Apartment Reviews from the Class of 2017

1. THE POINTE AT ST. JOSEPH
307 E. LaSalle Avenue, Downtown South Bend
**Distance to School:** ~ 4 minute drive (1.2 miles)
Rent: ~ $775/month
Utilities: N/A
Electric: $25-50
Gas: $10-30
Cable TV + Internet: $95/month

**Amenities:**
- Water & Trash - included in rent
- Workout room: Yes - always open
- Outdoor pool
- Washer/Dryer: Full Size In Unit
- Elevators - always helps when moving stuff in and out

**Parking:**
- Surface parking or Heated Garage available for $50/month

**Recommended to incoming MS-1’s??**
- Yes

**Other comments:**
- “I have really enjoyed living here. It’s quiet, I can study at home if I so choose, and the security of the underground garage is great. Plus, said garage was clutch this past winter with the sub-zero temperatures! The maintenance is great and is always really prompt with their service. It’s overall very clean and with a key needed to get into the building plus your own key to your apartment, I feel quite safe (for it being on the south side of campus). I will be living here again as an M2.” – Chris Reed

2. Indian Lakes
5726 Seneca Dr, Mishawaka, IN 46545
(574) 277-6541

“My fiancé and I love living at Indian Lakes. It’s a little farther from campus than other options. It takes me between 10 and 15 minutes to get to school most days (10 on a good day, 15 in the winter), but it’s really close to a lot of restaurants, grocery stores and the mall. Our apartment has been really quiet and peaceful. Plus, we only pay for electric and cable (heating is gas, so we don’t pay for that), and it’s about $745 (rent and cable) per month for a one bedroom apartment. We have a lot of nice walking trails and ponds. The only downside that we’ve experienced is that the washer/dryer and oven are a little out dated.” – Emily Thomas
3. Main Street Village
5504 Town Center Dr, Granger, IN 46530
10-15 minute drive from school
Amenities:
- Door-to-door trash pick-up service
- Workout room
- Movie theater
- Tanning bed/sauna
- Outdoor pool
- Washer/Dryer In Unit
- Pet friendly
Parking:
- Free, plenty of spots available
Recommended to incoming MS-1’s?
- Yes
Other comments:
- “I really love living here! It is further from campus than other apartments, however it is right by the mall, Target, the main area of restaurants. I enjoy living away from campus – it is nice to have a little separation. This apartment complex is like a little village – the apartment buildings have about each 8 units each – each building has a big back yard. All the yards are connected and surround ponds. Very quiet, spacious apartments. I live by myself and always feel very safe. It sometimes is a hassle having to drive to and from school, but I think living in this area is worth it!” – Gina Rebesco

4. University Park Apartments
Mishawaka, IN
“Nice location to grocery stores and the mall. Has a dog park, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a gym in the works. Fantastic neighbors. Lots of grad students and young families. Great for students looking for something quiet and great for dog owners. Hope this helps!” -Laura Borgenheimer Vater

5. Hurwich Farms Apartments
http://www.edwardrose.com
Distance to School: 10-15 minute drive including traffic
Rent: ~ $610-$650/month (1 BR/1 Bath) with rent increasing for 2nd or 3rd floor apartments
$645-$685/month (1BR/1 Bath) end of the building
$750-$785/month (2BR/2 Bath) They call it 1.5 bath because the second is technically a shower and not a bath.
Utilities: Summer Electric (~$30/month (depends on A/C))
Winter Electric (~$18/month)
Internet/Cable: $31/month - separate from rent and vary depending on the plan you choose
Amenities:
• Water, Trash, and Heat (natural gas) for cooking/hot water - included in rent
• Workout room: No.
• Outdoor pool: open Memorial Day to Labor Day
• Washer/Dryer: Yes.

Parking:
• Carports available for additional monthly rent

Recommended to incoming MS-1’s??
• Yes

Other comments:
• “It’s quiet and a good mix of generations (i.e. no loud, partying undergrads). Great for married couples.”
• “Heating is on gas bill, which is included in rent. So you can run the heat as much as you want (in case you are from Africa or tropical island.)”
• “The location is a bit away from campus and the city (both South Bend and Mishawaka), but it is a good quiet area if you like to be away from too much activity. There is the added bonus that Meijer, Walmart, Aldi’s, and several other stores are walking distance away.” -Nelson DeSouza

6. Irish Row
“I lived in in a two-room apartment by myself but they are not offering that as an option this year. They have apartments for 2-4 people. It is only a mile from the med school and located on Vaness Street (right across from Notre Dame Soccer Fields). Fully furnished, so if you aren't planning on staying in South Bend all four years you don’t have to buy any furniture! Except, I didn’t think the couch was comfortable so I never sat on it. Every room has its own bathroom and the appliances are nice. It is a pretty clean place and there are lots of windows in the living room! The office is very friendly and will accept your packages for you. The workout room is lacking- only one treadmill and two ellipticals and just a few dumbbells. They have a tanning bed but I hope no one uses that anyways. I know that it is cheaper than the foundry. I paid $895 for a single but with a roommate it is a lot cheaper and this includes your cable and internet. Electricity is extra ~ $45 in the summer and $100 in the winter. I liked living here but I do not know if I would recommend it because there are a lot of undergrads and they can get noisy!” –Kelsey Peters (moving to The Overlook)

7. Irish Hills Apartments
4245 Irish Hills Drive, South Bend, IN
“It’s fine to live here, it is just too far from anything we need. Lots of neighbors with kids, can be loud sometimes. I’m moving to The Overlook for next year.” –Jigar Patel
8. The Foundry
Distance from School: 2 min walk! (right next door)
Rent: Smallest 1 bedroom (~625 sq ft) is ~$1210 (I think prices have increased to ~$1250)
Utilities: Electric (<$100 in winter), Water (flat rate included in rent)
Internet/TV: The Foundry goes through a specific Comcast employee and you get 2 TV/internet combo options: Fast internet and basic channels (~$60/mo) or fast internet and many channels (~$90/mo). Both include HBO. Or you could always just get internet and use Netflix!

