You must own a vehicle to get to restaurants and shopping areas; possibility of feeling disconnected from a community, and it doesn't feel like a quintessential college town (like Hanover)

Thetford, VT

Pros: It is a quiet and rural community, and you can usually get more space for your money; close-knit community in a classic Vermont country town

Cons: Long commute (about 20 to 30 minutes); you must own a vehicle to get to restaurants and shopping areas; possibility of feeling disconnected from Tuck, and it doesn't feel like a quintessential college town (like Hanover)