UNIVERSITY HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016–2017

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On behalf of University Housing and Food Service, let me be among the first to welcome you to Chico State.

University Housing is committed to providing residential living and learning communities that directly support the educational, social, and personal development of each student. To that end, our department embraces a student-centered philosophy that is strongly reflected in the staff who serve you. We understand your expectations and needs. We share your enthusiasm for the college experience and are thoroughly dedicated to your success, both personally and academically.

Our residence halls and apartments provide opportunities to become actively engaged in college life and in the traditions and vitality of the institution. Our residential environments are composed of persons representing diversity in every dimension: diversity of thought, belief, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, and sexual orientation. All members of the University community are equal and accountable to one another. There is a place for everyone.

Student leadership opportunities abound in our communities through student governance, the Residence Hall Association, or as a general member of a residential community. Additionally, you are personally invited to become actively engaged throughout the year, in the many programs and events sponsored by University Housing and Food Service.

I remain convinced that the second most important decision students make after finalizing their college choice is where they are going to live. Our students do have choices, but none are better than the University Housing experience.

Make the most of the very best opportunity available to you. You will soon discover the on-campus residential experience is the "other half" of your college education. We look forward to having you join our community.

With warmest regards for a successful year,

David B. Stephen, Ed.D.
Director, University Housing and Food Service
We know you are excited about Chico State, and we think you’ll be even more excited about the advantages of living in University Housing.

When you arrive at Chico State, you’ll have a lot of exciting opportunities to explore: acquiring new knowledge, meeting new people, and making new friends. And that’s not to mention the social, educational, and recreational activities taking place on and around campus. With all of this excitement going on, it will be comforting to know that necessities like accommodations and dining are already taken care of for you.

By choosing to live in our residence halls or apartments, you will have a great opportunity to easily transition to the University, which will enhance your college experience and help you graduate sooner. Our student housing accommodations are comfortable, affordable, and convenient. If you are looking for the ideal place to live, study, and grow—especially if you are a new Chico State student—check out University Housing.
Living in University Housing is an experience you'll never forget. You will have the opportunity to meet an unlimited number of students from all walks of life and create friendships that will last far beyond your college years. There is nothing quite like living in a community of students who also seek to build new relationships as they adapt to university life and begin to figure out who they truly are and where they are headed in the world. With the facilities and events available to you, it's easy to make friends and create unforgettable memories. Choose University Housing and begin to write your own story!

Residence Life
We’re About the Journey

The Residence Life program in University Housing is one of the many reasons to live on campus. Our residence hall staff is here both to challenge and support you on your college journey.

We want you to get involved with your community, succeed academically, and find opportunities for learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Ultimately, our shared goal is your graduation from the University. National research has demonstrated that students who live on campus are more likely to complete their degrees sooner and achieve greater academic success than students who choose to live off campus. Our staff is here to help you be a successful student, to have fun, enjoy the college experience, and graduate!

Convenience
When you live on campus, you get the benefit of having other students as your neighbors. University Housing students don’t have to worry about access to classes, Meriam Library, office hours with professors, or various events on campus, because the residence halls are the heart of the campus. University Village is less than one mile from the northwest corner of the main campus. You can avoid the need to hunt for parking when running late to class. With one convenient all-inclusive bill for room, meals, and all utilities (electricity, Internet, Xfinity cable television), there is no financial impact if your roommate leaves mid-year as would be the case when living off campus. Choosing University Housing will provide community, identity, and convenience.

Safety
Your safety, both physical and emotional, is a core value for University Housing and Food Service. In fact, it is so important that some residence halls provide a 24-hour service desk, professional and paraprofessional staff on emergency duty 24/7, alarmed exterior doors, and closed-circuit security cameras in all University Housing facilities. Guest registration is required beginning at 8 p.m. every day. Each of the residence halls requires the use of your Wildcat ID Card to enter the hall and a unique magnetic key system to enter your room. Finally, you have RAs in your community if you need assistance or have questions.
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

University Housing offers a variety of programs designed to supplement and support your academic success. These programs include

- Study skills workshops throughout the academic year
- Time management presentations
- Sunday night study groups with our faculty-in-residence
- Faculty Mentor Program

Additionally, you will have our fantastic Residence Life staff available to you to provide assistance and support as you navigate your college journey.

