



# 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>

*5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032*

**Transportation from 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) because this is the custom in the U.S.A.:

[www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) or [www.primetimeshuttle.com](http://www.primetimeshuttle.com)

**Suggested Housing Areas:** Areas to the north and east of campus are recommended.

**Here are some suggested cities:** *Alhambra, South Pasadena, Pasadena, San Gabriel, Temple City, Rosemead, Arcadia*

These communities are all on established bus lines.

[www.googlemaps.com](http://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](http://www.homestaynetwork.com)

**StudentLink International:** [www.istudentlink.com](http://www.istudentlink.com)

**Universal Student Housing:** [www.usstudent.com](http://www.usstudent.com)

**University-Style Dormitory/Apartment Buildings:**

**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.

**Websites:** general search for apartments (**use the cities mentioned above to search**)

<http://web.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/OffCampusRentals.php>

<http://www.westsiderentals.com>

[www.zumper.com](http://www.zumper.com)

[www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)

**Zip (Postal) Code Map:**

[http://web.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/documents/form/Surrounding%20Zip%20Codes\\_MAP.pdf](http://web.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/documents/form/Surrounding%20Zip%20Codes_MAP.pdf)

**Hotels/Motels:**

<http://www.cityofalhambra.org/about/hotels.html>

<http://www.tripadvisor.com>

<http://www.hotels.com>

<http://www.kayak.com>

<http://www.expedia.com>

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## RENTING AN APARTMENT

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://losangeles.cort.com/storefront/student/c02\\_04.html?modal=true](https://losangeles.cort.com/storefront/student/c02_04.html?modal=true)
7. All apartments are required by law to have heat and hot 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](http://www.ladwp.com)
  - c. For natural gas: Southern California Gas: [www.socalgas.com](http://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.sprint.com/>  
<http://www.verizonwireless.com/>