

UC SANTA BARBARA

HOUSING HANDBOOK

BY STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS



**IF YOU ARE A STUDENT
LOOKING FOR HOUSING,
THIS IS THE HANDBOOK
FOR YOU!**



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WELCOME

Here at UCSB we believe that having access to safe and stable housing is a right for every student. Having gone through the housing process ourselves, we know how daunting and confusing it can seem, especially for your first year. That's why we created this handbook to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate through your housing situation. This comprehensive guide serves as your central hub for all things regarding housing, containing different resources and general information, with specified sections for different student populations. Despite the ongoing housing crisis, we as a university want to help relieve whatever additional stresses possible as you navigate your way through your academics with the ultimate goal of allowing everyone to enjoy our beautiful campus and community.

This guide is brought to you by:

Rapid Rehousing Program

UCSB's Rapid Rehousing Program aims to support housing insecure students in a streamlined and timely manner. Our program is administered by the Financial Crisis Response Team and offers a variety of resources such as housing vouchers, transitional housing and case management support.

Pardall Center

The Pardall Center is a student-run resource building that offers free printing, snacks, COVID-19 tests, legal resources, and other services. We are here to serve our students and provide a safe space for community events, studying, and hangouts!

EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS

There's a variety of housing options available for you to choose from!
You can either...



1 CONTINUE LIVING
IN THE RESIDENCE
HALL DORMS

2 MOVE INTO THE
UNDERGRAD
APARTMENTS



3 MOVE INTO UCSB-
AFFILIATED OFF
CAMPUS HOUSING

4 MOVE INTO ISLA
VISTA



FOR OPTIONS 1 - 3

FOR LIVING IN IV

For everything UCSB housing related matters, all the information you need to apply is on this page:

housing.ucsb.edu/apply

If you are **currently** a **freshman** and will be a sophomore the next school year, you are limited to living in the Residence Halls for the next year.

If you are **currently** a **sophomore** and will be a junior the next school year, you can choose between living in the Residence Halls and undergraduate apartments.

housing.ucsb.edu/housing-options

TropicanaVillas also is a privately managed residence hall and Tropicana Gardens apartments for UCSB students only. You can learn more here:

tropicangardens.com


Tropicana also has off campus apartments, Tropicana Villas, and you can find more information here:

tropvillas.com

These properties are leased by private companies that you have to apply for on their website, we'll teach you how to in a bit!

Here are some good questions to ask to help you choose which option to go for:

- How many roommates will I be living with?
- What's my budget?
- Do I want to live in a quieter area?
- How close do I want to be to campus?
 - (Typically, properties that are on Del Playa street, next to fraternities/sororities, or on Pardall road near the entrance to UCSB from Isla Vista have the most noise because of traffic and parties)
- Will I be bringing a car? How accessible is the parking and how much does it cost?
- How accessible is the laundry?
- What utilities are covered and what utilities do you have to pay?
- Does the property come furnished or unfurnished?
- When does my lease start and end?



GENERAL HOUSING TIMELINES

**Here are some general timelines you
can use to plan your own housing
process!**

Incoming Freshmen
Continuing Students
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Incoming Freshmen

Timeline

MID-MARCH • **Housing Application Opens**

The Housing Application will be available in mid-march once admission decisions are released. You will have the option to indicate your preferences for a [Living Learning Community](#) while completing the housing application. Check your U-Mail account directly and frequently so that you don't miss any important messages from UCSB. It is not reliable to forward your U-Mail to an alternate email (gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc.) If you don't receive a confirmation email within a few minutes of submitting your application, check your spam folder.

MID-MAY • **Submit SIR**

Submit [UCSB Statement of Intent to Register \(SIR\)](#) by the deadline to be eligible to complete a residence hall application.

BEGINNING OF JUNE • **Housing Application Deadline**

Deadline to complete the residence hall application with priority consideration is in June. There is no application fee.

• **FSSP Participants**

If you're participating in the Freshman Summer Start Program (FSSP), please visit the [FSSP page](#) for more information regarding housing.

• **Late Admits**

Freshmen who are admitted after the housing deadline are able to qualify for priority housing consideration within seven days of their SIR date.

EARLY JUNE • **Room Selection**

New freshmen who have a contract have the option to select their room online based on their assigned appointment time. Appointment times and detailed instructions will be sent out in late June. You will be able to hover over each room and see if another student has selected that room and view their preferences. If you are in an optional roommate group, assigning the Roommate Group Captain role to the student with the earliest self-select date is advantageous. Students who opt not to complete this process will be assigned based on availability.

MID-JULY • **First Cancellation Deadline**

There is a \$100 cancellation fee from the time of signing the contract until mid-July.

LATE AUGUST • **Formal Assignment Letters**

Assignment letters will be sent along with instructions for signing up for a [move-in](#) time.

