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Cal State LA

Off-Campus Housing Resources

Campus Location: California State University, Los Angeles is located where the 710 and 10 Freeways intersect. <http://www.calstatela.edu/misc/trans/index.htm>

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Transportation from/to the Airport: Taxis are expensive. Many people use “shared van ride” services instead. You can reserve and pay online in advance. Remember to include a gratuity (tip of 10% to 20%) because this is the custom in the U.S.A.:
www.supershuttle.com or www.primetimeshuttle.com

Suggested Housing Areas:

Areas to the north and east of campus are recommended.

Here are some suggested cities: *Alhambra (nice community at northeast edge of campus), South Pasadena, Pasadena, San Gabriel, Temple City, Rosemead, Arcadia*
These communities are all on established bus lines.

www.googlemaps.com

Homestay Companies:

Provide living arrangements with an American family in the family’s home. Different options are available regarding meals, laundry access. For the best areas, make sure you request one of the cities mentioned above.

American Homestay Network: www.homestaynetwork.com

Universal Student Housing: www.usstudent.com

University-Style Dormitory/Apartment Buildings/Hostel+Hotel:

American Campus Communities: <https://www.americancampus.com/default.aspx>

All-inclusive packages available. Search for Los Angeles. There will be several choices. Sometimes the building will be for only one university. Call them to see if they have spaces for students attending California State University, Los Angeles. They usually allow students from several different universities, if space is available.

The Lorenzo: <http://www.thelorenzo.com/>

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Freehand Los Angeles: <https://freehandhotels.com/los-angeles/>

Similar to a hotel & a hostel combined. Offers accommodations for up to 8 persons per room. Private rooms available as well. Group bookings are possible. Features daily maid service and many other amenities. Affordable pricing in a new building.

Apartments in nearby Alhambra: Alhambra is the small city on the northeast edge of the campus. It’s a very nice city with restaurants, shops, a movie theater, bus lines, an outdoor farmer’s market on Sundays, local police and fire departments, libraries, outdoor concerts and events, holiday celebrations, parks with swimming pools, a golf course, tennis courts, and a jogging track. LA Fitness (on Fremont Street) is a popular gym.

Apartments in nearby Alhambra: *tell the manager you are an international student and cannot get a social security number. Ask if you can make payment arrangements without a "credit check". Get a written receipt for all payments!*

Chapel Apartments: 336 N. Chapel Avenue, Alhambra, 626-570-4948

Larch Apartments: 1624 Larch Street, Alhambra, 626-576-7832

Marianne Apartments: 112 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra, 626-300-8550

El Rancho Apartments: 1201 W. Mission Road, Alhambra, 626-308-3925

Huntington Oaks Apartments: 1620 W. Huntington Drive, Alhambra, 626-576-1906

Woodside Terrace Apartments: 400 N. Chapel Avenue, Alhambra, 626-284-7363

Shadow Terrace Apartments: 303 S. Almansor Street, Alhambra, 626-284-1834

Huntington Monterey Apartments: Serving the Alhambra Area, 626-573-9616

Second Street Apartments: 808 N. 2nd Street, Alhambra, 626-299-0906

Al Palms Manor: 110 N. Marengo Avenue, Alhambra, 626-289-4906

Jade Gardens Rental Office: 109 S. Almansor Street, Alhambra, 626-282-2007

Alcole Properties: 606 S. 6th Street, Alhambra, 626-308-1221

<http://www.alcoleproperties.com/>

Websites: General search for apartments.

Search in the following communities: **(Alhambra (the closest community to campus), South Pasadena, Pasadena, San Gabriel, Temple City, Rosemead, Arcadia**

www.calstatela.edu/housing/campus-housing

www.westsiderentals.com

www.apartments.com

www.apartmentfinder.com

www.zumper.com

www.airbnb.com

Zip (Postal) Code Map:

http://web.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/documents/form/Surrounding%20Zip%20Codes_MAP.pdf

Hotels: *These areas have hotels in various price ranges: Pasadena, Arcadia, Downtown Los Angeles*

<http://www.tripadvisor.com>

<http://www.hotels.com>

<http://www.kayak.com>

<http://www.expedia.com>

Transportation Around the Los Angeles Area (Cal State LA has a transit station on the side end of the campus):

Uber - <https://www.uber.com/>

Lyft (operates like Uber) - <https://www.lyft.com/>

Metro Bus & Rail - <https://www.metro.net/>

Foothill Transit - <http://foothilltransit.org/>

Union Station – a large transportation hub located in downtown Los Angeles - connections to Cal State LA:

<http://www.unionstationla.com/>

Big Blue Bus (Santa Monica) - <https://www.bigbluebus.com/>

RENTING AN APARTMENT

- 1) *Please remember that in the USA, if you sign a lease agreement, you usually cannot cancel the lease before the end date.*
- 2) *If you do need to leave before the lease expires, you will have to pay the remaining amount due on the lease term.*
- 3) *In some cases, if the apartment manager can find someone else to take over the apartment, then, you may be able to leave without paying the remaining balance. However, this is not always possible.*

1. The landlord will probably ask for a social security number when you apply. Please tell the landlord you are an international student at Cal State LA and, by law, cannot get a social security number. Ask if you can make special payment arrangements without a "Credit Check".
2. Always get a written receipt for any and all deposits, rent payments, and any other payments you make to the landlord or management company.
3. Ask the landlord about the time period of the lease. Make sure the time period of the lease fits with your plans. If the lease goes beyond your planned stay in the USA, you will still have to pay the entire amount of the lease!
4. You will probably be asked to sign a rental contract – read it carefully and make sure you understand it BEFORE you sign. Get copies of all documents.
5. Most apartments do not have furniture. Some do not have refrigerators. Sometimes the landlord will provide a refrigerator for a small charge. Also, the landlord may have suggestions about renting furniture.
6. **Furniture Rentals:** <https://www.cort.com/student>
7. All apartments are required by law to have heat and hot and cold water. If you need air conditioning (cool air), make sure you ask about that because it is not always in the apartment.
8. **Utilities:** ask about the electricity, gas, and water. Usually, the tenant (you) pay for electricity and gas. The landlord usually pays for water. You will need to arrange for the electricity and gas to be in your name so that you can receive the bills. You may be required to pay a deposit to the utility company. Use these links:
 - a. For electricity outside LA city boundary: Southern California Edison: [www.SCE.com](http://www.sce.com)
 - b. For electricity inside LA city boundary: LADWP: www.ladwp.com
 - c. For natural gas: Southern California Gas: www.socalgas.com
9. **Television:** provided by cable TV companies for a monthly fee. Check with your landlord to see which companies service the area.
- 10) **Cell Phone Companies:**
<https://www.att.com/>
<http://www.t-mobile.com/>
<http://www.verizonwireless.com/>