



International Student Housing Guide

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California State University, Chico
Office of International Education and Global Engagement



Get started early!

You should make your housing arrangements **well in advance** of your arrival in Chico. If you have not made housing arrangements, please plan to stay at a motel for one or two nights while you decide where to live.

Disclaimer: CSU, Chico lists housing information for the convenience of our students and neither endorses nor recommends any specific housing option. Arrangements between housing providers and participants including hosts, applicants, affiliates, students and clients are independent from CSU, Chico.

Temporary Lodging in Chico-

Heritage Inn Express:

725 Broadway St., Chico, CA 95928

Discount rate is \$72/night.

You can call or go to the Hotel's website to book a room:

http://www.heritageinnchicohotel.com/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIsvSC8suf3glVDcRkCh1P1wUTEAAYASAAEgIBjFD_BwE

[+1\(530\) 343-4527](tel:+15303434527)

Quality Inn:

715 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928

Discount rate is \$75/night.

You can Call or go to the Hotel's website to book a room:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/california/chico/quality-inn-hotels/cab92?source=gyxt>

[+1\(530\) 343-7911](tel:+15303437911)

Other options, including Airbnb may be available, but these are hotels within walking distance to campus.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8:00am-5:00pm
(Pacific Standard
Time)

F1 & J1 Students: You must report changes of address

If you move to a new residence and your address changes, you must report this to your Designated School Official (DSO) within 10 days of the change. You may communicate this revision to your DSO in person or via phone or email. Once you do, your DSO will input the new information in your SEVIS Record.

Remember, if your physical address and mailing address in the U.S. are different, your DSO must have both.

Remember, if SEVP tries to contact you while your address is not correct in SEVIS, you be unable to receive the message and unable to respond in a timely manner. This could put your SEVIS record at risk for termination.

Housing Options:

University-Owned Housing

University-owned housing is more expensive than living off-campus. However, for international students who do not yet know anyone and do not know the city. Living in University-owned housing can be very useful and convenient. After the first year of study, most students move to private apartments. Beware of the conditions of your housing contract! ***Only year long contracts are available.***



University village



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Konkow Hall



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- **University Village:**

- The only university-owned apartment community
- Located less than one mile (1.6 km) away from campus
- Free bus service to and from campus is available
- All suites and double studios are furnished
- Amenities include: three community lounges, a computer lab, two pools and a spa, and a permit parking
- *Open during academic vacation periods*

- **Global Experience House at Konkow Hall (limited space)**

- International students and American students live together in this special community
- Live-in resident assistant *and special programming which seeks to promote an understanding of culture, diversity, and traditions*
- Six house-style units with a common living room, two restrooms, and a kitchen
- Amenities include: on-site computer lab, lounge, TV, and full kitchen
- *Open during academic vacation periods*

Current Rates:

University Village/Konkow Hall	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Academic Year
Single Room & Mini Meal Plan*	\$5,478	\$5,478	\$10,956
Double Room & Mini Meal Plan*	\$4,653	\$4,653	\$9,306

Initial Housing Payment is \$300 (non-refundable)

***Mini Meal Plan:** On Campus Dining= 64 meals (4 meals/week) + \$112 Flex Cash per semester (upgraded plans can be purchased at additional cost)

How to apply:

1. Go to www.csuchico.edu/housing
2. Click on the red "Resident Center" button
3. Login with your CSU, Chico Portal Account, and follow the instructions
4. Electronically sign your License Agreement and make your first payment

Any questions?

Contact University Housing- identify yourself as an international student

Phone: +1(530)-898-6325

* Fall 2019 Move-In Date

- Earliest move-in date is **Saturday, August 18th**
(international student orientation begins on August 20th)
- You must contact the University Housing Office to **confirm** your move-in date **before** you arrive on campus!