EARLY SEPTEMBER • **Final Cancellation**

There is a deadline to cancel for a \$350 fee. Afterwards, contract holders will be held rent responsible until a replacement is found, or unless otherwise notified.

Continuing Students

Timeline

Approximately 20% of continuing students are offered on campus housing, so we recommend also considering off-campus options. For details on the general off-campus housing process, see page (x).

JANUARY • **Housing Application Opens**

The continuing undergraduate student housing application opens in January. You will have the option to indicate your preference for a [Living Learning Community](#) at this time. There is no application fee. Applying for housing is not a guarantee that you will receive a contract.

FEBRUARY • **Housing Application Deadline**

Students who apply by the given date in February will be considered on-time applicants for housing. All students applying on or after that date will be added to the late applicant list for consideration after our new student application processes are concluded.

FEBRUARY - EARLY MARCH • Contract offers will be sent out to applicants based upon their place in the lottery and based upon housing availability. Students who do not receive an offer will also be notified of their status.

EARLY APRIL • **Self-Assignment Notices**
Contract holders receive times for self-assignment.

LATE APRIL - EARLY JUNE • **Final Self-Assignment Begins**
Students with contracts will have the option to log in to select from available bed spaces. You will be able to hover over each room and see if another student has selected that room and view their preferences. If you are in an optional roommate group, assigning the Roommate Group Captain role to the student with the earliest self-select date is advantageous. Students who opt not to complete this process will be assigned based on availability.

JULY • **First Cancellation Deadline**
There is a \$100 cancellation fee from the time of signing the contract until the given date in July. Afterwards, there is a \$350 cancellation fee until September.

LATE AUGUST • **Formal Assignment**
Formal Assignment Letters are sent out to all students with a housing contract to sign up for a move-in time.

SEPTEMBER • **Final Cancellation Deadline**
September is the deadline to cancel for a \$350 fee. After September 1 contract holders will be held rent responsible until a replacement is found, or unless otherwise notified.

Transfer Students

Timeline

MID-APRIL • Housing Application Opens

Students must have returned Statement of Intent to Register, establish their UCSB Net ID, and activate their U-Mail before being able to complete an Undergraduate Apartment housing application.

JUNE • Submit SIR

Submit [UCSB Statement of Intent to Register \(SIR\)](#) by the deadline to be eligible to complete a residence hall application.

MID-JUNE • Housing Application Closes

Complete the housing application by the given date in June for priority consideration. Please check your U-Mail account directly and frequently so that you don't miss any important messages from UCSB. It is not reliable to forward your U-Mail to an alternate email. If you don't receive a confirmation email within a few minutes of submitting your application, check your spam folder.

EARLY JULY • Room Selection

New transfer students who have a contract may exercise the option to select their room online until. You will be able to hover over each room and see if another student has selected that room and view their preferences. If you are in an optional roommate group, assigning the Roommate Group Captain role to the student with the earliest self-select date is advantageous. Students who opt not to complete this process will be assigned based on availability. Appointment times and detailed instructions are sent out in late June.

MID-JULY • First Cancellation Deadline

There is a \$100 cancellation fee from the time of signing the contract until mid-July.

LATE AUGUST • Formal Assignment Letters

Assignment letters will be sent along with instructions for signing up for a [move-in](#) time.

SEPTEMBER • Final Cancellation

There is a deadline to cancel for a \$350 fee. Afterwards, contract holders will be held rent responsible until a replacement is found, or unless otherwise notified.



New Graduate Students

Timeline

San Clemente Villages houses full-time enrolled single graduate students. Parking, utilities, and wireless internet are included. Single graduate students entering fall quarter and new to UCSB are given priority consideration as long as they adhere to application procedures and deadlines. Those entering winter or spring quarter are accommodated when possible.

EARLY MARCH	Housing Application Opens New graduate students must first be accepted to UCSB before they can apply for UCSB Housing and complete their personal preferences. Right after completing their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR), students can apply for housing here .
	Early Move-in Requests Graduate students who need to request an early move-in due to an early start date for their program must contact the housing office after completing Personal Preferences. Early move-ins must be requested at least four weeks prior to the move-in date you are requesting and are approved as space allows.
MID-MARCH	Housing Application Deadline Deadline to complete the application with priority consideration is in the middle of May. There is no application fee.
MARCH - EARLY APRIL	Contracts Offered Contract offers will be determined by a lottery process. Students who receive a contract may exercise the option to choose preferred roommates from other students with a contract. We anticipate that available space in our housing communities will be limited. Students not awarded an offer initially, may remain on a priority list for future spaces.
EARLY JULY	Room Selection Graduate students who have a contract may exercise the option to select their room online until. You will be able to hover over each room and see if another student has selected that room and view their preferences. If you are in an optional roommate group, assigning the Roommate Group Captain role to the student with the earliest self-select date is advantageous. Students who opt not to complete this process will be assigned based on availability. Appointment times and detailed instructions are sent out in late June.
MID-JULY	First Cancellation Deadline There is a \$100 cancellation fee from the time of signing the contract until mid-July.
EARLY AUGUST	Formal Assignment Letters Assignment letters will be sent along with instructions for signing up for a move-in time.
LATE AUGUST	Final Cancellation There is a deadline to cancel for a \$350 fee. Afterwards, contract holders will be held rent responsible until a replacement is found, or unless otherwise notified.



