

College Life in Troy

A student's guide to Troy University

TROY, ALABAMA

Troy is a smaller, quieter college town in southeast Alabama, built around Troy University's main campus. It's a slower pace than Alabama's larger college towns, with Montgomery about 50 miles away when you want bigger-city amenities.

Quick Facts

University	Troy University — Sun Belt Conference, Division I FBS
Setting	Small college town, southeast Alabama
Nearest city	Montgomery, about 50 miles
Nickname / colors	Trojans — cardinal & silver

Housing & Cost of Living

Student housing in Troy typically runs \$600–\$850/month depending on property type and distance from campus, and many units include utilities like water and internet. It's one of the more affordable college towns in the state, with overall cost of living in the \$1,500–\$1,800/month range.

- Options include studio, ensuite, non-ensuite, and shared apartments
- Several communities sit just a few minutes' drive from campus
- Many properties bundle utilities into rent, which simplifies budgeting

Getting Around

Troy is a small town, so getting around campus and the immediate area is straightforward. A car is helpful for reaching Montgomery or other nearby areas, since public transit options are limited.

Food & Nightlife

Downtown Troy has a handful of student-friendly hangouts, including Sips on the Square and Trojan Tavern. On campus, Trojan Dining runs eight venues plus a food court spanning American and international options, so you're covered even on a slower week.

Things to Do

The College Street Historic District has genuinely unique architecture worth walking through, and the Troy Arboretum offers a quiet nature escape. The Johnson Center for the Arts, housed in a restored 1911 post

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office, runs year-round exhibits and tours. For a bigger day out, the Pioneer Museum of Alabama covers 35 acres dedicated to pioneer life, and Butter and Egg Adventures is a 48-acre outdoor retreat with zip lines, climbing structures, and waterfront activities.

Staying Safe

Troy's small-town scale means campus and the surrounding area feel tight-knit. As always, confirm current safety resources directly with Troy University's Department of Public Safety rather than relying on general impressions.

Questions Students & Parents Ask

Is Troy affordable?

Yes — Troy is one of the more budget-friendly college towns in Alabama, with lower housing costs than the state's larger university towns.

What's there to do besides campus life?

Downtown's historic district, the Arboretum, a genuine arts center, and easy day trips to Montgomery (about 50 miles) round out the options.

Considering property near Troy University — whether for a student or as an investment? I'd be glad to help you look at what's available.