**Descriptions of Miami Area Neighborhoods**

**COCONUT GROVE** – A “village” bordered by Biscayne Bay and Peacock Park to the East, U.S. 1 to the West, Le Jeune Road to the South and the Rickenbacker Causeway to the North. The “Grove” is one of the main hangouts for UM students and tourists, with popular bars, clubs, restaurants and shopping areas. Some caution is advised while traveling in some surrounding areas, especially at night. In addition to numerous large street festivals, the Grove is known for its artsy feel and acceptance of all lifestyles and forms of expression. The Grove is also home to many magnificent estate homes and students can sometimes find cottages and converted guest houses for rent in this area.

**CORAL GABLES** – The City of Coral Gables, located 6 miles south of downtown Miami and home of the University of Miami, is a beautiful residential and business district. Designed on a master plan enacted in 1926 and modeled around the concept of the waterways of Venice, Italy, the “Gables” is a beautiful area. Coral Gables tends to be more single residences, some of which are quite expensive; however, there are many small apartment complexes, as well as opportunities to rent cottages and cabana houses located on the grounds of private residences. These one bedroom cottages, ideal for a student, are in great demand and rented very quickly. **WARNING:** The City of Coral Gables has strict city ordinances and we advise everyone to review them before leasing or buying a home in the Coral Gables area. For example, there are limitations on the type of vehicles allowed to be parked in residential areas. To obtain a copy of the City of Coral Gables City Codes, call the city of Coral Gables at 305-446-6800.

**DOWNTOWN / BRICKELL** – Approximately eight miles north of campus. It’s a short commute to campus and close to the beaches. These areas are composed of primarily high rise apartments and condominiums.

**KENDALL** – Kendall, an area developed in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, is primarily composed of apartment complexes, condominiums, and mid-priced family communities. Historically, Kendall’s focal point has been the Dadeland Mall. Kendall residents include many young families, professionals, and students. Non-rush hour commute time averages 10-20 minutes from Kendall, and 20-30 minutes from West Kendall. Keep in mind that heavy traffic congestion can double these times. Kendall Drive is bordered on the East by U.S. 1 and on the west by the Florida Turnpike.

**SOUTH BEACH** – South Beach is the southern tip of Miami Beach and is currently one of the trendiest places in the U.S. with its mixture of clubs, restaurants, and stores catering to the night crowd. There is also a thriving visual and performing arts district where Art Deco hotels of the 1920s and ‘30s have been turned into apartment buildings. There is a large transient population on South Beach, and while the area is charming and neighborhood “pockets” do exist, some of the neighborhoods are in transition. Unless your building includes a garage, there is very little street parking.

**SOUTH MIAMI** – South Miami is a residential area adjacent to the University. Located on both sides of U.S. 1, the boundaries are 62nd Avenue to the East and 57th Avenue (Red Road) to the West. (Red Road is UM’s East border.) South Miami has small apartment complexes and smaller (2 BR) homes for rent. The main intersection, Red Road and Sunset Drive, is a popular shopping and restaurant thoroughfare. A major outdoor shopping complex called **Sunset Place** is just five minutes away on Red Road and US 1.
Map of Miami Areas