

HOUSING INFORMATION

WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING DO YOU WANT?

As you begin your search for housing, you should decide what type of living situation you want and what your budget will allow for. You can either live alone, with roommates, or in a room in a private home (with a family or individual). *The following organizations are not affiliated with CSU Long Beach or with the Center for International Education.*

HOMESTAY

- **Universal Student Housing**

Universal Student Housing provides a Homestay program for international students interested in living with an American host family.

424 Kelton Ave., Suite 514
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Phone: (310) 824-4908

Email: contact@usaish.com
Web: www.usaish.com

- **Homestay Services International**

Homestay Services International offers a "home away from home" environment for international students studying in the United States.

2031 San Remo Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870

Web: www.homestayservices.com
Phone: (714) 504-0866

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Brooks College**

Brooks College is a small school located one mile from CSULB and may have housing available. The CSULB campus shuttle stops in front of their residence halls.

4825 E. Pacific Coast Highway
Long Beach, CA 90804
Phone: (800) 421-3775

Email: housing2@brookscollege.edu
Web: www.brookscollege.edu
Phone: (562) 597-6611 ext. 280

- **Bay Crest Apartments**

Bay Crest Apartments is a property owned by College Park Communities which specializes in off-campus housing for college students. The CSULB campus shuttle has a stop in front of the property.

1718 Ximeno Road
Long Beach, CA 90815

Email: baycrest@collegepark.org
Web: www.collegeparkweb.com

WHERE TO LOOK FOR HOUSING

Center for International Education (CIE) Housing Board – The CIE housing board lists available rooms in apartments and rooms in private homes. *This service is available for international students ONLY.*

CSULB Off-Campus Housing Website <http://housing.csulb.edu/offcampus/> – The university has a housing website which lists rooms in private homes, rooms for rent, and people looking for roommates.

Newspapers – Rooms and apartments for rent are listed in the classified section of most newspapers.

Internet – There are many housing websites, which list apartments available for rent (refer to page 6).

Talk To Other Students – Tell people you are looking for housing because they may know of something that could help you!

Explore The Neighborhood – If you are looking for an apartment, you might try looking for "for rent" signs by driving or walking through neighborhoods near CSULB.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. What is the rent per month?
2. Is a security deposit required? If so, how much is it and under what conditions could it be held?
3. Do I need to sign a lease? If so, for how long?
 - The advantage of signing a lease is that the rent cannot be raised during the lease period.
 - The disadvantage of signing a lease is that you are legally bound to stay for the lease period or pay for the entire lease period.
4. Are there extra charges for utilities, storage space, parking space, late rent payment, etc.? If so, how much?

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- In some cases, owners might require verification that you can afford the rent. If necessary, you may request a letter of financial verification from the CIE.
- Some apartments might require a fee in order to process your application.
- Most housing requires a security deposit. Some may also require first and last month's rent.
- Remember, before you sign a lease or rental agreement; take a housing condition inventory by looking for any damages. Make sure that both you and the owner/manager sign the completed inventory report. If the owner/manager does not have an inventory report form, you may write or type it and both sign the document.
- If you are involved in a difficult situation, please contact the CIE. However, if a situation occurs in which you need assistance in taking legal action, contact the Office of University Ombuds, USU Suite 301, or call (562) 985-5983 or visit their website: www.csulb.edu/ombuds.
- **READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYTHING!**
- **ALWAYS KEEP COPIES OF RECEIPTS, DOCUMENTS, AND AGREEMENTS AS PROOF OF ALL TRANSACTIONS. THIS WAY YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE ANY DEPOSITS OR REFUNDS DUE TO YOU.**

Tips for living in a *Room in a Private Home*

When moving into a private home, it is recommended that you have a written agreement stating the following:

- Rent amount
- Security deposit amount and conditions
- Utilities you are responsible for paying (phone, electricity, Internet, etc.)
- Owner's expectations regarding cleaning, cooking, visitors, etc.
- How much time is necessary to notify owner before you move out (usually 30 days)

A written agreement is necessary because an oral agreement offers you little or no legal protection. Once you and the owner have signed the document, you are both obligated to abide by the conditions of the agreement. Be sure that you and the owner both keep a copy of the document.

HOUSING TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

APARTMENT MANAGER: The person responsible for the daily management and care of the property.