Continuing Graduate Students

Timeline

San Clemente Villages houses full-time enrolled single graduate students. Parking, utilities, and wireless internet are included.

**EARLY
DECEMBER**

Housing Application Opens

Continuing Graduate Student Housing Application will be available sometime in December.

Housing Application Deadline

Deadline to complete the application with priority consideration is in the middle of May. There is no application fee.

**MID-DECEMBER -
EARLY JANUARY**

Contracts Offered

Contract offers will be determined by a lottery process. Approximately 300 spaces will be awarded.

EARLY MAY

Roommate Process Deadline

Students who have a 2025-26 contract can create a roommate group with other contract holders in San Clemente Villages or they will be matched based upon the answers to their roommate preference questions.

MID-JULY

First Cancellation Deadline

There is a \$100 cancellation fee from the time of signing the contract until mid-July.

MID-AUGUST

Room Assignment Letters

Assignment letters will be sent along with instructions for signing up for a [move-in](#) time.

**EARLY
SEPTEMBER**

Final Cancellation

There is a deadline to cancel for a \$350 fee. Afterwards, contract holders will be held rent responsible until a replacement is found, or unless otherwise notified.

Off Campus Housing

Timeline

OCTOBER • **Begin thinking about where to live and potential roommates**

It is good to start thinking about housing for the following year. Many apartments won't have available listings until November, but it's important to walk around Isla Vista and start taking note of different rental companies, as well as numbers or emails to contact. Thinking about who you will live with also helps narrow down your apartment search.

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER • **Start contacting lessors for housing**

Let leasing companies know you're interested. Include necessary details such as; your name, how many people are looking to lease the place with you etc. Note: smaller places, such as one-bedroom apartments, fill up quicker than larger houses which remain on the market longer.

DECEMBER- MARCH • **Sign Lease Agreements**

Ideally you would want to have found a place, signed a lease and provide necessary documentation to your landlord in Winter Quarter. The longer you wait, the less apartment options there will be.

JUNE - JULY • **Most lease agreements start and move-ins begin**

Leases tend to start in the summer. In the case that you won't be around: many students find subleasees, who temporarily rent property by an existing tenant for a portion of the tenant's existing lease contract. For more information check page 16 of this handbook.

SEPTEMBER • **Off-Campus Meal Plan**

UCSB Residential Dining offers students who don't live in the residence halls the option to eat in the UCSB Dining Commons through the [Off Campus Meal Plan](#). If you're here in the summer check out the [Summer Meal Plans](#).

**Continue reading for more information on moving
off-campus!**

LIVING IN IV

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF LEASES: BEDSPACE AND JOINT AND SEVERAL

Bedspace

Renting by the bedspace means that the company does roommate matching for you AND you are only responsible for YOUR bedspace and a portion of the common spaces in terms of damages. If your roommates flakes, you have no responsibility for them (i.e. IKON)

Joint and Several

A joint and several leases means that you and your roommates are EQUALLY responsible for rent and damages which is why it is really good to know who you will be living with and signing a lease with. These leases often require a co-signer so it is important that your parents/guardians also know who you are going to be living with.

Roommates

When looking for a roommate it is good to talk about your lifestyles to be sure they are going to be a good match. Talk about things like overnight guests, parties, cleaning, etc. to be sure that living together would be a good fit! Sometimes the people you party with are NOT the best people to live with!

Exploring Options

We recommend walking around IV and using your network to be familiar with the different types of housing there are. If you find a property that you're interested in, you can ask the current lessee of the property if you can take a look around. Generally, people are more than willing to let you into their place and answer questions. Ask them what leasing company the property belongs to (so you know where to apply for it), what they like/don't like about the property, etc!

HOW TO APPLY

Where to Apply

There is a list of all leasing companies available through this link: [Full Housing List](#). Shortly before applications open, leasing companies typically share a list of their available properties on their website that you can use to also scout for properties. They also have more specific instructions on how to apply on their leasing website!

To increase the chances of you getting the property you want, apply for housing AS SOON AS the applications open

You can also find a UCSB Rental Listings Website - rentallistings.housing.ucsb.edu *

- Search and post an advertisement if you are looking for potential housemates and or subleasing.
- This website has open rental listings as well.
- You also have the option of searching on Facebook (SB Housing, FB marketplace, etc.) However be VERY wary of scams.
- Always check in before signing something and sending money.
- If you ever need assistance with the off campus housing process feel free to contact [University & Community Housing Services](#).