FACULTY MENTORS

Since 2006, University faculty and staff members have been paired with resident advisors within University Housing. Participation in this program has grown to over 35 mentor/resident advisor teams. Faculty Mentors provide guidance to help break down the barriers that often prevent students from fully engaging with faculty in the classroom or staff in campus programs. These interactions occur outside of the classroom environment where Faculty Mentors sponsor special programs and events within the residence halls, dining center, and University Village.

STUDENT SAFETY

Personal safety programs such as Freshman Safe Start are sponsored in conjunction with University Police, Campus Alcohol and Drug Education Center (CADEC), the Student Health Center, Safe Place, and the Counseling and Wellness Center.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

In University Housing we want you to participate in community activities and explore your leadership potential. There are a variety of opportunities for you to develop leadership skills, and we want to help you discover where you belong.

ACTIVITIES

Prime Time Productions (PTP) provides late-night and weekend entertainment to all students living in University Housing. PTP sponsors live entertainment such as comedians, bands, hypnotists, mentalists, magicians, speakers, talent competitions, pre-home released films, and a whole lot more! PTP also helps plan and execute major event weeks and weekends on campus, such as Wildcat Welcome Week, Family Weekend, Residence Hall Spirit Week, and Welcome Back Week. All PTP events are free to University Housing students. PTP is an active member in the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), thus connecting residents to agents and performers who specialize in college/university entertainment as well as other participating schools across the nation.
Students arriving on campus today, when compared to previous generations, bring a different set of expectations with regard to food fare, preparation, presentation, and convenience. Given these expectations, it is necessary for residential dining facilities to adapt to meet student needs. The marché style of dining featured in the Sutter Residential Dining Center far exceeds the expectations of our modern college students.

Sutter Residential Dining Center serves 19 meals weekly in an “all-you-care-to-eat” format: three meals a day are served Monday through Friday; brunch and dinner are served on Saturday, Sunday, and academic holidays. A wide variety of menu choices, including vegetarian items, frequent vegan items, and accommodations for those who have special dietary needs are available.

Sutter Residential Dining Center includes five distinct food “platforms” serving unique menus at each platform for each meal. The physical environment provides display entrée cooking that is highly interactive for our chefs and diners. Our food and ingredient choices celebrate flavor and support our local food production communities without compromising our air, water, or soil.
A residential dining meal plan is a required part of the student housing experience at Chico State. In traditional residence hall-style accommodations (Esken, Mechoopda, Lassen, Shasta, Sutter, and Whitney residence halls) residents choose from three meal plan options each at the same cost. The Sutter Residential Dining Center provides “all-you-care-to-eat” service and Flex Cash, which can be used at most other campus eateries. Basically, the more Sutter Residential Dining meals chosen, the less Flex Cash you will receive. Similarly, the higher Flex Cash options provide fewer Sutter Residential Dining meals. Students can change/upgrade meal plan programs for the spring semester once they have determined dining patterns and preferences.

University Village and Konkow Hall residents are offered the Mini Meal Plan option because their accommodations include kitchen facilities. Consequently, the Mini Meal Plan is more modestly priced. Meal plan information for the 2016–2017 academic year will be available on the UHFS website by March 2016.
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PERFECT
PLACE

ALL RESIDENCE HALLS

• WiFi/Internet
• Laundry Room
• Computer lab and free academic printing
• Furnished with a twin XL bed, desk, chair, closet, and drawers
• 24/7 service desk program
• Xfinity cable

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN

• The University Housing online application process begins April 12, 2016, at 6 p.m. Assignments are allocated on a date and time priority basis (first-come, first-served) for those freshmen who license, make their initial University Housing payment, are admitted, and have sent their Intent to Enroll to the Office of Admissions by May 1, 2016.