Office Campus Residence Halls:

- The Social:
 - Off-campus, privately owned student dormitory located only four blocks away from CSU, Chico
 - Flexible room configurations, large furnished suites with private bathrooms, walk-in closets, dining options, utilities included
 - Free roommate matching program
 - Facilities include: computer lab, fitness center, shuttle service, on-site dining facilities, and friendly professional staff
 - Open during Vacation Periods

Current Rates:

Room Type:	Price:
Double Suite Renovated- 2 Beds/1 Bath	\$590
Private Suite XL- 1 Bed/1 Bath	\$935
Private Suite Renovated- 1 Bed/1 Bath	\$885
Single Suite- 2 Bed/1 Bath	\$699
Double Suite/Shared Room- 4 Bed/1 Bath	\$520

Deposit for international students:

- with a guarantor (must be over 18 years old): \$500 (student) + \$500 (guarantor)
- without a guarantor: \$1,000

Application Fee: \$35 (non-refundable)

Meal Plan

- Block 180 meals (+ \$250 flex cash)
- 5-day Unlimited (Mo-Fr + \$200 flex cash)
- 7-day Unlimited (Mo-Su + \$100 flex cash)

Per month

- \$251.60
- \$262.10
- \$272.70

How to apply:

1. Go to:

https://thesocialchico.prospectportal.com/Apartments/module/application_authentication

2. Create an Account

Any Questions?

Contact The Social- identify yourself as a CSU, Chico international student
Phone: +1 (866) 607-6945

*Linens & Towels

Bed linens, pillows, blankets, and towels can be purchased inexpensively in Chico.

Dormitories typically allow new students to borrow bedding for a few days until they can purchase their own.

Homestay:

Experience American culture while improving your language skills, living with a local host family

- **International Homestay Agency- Chico (IHA):**
 - Founded in 2009
 - IHA provides short or long-term homestay placements for international students who would like to be more independent, have more privacy
 - IHA works with local families to provide a secure and loving environment in the Chico area, central to schools and transportation

Current IHA Costs:

Homestay, including meals	\$200/ week
Application Placement fee	\$250 (non-refundable)
Additional Days	\$30/day

How to apply

1. Go to: www.internationalhomestayagency.net/forms
2. Click on "Forms"
3. Download the Student Homestay Application
4. Email your Completed application to:
admin@internationalhomestayagency.net

Any questions?

Contact Lynda at IHA- identify yourself as a CSU, Chico international student

Phone: +1 (530)-321-0902

Email: admin@internationalhomestayagency.net

- **International Homestay California (IHC):**
 - IHC works closely with International Exchange Student programs throughout Northern California
 - IHC places international students with energetic, active, and community oriented host families throughout Northern California

Current IHC Costs:

Homestay, including meals	\$700/month
Homeshare, no meals	\$500/month
Security	\$300
Placement Fee	\$300 (non-refundable)

How to apply:

1. Go to: <http://ihcalifornia.com>
2. Download the Application Packet on the Homepage

Any Questions?

Contact Toni Young at IHC- identify yourself as CSU, Chico international student

Phone: +1 (925)-639-4492

Email: toni@ihcalifornia.com

Private Apartment Living:

Renting a private apartment as an international student can be challenging. If you do not have a social security number or credit history in the U.S., property managers may ask you to pay a higher security deposit. Security deposits are typically returned to residents who pay rent on time and leave their apartment units clean after moving out.

Rental contract periods vary: month-to-month, 6-month period, 9-month period, or 12-month period.

Many apartments are available near campus. The average price of rent for a shared unit is \$400-\$500 per person per month, excluding utilities (electricity, gas, etc.). Extra features such as cable TV, laundry, and internet are sometimes included. Landlords require a security deposit to be prepaid. You must also pay in advance for utilities, facilities, and services to be started. Move-in costs can be as high as \$1500.

Students who wish to live off-campus must obtain housing on their own. Below are some useful resources.

- **Off-campus Housing Guide (pdf):** Useful info about housing search, cost, utilities, roommates, leases, etc. - www.csuchico.edu/offcampus/assets/documents/off-campus-housing-resource-guide.pdf
- **Current Chico Property Listings:** www.csuchousing.com

Chico State Connections Listing:

Wildcat Off-Campus Housing Connections represents property owners and property managers who are currently providing off-campus rental housing in the Chico community and historically work alongside the University to ensure student success with their off campus housing experience.