Amenities:
- Computer Lab with Color Printer (you bring your own paper)
- Workout room
- The Rooftop area they advertise isn’t open for residents. You have to rent it out.
- Pet Friendly! (dogs and cats for an additional fee/mo)
- Washer and Dryer in every unit
- No patio (there’s a "balconette" that is only ~6 in)

Parking:
- Parking garage that you access with a card (you can place it on your windshield)
  - It is included in rent but if you don’t have a car you can forgo it and get $90 taken off your rent each month.
- There is street parking for 2 hrs at a time and the parking garage is free for the 1st hour for visitors (and the public)
  - If you have an overnight guest it’s smarter to just let them use your card to get in and out

Comments:
“My part of the building (North building over the Bookstore) is generally rather quiet but that will certainly depend on your neighbors. Maintenance is usually quick and friendly. I haven’t had any major issues with the office or staff. I consider Eddy Street to be very safe and well lit unlike some other parts of town. There is a security officer who patrols the buildings and the parking garage late at night as well. The buildings are all only accessed with apartment keys and you have to buzz in your guests.

If you decide to tour this complex they will only show you a 3 bedroom suite which isn’t very helpful. If anyone wants any more information on what my floorplan is like or if you want pictures to help just let me know!” –Sara Frey

“The only thing I would add is that is that the when you live in the main building (the West building) packages get delivered to your door, which does not seem like a huge deal but it is super nice. Also it is really nice to be in the same building as the workout room because I did get up some mornings in the winter and workout before class. I would definitely recommend trying to be in the West building. I also agree it is very quite. I never hear my neighbors. I can often
(pretty much daily) here delivery trucks unloading stuff at the restaurants and shops below, but this doesn't really bother me. I like hearing some life around me haha. Also if anyone wants to see the inside of a one bedroom I will be here this summer and would be more than happy to show them mine. I know I really wanted to see a one bedroom before I moved in and wasn't able to. Overall I love my apartment and am very happy to live so close to school!"

- Stephanie Trenkner

“The Foundry: Pros: +Safe +Convenient, walking distance to school and Notre Dame's campus +In house washer and dryer +They have a gym but it is rather small +Work Orders have been completed promptly +Parking garage, covered vehicle +They have study rooms that I've used occasionally, as well as pool table/lounge areas +If you live with a roommate you both have your own bathrooms All of this comes at a cost... literally... (Cons) -Expensive -Expensive: Appx. $1250 (I think) living solo+utilities, $850+utilities with a roommate at least in my layout -Their mail system for packages kind of sucks if you don't live in the main building, I might suggest getting packages sent to school. -Not very spacious (this is a + for me, as it's not a lot to take care of)” – Adam Snoap

9. HOUSE REVIEWS

“I lived at a place I found on Craigslist, and it worked out very well. My landlord was great, the rent was cheap, and I was close to downtown South Bend. However, I don't know that I would recommend going through Craigslist unless you know the area pretty well. I lucked out with a great landlord and nice neighbors, but it doesn't always work out like that. Also, if you are interested, there is currently a house that is for rent in the neighborhood I am at now, and the house is incredible. It is located next to a lot of the faculty from Notre Dame and it is also one block from Memorial Hospital, which is pretty nice.”

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10. Irish Flats

Distance to School: 5-10 minute drive
Rent: $875/month for 1br/1bath (+utilities)
Fully furnished including washer-dryer, dishwasher
Parking spot available
Recommended to incoming MS1’s: NO

“The brand new building fell apart throughout the year and the maintenance guy took months to get around to fixing things. Also, there are loud parties nearby if you plan on studying at the apartment. It was pretty close to Notre Dame’s campus but you will need a car to get to the med school during the cold months (almost all of the
months are cold). I would not recommend living here.”
- Will Dotterweich

11. University Edge
- They have 1, 2, 3, 4 bedrooms. You can bring/ pick your own roommate. But if you cannot find one they will pick one for you based on a survey. And if the roommate doesn’t work out one of you guys can opt to move out. Pricings vary the more roommates the cheaper the apt. I am in a 2 bedroom for $695 (per person). This includes EVERYTHING. Utilities, cable tv, internet, water, electricity. They give each person a 25 dollar credit for the utilities so if you guys go over then you just split the difference. So if you live in a 4 bedroom that will be 100 for the whole apt and so forth. But you never really go over that much and if you do the most I have ever had to pay was 33 dollars.
- No problem with noise. They have a graduate student only building. Very safe.
- The apt has washer, dryer, dishwasher.
- Comes fully furnished so no need to worry about bringing anything besides kitchen utensils, clothes, bed sheets, blah blah blah.
- TANNING BEDS, FREE PRINTING, TV LOUGE WITH LIKE 10 TVS, WORKOUT ROOM.
- ONE REALLY NICE THING IS THEY ALWAYS HAVE THINGS GOING ON FOR RESIDENTS. FREE MONEY GIVE AWAYS, BREAKFAST IN THE AM, FOOD ON CINCO DE MAYO. COOKIES, SNACKS. A lot of fun things because they know students live in the apt.
- If you want to live here def use me as a referral or facebook me if you have any more questions.

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