• Most on-campus residence halls are exclusively for freshmen; at Sutter Hall, freshmen and transfer students will be assigned on a space-available basis.

• All residence halls will close during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. University Village will remain open during these breaks for students who require housing accommodations without interruption during the academic year.

• If you need or anticipate the need for accommodation during academic calendar breaks, indicate your preference for assignment to University Village.

TRANSFER STUDENTS AND NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE (NSE)

• Transfer and NSE students will receive student housing information from University Housing and Food Service in their admission packets.

• The University Housing online application process begins April 12, 2016, at 6 p.m. Assignments are limited and allocated on a date and time priority basis (first-come, first-served) for those transfer students who license, make their initial housing payment, are admitted, and have sent the Intent to Enroll to the Office of Admissions by May 1, 2016.

• Transfer students who are placed at Sutter Hall will reside in double rooms.

• Sutter Hall will close during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. University Village will remain open during these breaks.

• If you require student housing accommodations during any/all break periods, University Village is your only option. The other residence halls close during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks.
University Village (UV) is the largest residential community within University Housing. It's the only university-owned apartment community and the most unique student housing facility in Chico. UV is a leisurely walk or bike ride from campus (less than a mile). Free bus service to and from campus is available via the B-Line as well as a free Campus Connection shuttle after dark. Each year, 699 Chico State students call University Village home, and you could be one of them! We strongly encourage you to visit and get familiar with University Village when you visit campus. The University Village experience is tailored after our residence hall program while still giving residents the benefits and feel of an apartment community and an independent lifestyle. Each bedroom has a private entrance, and UV is open throughout the academic year. Because UV is part of University Housing, our University Police are available to the community, working with our staff to help ensure the safety of Chico State students. Emergency Blue Light Phones and security cameras are placed throughout the property to provide instant contact with University Police.

More students live at UV than any other residence community within University Housing.

PLEASE NOTE: If you require student housing accommodations during any fall break periods, University Village is your only option. The other residence halls close during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks.
Whether living in a double studio or six-person cluster apartment, students enjoy the same benefits as those who live in the traditional residence halls. This includes Community Council (the governing body for the community), involvement with the Residence Hall Association, and social and educational programs consisting of planned social events, educational speakers, trips, and sports tournaments. UV also has a live-in staff consisting of a professional full-time residence community coordinator (RCC), an assistant residence community coordinator (ARCC), a graduate student assistant, and a student resident advisor (RA) for each living area (20 RA staff). UV features an independent lifestyle, a computer lab, two swimming pools, a spa, a programming building, WiFi, security cameras, Xfinity cable television, emergency telephones throughout the complex, free and ample parking, and more!
The Residence Life program at Chico State encourages personal growth in a residential setting and provides a climate where the community atmosphere complements the educational mission of the University. Each residence hall has live-in staff consisting of a professional full-time residence community coordinator, an assistant residence community coordinator, and a student resident advisor for each living area (floor, wing, and house). There is also a leadership coordinator who initiates educational, social, and athletic activities within University Housing communities. For those who choose to live in a traditional residence hall, the University offers these choices: on the central campus are Lassen, Shasta, Whitney, and Sutter Halls; on the north campus are Mechoopda, Esken, and Konkow Halls. All residence halls are served by the Sutter Residential Dining Center which provides a full range of food services.
Eskcn and Mechoopda Halls are two-story modern structures where the beds are tucked into alcoves, creating additional living space in two-person rooms. Accommodating intimate communities of 112 (Eskcn) and 120 (Mechoopda) residents, the layout of the buildings allow for more personal and dynamic interactions between community members.