When to Apply

Application dates vary by year so you should always be on the lookout, but generally they open at the end of fall/beginning of winter.

Example dates last year for when applications opened (they vary every year so be on the lookout, these dates should be used just as an estimate)

Wolfe: Dec 12, 2023

Sierra: Jan 2, 2024

IVP: Nov 1st, 2023

Always check the leasing company's website to see what date the applications open, and again, apply AS SOON as they are available. Note that typically the application fees range between \$30 to \$50.

*Login and/or Registering with your UCSB Net ID and password



EXTRA TIPS

1

When you are walking around IV looking for places you can often see the companies sign on the houses and buildings so it is a great way to know who they are and you can go DIRECTLY to their webpages for the most up to date leasing information!

2

You often get to choose more than ONE property when applying with larger companies so it is worth putting down a few in case you don't get the first one they can go to the second, etc. This way you maximize your application fee you are paying.

3

There are still vacancies in Isla Vista as of late June, but know that if you want or need something specific your options will be limited. For example, if you know you only want a 2 bedroom, or something on a certain street, it is good to start early. If you are open to options then know that in the past 2 years there continues to be vacancies. It is just that your options are more limited to what might be available at that time.

PREPARE FOR LIVING

Once You Obtain a Lease

- Read your lease very carefully before signing it!
- Keep in mind that you have to pay a security deposit, usually equal to a month's worth of rent when you sign the lease. The security deposit may be over a month's worth as well but it cannot be over two month's worth of rent, so keep aside an adequate amount of funds for that.

When You Move In

- Take a video/pictures of your property!
- Landowners have the right to withhold a part or your whole security deposit to pay for any damages to the property.
- Ensure that you won't be charged for damages you didn't cause by taking a video/pictures of your property right when you move in. Make sure to mark the date, so there aren't any issues with security deposits in the future.
- Take a look at [this presentation](#) for tips on how to record move-in videos.

Finances

- The number one tip when it comes to finances is to PLAN IN ADVANCE! However, if you are paying, it is important to make sure you have a plan for how you're going to pay the deposit and rent money for that year.
- Once offered a lease you have a window of how long you can pay your deposit, you would rather not be put in the position where you can't pay it.
- If you are paying it out of pocket, explore your options: talk to the financial aid office, research jobs for the school year, research loans, grants, and scholarships (UCSB Scholarship Website).
- If you are paying through family contributions: talk to them in advance to discuss your arrangements and have a set plan in place.
- Be sure to talk to your parents/guardians about your budget! Also, if you receive financial aid be sure to talk to them regarding your financial aid package for off campus housing.



SUBLETTING

If you can't stay in your apartment/house for your full lease, subletting can be a great option: Subletting your space allows a lease takeover/lease transfer with landlord approval

Before Subletting

- Review your lease to see if subletting is allowed.
- If it is permitted, discuss with your landlord/leasing office to begin the process.
- If you are sharing a room with another person, discuss subletting with them to see more options (advertising a space together can be beneficial when finding subletters).

Finding Subletters

- If you know when you will be moving out, it is best to take a proactive approach and start advertising as soon as possible.
- Facebook marketplace, Craigslist, and other social media posts are suitable options for advertising.
- It is encouraged to connect with the management company to ensure that the sublease is on the lease with the company.
- Feel free to use the rental listings website to post an ad as well [UCSB Rental Listings Website](#)
 - Login and/or register with your UCSB Net ID and password.
 - You will also be able to search and post an advertisement if you are looking for potential housemates and or subleasing.
 - You can check this website for open rental listings as well

AVOIDING SCAMS

If you are planning to rent or sublease through platforms like Zillow, Redfin, Facebook Marketplace, etc, it can be done successfully but know that you will likely be exposed to some scams. This section helps you identify scams and teaches steps you can take to safely secure housing on other platforms.

Red Flags

- Generally, if a listed property is below market price then you should be wary of making a deal with the poster of the property. In other words, if a listed property has a deal that almost seems ‘too good to be true’ then it is a red flag you should watch out for.
- Contact housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu if you want to verify if a property is ready to be leased/ the lessor is legitimate
- Additionally, if a “landlord” provides limited details about the property (such as missing details about square footage or utilities) this is a red flag. If they are also extremely persistent and are using a threatening tone to get you to sign a “lease” you should be wary of making a deal with the poster of the property. If they also ask to wire them money personally for whatever reason (such as application fees, rent, or security deposits), this is also a glaring red flag.

Protect Yourself!

Get EVERYTHING IN WRITING! Ask for a physical or at least online copy of the lessor’s terms, and NEVER exchange money without first getting your terms in writing and actually looking at the property yourself/meeting with your lessor. Oftentimes, scammers will ask for the security deposit “in advance” before you have signed any documents.