APPLIANCES: The stove/oven, refrigerator, and microwave oven are considered appliances. Most apartments provide a stove and few provide a refrigerator

KEY DEPOSIT: This is a charge for the key to the apartment. You will get the deposit back after returning the keys when you move out.

LANDLORD: The owner or renter of the house or apartment.

LEASE/ RENTAL AGREEMENT: A lease is a written agreement or document between the renter(s) and the owner of the property. This document states the amount of time you agree to rent the premises and the agreed rent amount per month.

PREMISES: The house or apartment available for rent

SECURITY DEPOSIT: Almost every apartment or house requires the renter to pay a deposit as protection against damage to the home or failing to pay the rent. If you abide by the terms of the rental agreement/lease, your security deposit should be returned when you move out.

UTILITY CHARGES: These may or may not be included as part of your monthly rent. Utility charges typically include cost of electricity, gas, and telephone.

Abbreviations

AC	= Air Conditioning	M	= Microwave
B	= Balcony	P	= Patio
DW	= Dish Washer	PL	= Pool
FP	= Fireplace	PT	= Pets
G	= Garage	R	= Refrigerator
GD	= Gated	S	= Stove
WDH	= Washer & Dryer hook-ups	LDRY	= Laundry Facility On-site

Average Cost for Unfurnished Housing

Studio- \$800 per month

One Bedroom - \$800-1000 per month

Two Bedroom - \$1100-1500 per month

Room in Private Home-\$350-600 per month

TEMPORARY ACCOMODATIONS

Motel 6
5665 East 7th Street
562-597-1311

Super 8 Motel
4201 E Pacific Coast
Highway
562-597-7701

**Sally's Motel and
Apartments**
4600 East 7th Street
562-439-4251

Queen City Motel
3555 E Pacific Coast
Highway
562-597-4455

Guesthouse
5325 E Pacific Coast
Highway
562-597-1341

Belmont Shore Inn Motel
3946 East Ocean Blvd.
562-434-6236

Holiday Inn
2640 Lakewood Blvd.
562-597-4401

Gondolier Hotel
5525 E Pacific Coast
Highway
562-498-1222

Youth Hostels – both of the
hostels listed below are 15–
20 minutes (drive time) from
CSULB

Colonial Inn Youth Hostel
421 Eighth Street
Huntington Beach, CA
714-536-3315
714-536-9206
Cost: \$19 per night

American Youth Hostel
3601 South Gaffey St. #613
San Pedro, CA
310-831-8109
Cost: \$16-19 per night

FURNITURE STORES

Many students purchase used furniture for their apartment. Thrift stores are great for used furniture. You may find local thrift stores and furniture stores on the Internet or the Yellow Pages telephone directory.

Home Furniture
3030 Pacific Coast Highway
562-494-6999

Quality Furniture
516 W. Willow
562-989-1148

Coaster Furniture
1088 Redondo
562-434-8803

Ocean 2 Discount Furniture
5318 Long Beach Blvd. 562-
428-5165

***Circle of Concern Thrift
Store**
4134 Orange Ave.
562-427-4395

***Salvation Army**
1340 Alamitos Ave.
562-218-2355

***Goodwill Stores**
800 Pacific Coast Highway
562-435-8214

1130 Redondo
562-498-0040

Ikea Stores
20700 Avalon Blvd #900
Carson, CA
310-527-4532

1475 South Coast Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
714-444-4532

*Indicates non-profit or thrift store

OFF-CAMPUS APARTMENT LIST

There are many apartments for rent in Belmont Shore, Belmont Heights and the Traffic Circle Area. CSULB has a free campus shuttle from the circle area to campus. If the listed apartments do not fit your budget or you would like more to choose from, you may also search for apartments on the Internet or by driving/ taking a bus around the area and looking for "for rent" notices on the buildings. A list of websites is available on the backside of this sheet. If you choose to rent an apartment, be aware that most require a security deposit. **It is important that you call the phone number listed to find out exact costs and detailed information.** CIE is not responsible for any changes in information regarding apartment listings. This information is current as of 10/04.