Located next to the baseball and soccer stadiums, the North Campus community is just a five-minute walk from the hustle and bustle of campus, which many residents make even shorter with a bicycle or skateboard. Additionally, the open green spaces provide a more relaxed social environment where residents can often be found studying on the balconies, grilling together at community barbecues, or playing volleyball or soccer on the lawns. Each hall has a study room, a computer lab, laundry rooms, a recreation lounge, and direct access to student parking.

Konkow is composed of six house-style units that each have a common living room, two gender-specific restrooms, and a kitchen. In cooperation with faculty and various academic departments, the residents of each Konkow House create a unique living environment to enhance their academic program. Recent themes have included math and science, sustainability, international, and honors. Each house accommodates 13 students and an RA. Theme-related activities include lectures, musical and cultural events, and dinners. If you are interested in thematic housing, you must apply through the regular University Housing application process and be admitted to the Thematic Program through the academic department that sponsors each house.

Lassen and Shasta Halls are classic red-brick, three-story walk-up residence halls. Each hall is home to 210 students. All rooms in Lassen and Shasta are furnished, double-occupancy rooms and have one cable TV outlet per bedroom. There is a community bathroom on each wing, community lounge, and a study/computer lab in each building. Laundry rooms are on the first floor, as is the 24/7 service desk where residents can check out vacuums and recreational equipment.

Sutter Hall, our newest residence hall opened in fall 2010, is home to 232 students and the Sutter Residential Dining Center. Sutter Hall is a dynamic community with sophomore/transfer as well as freshman students. All rooms in Sutter Hall are furnished, double or triple-occupancy, but are, on average, 30 percent larger than traditional residence hall rooms. In the north tower, each floor has two lounges and multiple study rooms separate from the bedroom areas as well as a computer lab. The south tower has a lounge and study room on each floor.

Whitney Hall is home to residents choosing between fully furnished single-, double-, or triple-occupancy rooms. Each floor has a community lounge, while on the first floor there is a large community room, a separate computer lab, a study lounge, and a recreational lounge. Laundry rooms are on every floor except the second floor.
The University Housing Application Process

To be considered for University Housing for the 2016–2017 academic year, all applicants must do the following:

1. Activate your University Portal Account (information provided in your admissions packet) and establish your user login and password.

2. Make your initial University Housing payment early before starting the University Housing License Application process on April 12, 2016, at 6 p.m.* The initial University Housing payment is $1,000 and will be applied to your total academic year room and board costs.

3. Review all documentation related to residing in University Housing and other important steps, like knowing your community assignment preferences, in preparation for the online application (access this information at www.csuchico.edu/housing)*.

4. Complete the University Housing License Application from the link on the University Housing website. University Housing spaces are assigned on a date and time priority basis (first-come, first-served).*

*Please note – your University Housing application will not be processed until the initial University Housing payment of $1,000 has been made. Making your initial housing payment does not hold your spot or give you housing priority. The initial payment is refundable (minus a $5 processing fee) if the official University Housing License Cancellation Form is submitted to the University Housing office at least 30 days before your assigned fall 2016 move-in date.

AFTER YOU APPLY

By May 1, 2016, University Housing applicants will be notified of their license application status, i.e., whether the application is complete or if our office needs additional information from you to fully process your campus housing application.

In order to be assigned a University Housing accommodation, you must file an Intent to Enroll decision with the Chico State Admissions Office by May 1, 2016, and pay the “enrollment confirmation fee” (this is a separate fee from University Housing fees and is paid online via CashNet through your campus portal account). Only students who have given their Intent to Enroll, paid the enrollment fee and made their initial housing payment will be assigned a University Housing bed space.

After June 1, 2016, University Housing will notify student applicants of their community and room-type assignment or “waitlist” status if no immediate community assignment is available based on the date and time your University Housing application was received. All notifications will be sent through the student’s Wildcat email account.

Please note – Given significant demand for University Housing accommodations, it is to your advantage to participate in the University Housing License Application process as soon as it begins on April 12, 2016, at 6 p.m. PDT.