Wildcat Connections participants recognize the [Chico State Rental Housing Certification Program](#) and accept the program's Certificate of Completion during their application process. Typically these providers participate in annual campus housing events, market their properties through various campus media channels, maintain open and ongoing lines of communication with the University's office of Off-Campus Student Services, and keep abreast of and assist in the communication of campus activities.

- **Unfurnished Apartments:**
 - Campos Rental Properties: www.camposproperties.com
 - Campus Walk: <https://campuswalkchico.com>
 - CedarFlatsChico: www.cedarflatschico.com
 - Chico Apartments: www.chicoapartments.com
 - Chico College Living: www.chicocollegeliving.com
 - Chico Student Apartments: www.chicostudentapartments.com
 - Chico Student Housing: www.chicostudenthousing.com

- Creekside Manor Apartments: www.creeksidemanorchico.com
- CSU Living: www.csuliving.com
- Nord Gardens Apartments: www.nordgardens.com
- Rent in Chico: www.rentinchico.com
- SF Invest (Gateway and Parkview Apartments): www.sfinvest.com
- The Post On Nord: www.postonnord.com
- Westpark Plaza Apartments: <http://livewestpark.com>

- **Furnished Apartments:**

- Pomona West Apartments: www.pomonawest.com (Furnished apartments available)
- The Urban: <http://theurbanchico.com> (Furnished apartments available)

Glossary of Rental Terms:

Lease	A legal contract signed by both the manager and the renter regarding the length of stay, price, and conditions of a rental agreement. It is important to not sign a lease for more than the amount of time you will stay. You are responsible for rent the entire length of the lease. Violation of the lease agreement can result in a heavy financial penalty. Residents should understand all of the conditions of the lease before signing. Any negotiated variation should be set out in writing, initialed, and dated by both the tenant and the manager as an amendment to the lease.
Credit Check	A process in which the landlord verifies your credit history and confirms your bank information. International students or scholars who do not have a credit history in this country should not need to pay for a credit check, but it may be necessary to negotiate an agreement with the landlord in this case.
Deposit or Security Deposit	An additional amount you must pay when moving into an apartment (usually at least one or two month's rent) to guarantee occupancy, payment of rent, repair of damages, and professional cleaning after you leave. In most cases, the deposit is returned to you in full to you if there is no damage to your apartment at the end of your stay (there may be a slight deduction for cleaning). Inspect the apartment carefully when moving in and record any damages, so you won't be charged when moving out.
First, Last, Deposit	This means that to move in, you must pay the first and last month's rent amount, plus the security deposit amount. Most rental apartments require this, but it is possible to find those that only require the deposit amount and the first month's rent.

Rent	Payment made for living accommodations, usually on a monthly basis.
Utilities	The term used for the extra charges for gas, electricity, cable television, and water. Plan on spending an extra \$25-\$100 per month depending on your lifestyle. Some students are careful about finding "gas stoves" and "non- halogen lamps" as they use less energy.
Sublet	Special arrangement where you live in someone's apartment in their place. Sublets are attractive because they are often short- term opportunities with furnished rooms and no deposit. However, it is usually best to ask the person renting if their manager or landlord knows about your agreement, in case the lease prohibits you from taking his / her place.
A/C or AIR	Air-conditioning
BR or BDRM	Bedroom
2/2 or 3/2	The first number indicates the number of bedrooms in the apartment. The second number indicates the number of bathrooms. Bathroom facilities include bathtub and/or shower, toilet (WC), and wash basin.
ABP	All bills paid. Your utilities (water, electricity, gas, sewage, garbage collection) have been included in your rent. You only have to arrange for telephone service.
W/D	Washing machine and clothes dryer are provided. May be listed as "in-unit," meaning inside the apartment or house, or "in-building," usually meaning pay per load machines are available somewhere in the building or on the property.