AVOIDING SCAMS

There are some properties that may not have many red flags initially but still be a scam. Here is an example of such:



As you can see, they can be very convincing so always be alert. Ask for an in-person tour and also review their profiles to see if they seem legit.

If you do come across a fraudulent lease, contact UCSB Housing (housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu), local authorities, and/or the Federal Trade Commission!

Here are some additional useful resources you can check to avoid scams:

- [Rental Fraud Awareness](#) | [UC Santa Barbara Information Technology](#)
- [8 Red Flags in Rental Scams](#)
- [Spotting a Rental Scam](#)

Watch this [Scam Alert Video](#)

Login with your UCSB email to view the video

International Students

Timeline

For international students, the on- and off- campus timelines are the same as general UCSB students! Check pages 7-11 of this handbook for the timeline that would be most relevant for you.

GENERAL INFORMATION TO KNOW

- For on campus: First-year international students who are regularly admitted students are given priority consideration for housing as long as they adhere to application procedures and deadlines.
- To get a look at the UCSB/ IV areas refer to page 4 of this handbook.
- [The Office of International Students and Scholars \(OISS\)](#) serves international students and scholars, faculty and staff in pursuit of creating a UCSB academic community that is Multicultural and global in scope. Their mission is to serve international students and scholars as well as faculty and departments by responding to their needs for immigration services, cultural programs and related information, and to help the university achieve its mission of excellence as a world class research institution of higher education.
- Apartments in Isla Vista are typically not furnished, so be prepared to purchase beds, dressers, desks and other amenities.
- [University & Community Housing Services](#) can help students look for housing options! They can help verify the address/manager for students before they sign a lease. Here are some tips for off campus housing with their assistance:
 - Email housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu and give them the opportunity to know what you are looking for. This will enable them to keep in contact with you prior to your arrival in Santa Barbara.
 - Submit a "housemate Available" post with your specific needs on the [rental listings website](#). This will allow students who are looking for roommates to find you. You can also begin searching the listings for possible places to live.
 - Budget for utilities. You will likely be expected to pay additional money for utilities (gas, electricity, etc.) for the place you will be renting. Be sure to ask how much they are on average so you have that information before you sign.
 - Make certain you do not sign a lease for longer than you are here. You should only agree to pay for the time you are here as an international student. Figure out partial month rent amounts by prorating the days you will be living in the unit. You are entitled to negotiate.

For additional help and tips visit their [website](#)!

EAP STUDENTS

- Students coming to UCSB through the Education Abroad Program (EAP) are eligible for University housing, pending availability. For information on housing for every quarter visit the [Education Abroad Student Campus Housing website](#).
- Make sure to be in contact with your EAP Advisor.
- Be sure to establish your UCSBnetID, and check that your U-Mail address is activated. Check your U-Mail account directly and frequently if you apply for housing so that you don't miss any important messages from UCSB. It may not be reliable to forward your U-Mail to an alternate email (gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc.)

Undocumented Students

Timeline

For undocumented students, the on- and off- campus timelines are the same as general UCSB students! Check pages 8-12 of this handbook for the timeline that would be most relevant for you. There are some differences when it comes to applying for off-campus housing, which we will discuss in this section.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Many leasing companies will ask for a social security number in order to apply or sign a lease. Though it may seem as a requirement, it should not be a basis of denying an application if SSN is not provided. SSN is mainly used for credit and background check, but landlords may ask for additional documentation if they do not have SSN. Companies may also accept Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- If only one application is needed for a leasing company, you may have a housemate or roommate with a SSN apply, and include your name in the application.
- Security deposits may be more expensive but you can reach out to the Financial Crisis Response Team for financial assistance with security deposits (check page 19 for more information on the FCRT).
- If you ever find yourself in a tough situation with a landlord or leasing company, there are legal resources available to you through the [Undocumented Student Services Department](#).
- There is also a helpful radio station, RadioBronco, that runs Monday - Friday. They announce different housing openings in the communities. These lessors are further out into Goleta, but tend to charge less for rent.

Undocumented Student Services

Undocumented Student Services (USS) supports undocumented students (with and without DACA) at UCSB thrive academically, professionally, and personally. USS offers various types of programs, services, and resources to increase access and equitable opportunities for undocumented students.

For more information on the available resources and programs, be sure to check out the USS website:

uss.sa.ucsb.edu



ucsbundocstudentservices@sa.ucsb.edu



(805) 708-4739



HOUSING & BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

**Here are some helpful resources you
can find both on campus and within
the Santa Barbara community!**

- Campus-Based Resources
- Community-Based Resources
- Legal Resources
- Community Basic Needs
Resources
- Lease Reviewing Resources

CAMPUS-BASED RESOURCES

Food Security & Basic Needs Advising Center

Meeting Students' Basic Needs: supporting financial stability by ensuring equitable access to nutritious and sufficient food; safe, secure, and adequate housing (to sleep, study, cook and shower); healthcare to promote sustained mental and physical well-being; affordable transportation; resources for personal hygiene care; and emergency needs for students with dependents.

