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 housing
- Housing for summer students
- Off-campus housing listing service
- Information on landlord/tenant relationships
- Maps of campus and city
- Information on schools, shopping, recreation, and restaurants
- Link to off-campus apartment available from our Web site
- Information about discrimination in rental housing
- Campus Account Services (CASV) provides telephone service to all rooms. CASV will provide authorizations codes to students for long distance dialing needs and will bill students each month for long distance charges.

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 coeducational 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 Hall). Rooms are furnished with 80-inch beds (extra long), desks and chairs, bookcases, wastebaskets, dressers, and closets. Mattress pads are provided, and students furnish their own pillows, linens, blankets, and towels. All residence halls and University Village have computer labs with access to the Internet. Each lab contains multiple computers and a laser printer. All resident rooms have Ethernet connectivity, one connection per student. Located within the halls and the village are study lounges, TV rooms, laundries, and small kitchens for snack preparation.

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

Housing
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 14 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 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 Web page at http://www.csuchico.edu/housing/ 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. University Housing applications are done completely online and are accepted beginning in early Spring each year. Given the large interest in University Housing and the increased enrollment at CSU, Chico, it is to your advantage to participate in the University Housing License process as soon as it begins. Information about the University Housing application process will be posted by February 1 each year.

**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**
Many of the fraternities and sororities at CSU, Chico operate their own houses. Space in these facilities is generally limited to members, and thus is not available to students during their first year on campus. For additional information, contact the Student Activities Office, Bell Memorial Union Room 213, CSU, Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0735. Phone: 530-898-5396.

**Discrimination in Rental Housing**
Regardless of whether you are a student or a landlord, it is important to understand the laws and regulations that govern rental housing. 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.
- 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 address and assures you receipt of mail if you change your residence.

**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 at http://www.csuchico.edu/housing/housingOptions/offCampus/index.shtml.