

Student Affairs
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Housing



CSU, Chico is a residential campus. Most students live on or within two miles of campus. The University doesn't impose housing requirements, so you may select the kind of housing you prefer. Most freshmen live on-campus during their first year of school.

Housing and Food Service

University Housing and Food Service (UHFS), located in the UHFS Building on campus at the corner of Citrus and Legion Avenues, provides a center for all housing information and administration. Look here for

- Application process for University-owned student housing
- University Housing assignments
- Refunds
- Billings
- Part-time jobs in University Housing
- Conference and graduation housing
- Housing for summer students
- Off-campus housing listing service



University Housing Residence Halls

The on-campus student housing program encourages personal growth in a residential setting and provides a climate where the living atmosphere complements the educational mission of the University. Each residence hall has live-in staff consisting of a professional full-time residence community coordinator or assistant residence community coordinator and a student resident advisor for each living area. Staff members possess skills for helping and can also make excellent referrals. A recreation specialist initiates social and athletic activities within the halls, and ample opportunity exists for involvement with hall government and service on a variety of committees.

Chico State has five on-campus co-educational residence halls, each accommodating from 120 to 543 students. Rooms are carpeted and air-conditioned. Most rooms are two-person occupancy with a limited number of three-person rooms and a few singles (in Whitney



Residence Hall Addresses

- Lassen Hall**
501 Citrus Ave
- Shasta Hall**
551 Citrus Ave
- Whitney Hall**
545 Legion Ave
- Mechoopda Hall**
691 West Sacramento Ave
- Esken Hall**
681 West Sacramento Ave
- Konkow Hall**
701 West Sacramento Ave
- University Village**
1325 Nord Ave

- Information on landlord/tenant relationships
- Maps of campus and city
- Information on schools, shopping, recreation, and restaurants
- Free phone use
- Lease forms
- Lists of motels and real estate agencies
- Apartment brochures
- Information about discrimination in rental housing

Hall). Rooms are furnished with 80-inch beds (extra long), desks and chairs, bookcases, bulletin boards, wastebaskets, dressers, and closets. Mattress pads are provided, and students furnish their own pillows, linens, blankets, and towels. All residence halls have computer labs with access to the Internet. Each lab contains an IBM compatible computer and a laser printer. All residence hall rooms have Ethernet connectivity (two Ethernet connections per room). Located within the halls are study lounges, TV rooms, laundries, saunas, and small kitchens for snack preparation. Within the campus housing area is a recreation center for residents. University Communications Network Services (CNS) provides telephone service to all rooms. CNS will provide authorization codes to students for long distance dialing needs and will bill students each month for toll charges.

Food service is a part of the on-campus housing package and consists of 15 meals a week with the option to add additional meals at low rates. Your meal card may also be used at various food service locations across campus.

Thematic Living Program (Konkow Houses)

The Thematic Living Program is composed of apartment-style units with common kitchen and living areas. Each unit houses 17 students who share the same major or common academic program. In cooperation with the faculty of their academic departments, the residents of a thematic housing unit create a living environment which enhances their academic program through activities such as lecture series, films, slides, musical and cultural evenings, ethnic dinners, trips, and foreign language conversation hours. Students must contact the specific academic departments to apply for this program.

University Village

University Village is the only University-owned apartment complex and the most unique housing facility in Chico. The Village community is patterned after the residence hall program, while still giving residents the benefits and feel of an apartment community. Each year 500 freshmen will be placed at University Village. We strongly encourage you to visit and get familiar with the Village when you come to town. The Village is a leisurely bike ride from campus (just a little less than a mile). Free bus transportation to and from campus is available. Because the Village is part of University Housing and Food Service, students enjoy many of the benefits that our on-campus residents have: Village Council, the Residence Hall Association, programming, community building, a computer lab, live-in staff, and more.

Housing Rates

We have different rates for each student housing community. Please e-mail, write, call, or visit the University Housing Office for the most current rates.

How to Apply

The application process for housing is separate from application for admission to the University. Please contact UHFS for more information.

Other Housing Options

Community

Convenient and enjoyable housing can be found in the Chico community. The area offers a variety of living choices which include privately owned residence halls, boarding houses, apartments, houses, rooms, and occasional opportunities to work for room and board. If apartment living appeals to you, but meal preparation does not, the on-campus residence hall dining room offers either a five-, ten- or fifteen-meal per week plan to off-campus students.

Living off-campus can be exciting and challenging, but it can also become a headache if you neglect to plan carefully. Read further for comments geared towards the first-time home hunter.

When to Look

Apartment complexes begin to rent in March for the fall semester. If you are interested in one particular complex, inquire during this time period about policies on deposits for fall leases. The rental process continues throughout the summer months, and as August approaches, apartments still available will tend to be located farther from campus.

A bright spot for late arrivals to campus is that as the vacant apartment supply diminishes, the availability of places to share with roommates increases. Continuing students who place deposits to hold apartments return to campus later and seek roommates. Many available sharing offers are in the best locations and have moderate rental rates. Find listings of sharing openings online, in the University Housing Office, and local newspapers. Shop early if you can, but if your hunting must be done just before classes begin, don't despair. Just adjust your expectations, make a temporary housing arrangement (motel or with a friend), and hurry to the University Housing Office to begin your search for long-term housing.

Greek Housing

Nearly all of the fraternities and sororities at CSU, Chico operate their own houses. Space in these facilities is generally limited to members or pledges, and thus is not available to students during their first semester on campus. For additional information, write to the Student Activities Office, Bell Memorial Union, CSU, Chico, Chico, CA 95929. Phone: 530-898-5396.

- File a complaint with the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), 2000 "O" Street, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95814. Phone 800-884-1684. You must file the complaint within 60 days of the violation.
- Consult an attorney. Suits alleging a violation of federal or state law must be filed with the federal and state courts accordingly.

Other Things to Consider

Personal Property Insurance Regardless of where a student lives, a review of insurance coverage with an agent is advisable. Some policies cover a student while away at school.

Post Office Box You may wish to consider renting a post office box. This offers an immediate permanent address and assures you receipt of mail if you change your residence.

Telephone and Voice Mail Regardless of where you live, University Communications Network Services (CNS) telephone and voice mail service is available. Using a CNS line means you are directly networked to the CSU, Chico campus



Discrimination in Rental Housing

Although owners are allowed to choose their tenants, they cannot discriminate on the basis of

- Age
- Children
- Disability
- Marital status
- National origin or ancestry
- Race or ethnicity
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any way, recourse is available:

- Call the University Housing Office. An advisor can help you with rental law questions.
- Call the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) at 530-898-4354. The CLIC staff offers legal information about housing issues.

and to the thousands of other students, faculty, and staff who use our service. The revenue generated by CNS is filtered directly back to the campus technology fund and used to upgrade and purchase new communication equipment.

A Final Word

University Housing and Food Service is ready to assist you in getting settled in Chico and to help solve housing problems if they arise. Information, including tips about roommate selection, pluses and minuses for living on and off campus, planning strategies, landlord-tenant relationships, and frequently used off-campus rental locations, is available by request from the University Housing Office.