Resources Offered

[Food](#) [Housing](#)
[Financial](#) [Wellbeing](#)
[Technology](#) [Academic](#)

Contact Info

Location: University Center, across the Campus Store
Phone: 1-805-893-2786
Email: thrive@ucsb.edu
Website: basicneeds.ucsb.edu

UCSB's Rapid Rehousing Program

Providing support and helpful resources for housing insecure or struggling UCSB students.

Resources Offered

Housing Navigators: [Schedule an appointment](#) to get general questions about housing insecurity answered as well as help finding housing options, apply for housing!

Housing Vouchers*: Rental grants are awarded to students in need of assistance. Applicable to on- and off-campus living arrangements. Documentation required to be deemed eligible.

Transitional Housing & Case management*: Emergency transitional housing within 24-48 hours of a housing emergency for a period of up to 25 days. Meal plan scholarship and case management included (finding long-term solutions, holistic service to connect students to resources)

*email the FCRT to access these resources

Contact Info

Email: ucsbrapidrehousing@gmail.com

Instagram: [ucsbrapidrehousing](https://www.instagram.com/ucsbrapidrehousing)

Financial Crisis Response Team (FCRT)

The Financial Crisis Response Team is committed to meeting the financial housing needs of all our students.

Resources Offered

Rental Deposit Assistance
Housing Vouchers
Transitional Housing
Case Management
Cost of Attendance Adjustments

Contact Info

Email: financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu

CAMPUS-BASED RESOURCES

UCSB University & Community Housing Services

The Community Housing Services is a one-stop resource for rental housing information and dispute resolution. Experienced staff members can help answer questions and provide guidance regarding rental rights and responsibilities

Resources Offered

Housing 101: Virtual programming about housing options for the following school year and going over the process for continuing students in UCSB Housing as well as community housing so keep an eye out for these programs!

Off-campus Rental Listings

[Housing Success Guide](#)

Mediation Program

Landlord/tenant, neighbor, and roommate dispute resolution

Tips to conduct move-in and move-out videotaping: [Prezi](#)

Contact Info **Location:** UCSB University Center Room 3151
Website: rentallistings.housing.ucsb.edu

Email: housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu
Phone: 805-893-4371

Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative (SBSHC)

The Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative owns and operates five autonomous, interdependent properties in Isla Vista. Along with providing low-rent co-op housing for students regardless of gender, race, social, political, or religious affiliation, SBSHC also strives to engage in continuous educational programs that further the principles of cooperation through mutual self-help living.

[Link to application and further information on each of the houses](#)

Contact Info

Phone: (805) 685-6964

Email: info@sbcoop.org

COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission was founded in 1965 and has been helping the homeless and addicted in our community for over 50 years. Each year, The Rescue Mission will serve 140,000 meals, provide safe shelter to 200 men and women each night, and graduate over 30 people from its 12-month Residential Recovery Program.

Resources Offered

Transitional Housing program: All week long overnight stay is provided with hot meals and warm showers

Men's and Women's recovery programs

Contact Info

Location: 535 E. Yanonali Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Phone: 805-966-1316

Email: rescuemissionnews@sbrm.org

Website: sbrm.org

PATH SB

PATH is dedicated to helping individuals, families, and communities end homelessness by connecting them to the necessary resources.

Resources Offered

Rapid Rehousing Program
Interim housing
Housing navigation
Employment

Contact Info

Phone: 805-979-8706

Email: pathsantabarbara@epath.org

Website: epath.org

Safe Parking Program

Safe overnight parking for individuals and their families living in their vehicles. There are 26 parking lots throughout Santa Barbara, Goleta and neighboring areas of the county. Documentation of vehicle registration, vehicle insurance and driver's license is needed.

Resources Offered

Case Management: help connect program participants to shelters and serviced for safer environments, transition into permanent housing and employment

Contact Info

Phone: 805-845-8492

Email: safeparking@sbnbcc.org

Website: sbnbcc.org

COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES

YMCA'S My Home Program

My Home is a transitional-age program for young adults(18-24) designed to reduce homelessness and have a safe place to live, a reliable system of support, a sense of purpose, and the self-sufficiency skills needed to live independently. The My Home program prevents homelessness for those that are at-risk and/or marginally housed.

Resources Offered

Transitional Housing
Case Management

Contact Info

Phone: 805-560-8250

Email: yfs.navigationcenter@ciymca.org

Website: ciymca.org/locations/my-home

Location: 422 E. Cota St., Santa Barbara
CA, 93101

Youth Action Board

YAB is a youth-led organization serving Santa Barbara County transitional-aged individuals with the goal of supporting young adults to thrive through the transition to adulthood. In a safe and inclusive environment, YAB connects individuals to peer support, community-based partners, and other resources in the community and educational locations.