BR=Bedroom

Walking Distance from CSULB

CHANNEL POINT

5926 Bixby Village Drive 1BR: **\$1250-1350**
Phone: 562/494-4022 2BR: **\$1575-1675**

CONTINENTAL

795 Bellflower Blvd. Studio: **\$715-750**
Phone: 562/494-3743

GONDOLIER *Furnished Apartments Available*

5525 Pacific Coast Hwy Studio: **\$900**
Phone: 562/498-1222 1BR: **\$800**

PATHWAYS

5945 Pacific Coast Hwy. Studio: **\$ 1000**
Phone: 562/498-2405 1BR: **\$1155**
2BR: **\$1615**

PACIFIC VIEW

5025 E Pacific Coast Hwy 1BR: **\$990-1000**
Phone: 562/498-3009

VILLA D'OR

777 Bellflower Blvd 1BR: **\$650-670**
Phone: 562/498-1280 2BR: **\$750-770**

Traffic Circle Area- 1 Mile from CSULB

BAY CREST APARTMENTS (campus shuttle route)

1718 Ximeno 1BR: **\$1099**
Phone: 562/597-1321 2BR: **\$1335-1499**
1 mile- campus shuttle route

BEVERLY PLAZA (campus shuttle route)

5050 Garford St 1BR: **\$1100-1450**
Phone: 562/597-5579 2BR: **\$1350**
3BR: **\$1575-1675**

HATHAWAY *Furnished Apartments Available*

3500 Hathaway 1BR: **\$1030**
Phone: 562/597-6303 2BR: **\$1394**

MARBRISA *Furnished Apartments Available*

1809 Termino Avenue Studio: **\$1010**
Phone: 562/597-5009 1BR: **\$1145**
2BR: **\$1495**

ARCHSTONE

1613 Ximeno Avenue 1BR: **\$1000-1225**
Phone: 562/597-4443 2BR: **\$1505-1560**

PATIO GARDEN APARTMENTS

4874 Los Coyotes Diagonal 2BR ONLY
Phone: 562/597-5489 **\$1175-1265**

1 -2 Miles from CSULB

SALLY'S APARTMENTS *Furnished Apartments Available*

4600 E. 7th St. 1BR: **\$795**
Also, various other locations 1BR: **\$800-900**
Phone: 562/439-4251 2BR: **\$1000-1200**

VILLA REDONDO APARTMENTS

3428 Hathaway Avenue 1BR: **\$1029-1390**
Phone: 562/597-6877 2BR: **\$1605-1755**

GRAND TERRACE

3738 East 11th St. 1BR: **\$1030**
Phone: 562/434-9988 2BR: **\$1350**

PARK ESTATES PLAZA

5153 E. Anaheim St. Studio: **\$550**
Phone: 562/597-6465 1BR: **\$650**
2BR: **\$750**

Other Areas In Long Beach

OAKWOOD APARTMENTS *Unfurnished-furnished*

333 First St. **Includes utilities* Studio: **\$1200-430**
Phone: 562/493-9725 1BR: **\$1285-1981**
International Student rates only* 2BR: **\$1600-2578

ORANGE TERRACE

698 Orange (at 7th St.) 1BR ONLY
Phone: 562/435-7114 **\$650**

RENAISSANCE TERRACE (Downtown Area)

926 Locust Street 1BR: **\$750-800**
Phone: 562/436-9138 2BR: **\$1100-1200**
3BR: **\$1350-1450**

SURF TERRACE

11 S. Termino (at Ocean Blvd.) 1BR: **\$730-750**
Phone: 562/434-3011 2BR: **\$1200-1225**



RENTAL WEB SITES

Recommended: *California State University, Long Beach
Off-Campus Housing Website with many roommate, room available,
apartment, and private home listings. *(Pictures may be available)*
<http://housing.csulb.edu>

Studio & Apartment Web Sites:

<http://losangeles.craigslist.org>

<http://la.oodle.com>

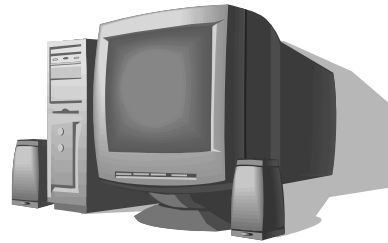
www.rent.net

www.rentline.com

www.apartmentlife.com

www.apartments.com

www.apartmentguide.com



Newspapers:

The following newspapers can also be found on campus or at any shopping center.

Grunion Gazette: www.gazettes.com

Long Beach Press Telegram: <http://longbeach.abracat.com/c2/apartments/search/index.xml>

The Daily 49er, the school newspaper also lists a few rentals. News boxes are located only on the CSULB campus. www.csulb.edu/~d49er/

Penny Saver Magazine: www.thepennysaver.com

Apartment Magazine: www.ptsforrent.com

To see how close an apartment is to CSULB use <http://maps.yahoo.com>

