What should I ask a landlord before I sign a contract?

- How long does the contract run?
- What are check-in/out dates?
- Is there any flexibility in the dates? Are there any costs to move in early or stay later?
- What if I renew a contract for the next year, can I stay during the break?
- Do you use the BYU Rental Agreement?
- Do you have an addendum or house rules? If yes, what are they?
- Is there any part of the deposit that is non-refundable?
- How are utilities covered?
- Do the utilities have to be in a student’s name or are they in the landlord’s name? Whose name are the utilities in?
- Is there a phone provided or do I need to bring my own?
- Does the rent include internet access? What type of access is used?
- If it is not included in the rent, is there internet access available? What type and what are the costs?
- What amenities are included? (Pool, storage, microwave, disposal, dishwasher, etc.)
- How much parking is there on-site?
- What about parking stickers?
- How many people are in each unit?
- Can I choose which unit I am in?
- What are the procedures for work orders?
- What is your schedule for carpet cleaning?
- How often do you do cleaning checks?
- Is it possible to look at the actual unit I will be staying in?