Contact Info

Email: sbcyouthactionboard@gmail.com

Instagram: [sbc.yab](https://www.instagram.com/sbc.yab)

Facebook: Santa Barbara County Youth Action Board

Freedom Warming Centers

Freedom Warming Centers provide pop-up shelters providing overnight stay for the county's people living without homes during dangerously cold or wet weather conditions. There are shelter sites across Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Carpinteria, Isla Vista and Lompoc areas. There is a hotline available to ask for available and open shelters.

Contact Info

Phone: 805-324-2372

LEGAL RESOURCES

IV Community Services District

The Isla Vista Community Services District provides this impartial mediation service to the Isla Vista community to resolve housing issues/disputes fairly, safely, and economically. The District's Mediator will meet and discuss the best way to find an equitable solution. This program is free & open to all residents.

Resources Offered

Mediation services are open to and can be initiated by both landlords and tenants. Their goal is to create a culture of mutual respect and understanding between all members of community while ensuring housing security for all.

Contact Info

Phone: (805) 770-2752

Email: islavistamediation@gmail.com

Website: islavistacsd.ca.gov

Location: 970 Embarcadero Del Mar
Suite 101, Isla Vista CA 93117

Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU)

A.S. Isla Vista Tenants Union is an organization serving the interests of Isla Vista tenants. They educate tenants on their rights and responsibilities and act as a resource when problems arise. They place a strong value in making sure people live without the suffering that arises from discrimination, retaliation, or neglect. In order to ensure this mission, they reach out to property managers, the University, elected officials, local groups, and individuals in order to address pressing tenant issues.

Resources Offered

Tenant Guides
Rental Listings
Caseworking
Legal consultation

Contact Info

Phone: (805) 968-6704

Instagram: [ucsb.ivtu](https://www.instagram.com/ucsb.ivtu)

Location: 6550 Pardall Rd Suite B, Goleta

AS Legal Resource Center

Associated Students Legal Resource Center started as a result of a student initiative to provide FREE legal counseling services to the UCSB campus. An ASLRC Student Legal Advisor is available to consult with all registered UCSB students on any issue or concern in which legal education would be helpful, unless it involves the university or another UCSB student. We offer legal education and information, and/or referrals, and can assist you in identifying and resolving your legal problems.

Resources Offered

- Offer information and support on
 - Security deposit disputes, evictions, habitability situations
 - Lease review and landlord/tenant questions

Contact Info

Phone: (805) 893 - 4246

Website: legal.as.ucsb.edu

Location: 6550 Pardall Rd, Goleta (2nd floor)

COMMUNITY BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

Showers of Blessing

Showers of Blessing SB provides free access to hot showers for those experiencing houselessness. A shower trailer will be at the designated sites each week. With each shower, guests receive a freshly laundered towel and washcloth, a pair of new cotton socks, a pair of new underwear, hygiene items and limited emergency clothing. Some locations have limited showers as well.

Resources Offered

- [Shower trailer](#): St. Michael's University Church
 - Location: 6568 Picasso Rd, Isla Vista
 - Dates: Mondays (1-3pm), Fridays (11am - 1pm)
- [Shower trailer](#): St. Athanasius Orthodox Church
 - Location: 300 Sumida Gdns. Ln, Goleta
 - Date: Thursdays (10am - 1pm)

Contact Info

Website: showersofblessingsb.org

Loads of Love

Loads of Love is a way of caring for people who are struggling financially by assisting them launder their own clothes and belongings. They serve people that are living on the streets, in vehicles, or in shelters due to financial hardship. People served meet the definition of someone without a home, are food insecure and live in poverty. Check out the locations to launder your clothes free of charge!

Resources Offered

- [Isla Vista Laundromat](#)
 - Location: 948 Embarcadero Del Norte, Isla Vista
 - Date: Last Tuesday of the month, 5-6pm
- [Launderland Coin-Op](#)
 - Location: 834 North Milpas Street, Santa Barbara
 - Date: Last Tuesday of the month, 11am-12pm

Contact Info

Website: loadsoflovesb.org

Pet Resources for Santa Barbara

Their mission is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the animals and people they serve through proactive intervention, collaboration, education, and the compassionate care and rehoming of sheltered animals.

Resources Offered

A surplus of organizations provide a variety of services (food, supplies, training, vaccines, and more) for free or low cost! For a full list of these resources visit their website.

Contact Info

Website: countyofsb.org/2719/Pet-Resource-Centers

LEASE REVIEWING RESOURCES

Rapid Rehousing - Housing Navigators

Students can meet with a housing navigator to get general questions about housing insecurity answered as well as help find housing options, apply for housing, and help those experiencing housing insecurity. They can also look over your lease to avoid scams!

To book an appointment visit:

basicneeds.ucsb.edu

Scroll down on the home page and click the link under "Housing Advising"

Contact Info

Email: HousingAdvocate@sa.ucsb.edu

Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU)

The IVTU can help look over your lease and let you know of your rights as a tenant!

Contact Info

Website: ivtu.as.ucsb.edu

UCSB Community Housing Services Office

Students can receive help regarding lease questions, as well as general housing questions.

Contact Info

Phone: 805-893-4371

Email: housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu

Website: tinyurl.com/ucsbcommunityhousingoffice

Location: UCSB University Center Room 3151

Additional Info



REACH OUT!

If students are having trouble finding housing they can always email us housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu to make an appointment to help with their search.

We also do rental fairs all winter quarter and a few in spring for them to connect with companies that DO have vacancy.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



At UCSB, we want students to have the resources they need to be successful and healthy. For more information on resources regarding food, housing, financial, technology or wellbeing, you can visit the basic needs website: basicneeds.ucsb.edu

You can also visit the Food Security and Basic Needs Advising Center to meet with peer advisors that will help redirect you to the resources that will be most helpful for you. The office is located inside the University Center, right across from the Campus Store, and they are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Can't meet in person? The website has a live chat option for you to get your questions answered!

FAQ

Furnished vs unfurnished, what to expect?

- 1 All campus housing will come furnished with the following basics: Bed, Desk + chair. Some residences are furnished with more such as couches, coffee tables etc. Check the Housing Options website to navigate through the different residences and their specific furniture and amenities.

What is Facebook marketplace? Is it reliable?

- 2 Facebook Marketplace is a super common, popular place where people can both buy and sell used goods. While people are selling things year-round, an influx of furniture becomes available around the end of Spring quarter as this is typically when leases end and most students are moving in/out of the area. "Give Sale" is a reliable resource for UCSB students to buy and sell used goods. Regardless, we advise students to stay alert and weary when accounts are asking for your information.

Should I get a meal plan or not?

- 3 If you live in university owned housing: Dining commons are more easily accessible to students who reside within university housing. Students can start with a meal plan and will have the option to change or cancel their meal plan as needed.
If you live outside of university owned housing: Don't want to cook, or can't find the time to do so? If that's the case, a meal plan is advised to ensure students are able to eat proper and healthy meals. [Off-campus meal plans](#) are available for you.

Should I live on or off campus?

- 4 Freshmen are not required to live in campus dorms. Typically, students will move out of campus housing and into Isla Vista(IV), the college town located right next to campus, starting their second or third year. Apartments in IV tend to have bigger rooms, living spaces and kitchens. Ultimately, the decision is up to you, but it is advised to look into the benefits of both and make your decision by Fall Quarter.

Should I apply to on and off campus housing?

- 5 Housing at UCSB is not guaranteed so it is important to explore all of your options. Be sure to also check with your financial aid to see what your financial aid package is. Be sure to talk about budget with your parents/guardians so you know what to expect.

FAQ

Utilities

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It is important to factor the cost of utilities into your budget when looking for housing. Whether or not a property includes utilities depends on the leasing company
Check out [Utilities in Santa Barbara](#)

Roommates

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You can find roommates here
Many people are looking for additional roommates or someone to sublease their spot

How to delegate bills, household goods, etc.

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It is important to be on the same page with future roommates when it comes to bills, chores, furniture, rules, and more. Make sure to establish a solid system for how you all expect household duties to be fulfilled (does everyone do their own cleaning or do you all rotate and take turns?) and whether or not you will be sharing certain household necessities (e.g. will everyone pitch in for toilet paper every time or will there be a designated person who buys the toilet paper and everyone else buys something else?). It is also important to communicate who will be contributing what in terms of furniture as you do not want every person to bring a couch or a coffee table. When it comes to bills it is important to determine how bills will be split up and whose name you will have under each utility (will every person be in charge of a different bill or will everyone evenly split each one and pay the one whose bill the name is in?). All in all, the key skill of having roommates is being able to communicate. Avoid conflicts by laying out one another's expectations early on and maturely resolving conflicts as they arise. Living with roommates can be one of the most rewarding parts of college and may provide you with a group of forever friends if done correctly!

What if I don't have a cosigner?

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Does not have to be a parent, can be a roommate, family friend, etc

When do leases typically start and end?

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Most leases take place over a 12 month long period, typically starting and ending in June (start at the end of June and end shortly after spring finals), but can also start as late as July or September right before the beginning of the school year.



GOOD LUCK ON YOUR HOUSING SEARCH!

We hope you found this resource to
be helpful to you :)

If there are any suggestions you
would like to make to help improve
the guide feel free to email:

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or

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