

# Housing Guide for International Students





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## Temporary lodging in Chico:

Below is the contact information for Chico motels close to campus:

### Heritage InnExpress

- ☞ Discount rate is **\$72/night**.
- ☞ Email the Hotel Manager directly to make a reservation: **Jenny** [jkincaid@heritagehotelgroup.com](mailto:jkincaid@heritagehotelgroup.com)

### Quality Inn

- ☞ Discount rate is **\$75/night**.
- ☞ Email the hotel to make a reservation: [qualityinnchico@att.net](mailto:qualityinnchico@att.net)



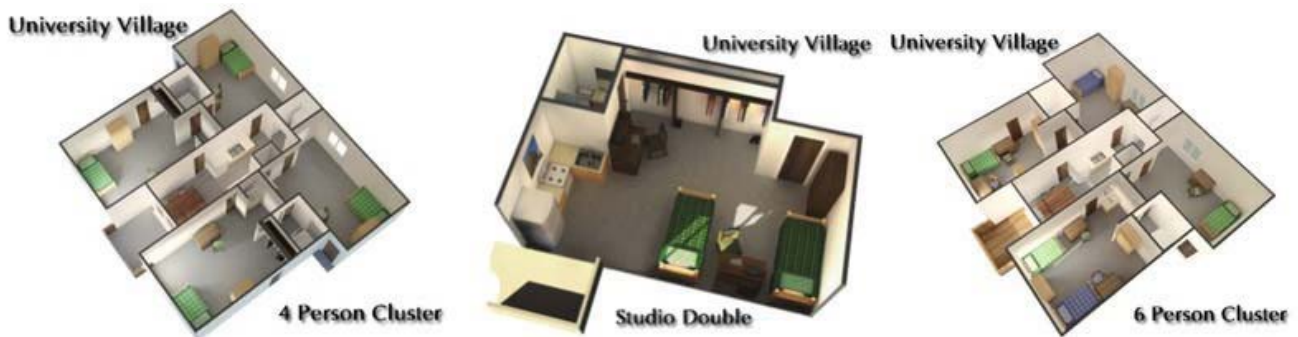
## CSU, Chico University Housing (UH): University Village

- ☞ The only university-owned apartment community and a unique housing facility in Chico.
- ☞ Students can enjoy many of the benefits of on-campus residents, including community building, use of the programming building, a computer lab, and live-in staff.
- ☞ Located just a little less than one mile (1.6 km) away from campus. Free bus service to and from campus is available.
- ☞ Single or double-occupancy, furnished rooms with telephone, television hook-ups, and shared general bathrooms and full kitchen facilities.
- ☞ Open during academic vacation periods

<b>2016-2017 Rates</b> (valid thru 05/31/2017)	<b>Fall 2016 Semester</b>	<b>Spring 2017 Semester</b>	<b>Academic Year</b>
<b>University Village Room Type:</b>			
Double Studio, incl. Meal Plan	<b>\$4,640</b>	<b>\$4,512</b>	<b>\$9,152</b>
6-person Cluster, Double occupancy, incl. Meal Plan	<b>\$4,640</b>	<b>\$4,512</b>	<b>\$9,152</b>
6-person Cluster, Single occupancy, incl. Meal Plan	<b>\$5,462</b>	<b>\$5,308</b>	<b>\$10,770</b>

☞ **Note:** UH offers housing options for Summer; please contact directly UH for cost (see below)

**Mini Meal Plan:** 64 Meals (4 Meals/week) + \$112 Flex Cash per semester (upgraded plans can be purchased at an additional cost)



### **APPLY ONLINE** at [www.csuchico.edu/housing](http://www.csuchico.edu/housing)

1. Click on the **APPLY NOW** button
2. Login with your CSU, Chico portal account

☞ **Note:** You must activate your CSU Portal Account with your CSU, Chico Student ID # provided in your acceptance material:  
<https://eapp-app1.csuchico.edu/AccountInit/>

3. Under "Prospective Residents Academic Year 2016-2017", click on **Spring 2017 Housing Application**

### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Contact **Tami** at University Housing and identify yourself as an ALCI student  
Telephone: **+1-530-898-6325** Fax: **+1-530-898-6840** Email: [housing@csuchico.edu](mailto:housing@csuchico.edu)



## Craig Student Living

- ☞ Off-Campus, privately owned student dormitory located only four blocks away from CSU, Chico.
- ☞ Dormitory and apartment living, including: flexible room configurations, large furnished suites with private bathrooms, walk-in closets, dining options, utilities included
- ☞ Free roommate matching program
- ☞ Individual Fall/Spring academic year or 7-week term lease options (check availability and price)
- ☞ Structured residence life program
- ☞ Facilities include: computer lab, fitness center, shuttle service, on-site dining facilities and friendly, professional staff.
- ☞ Open during vacation periods (with limited food service), provided arrangements are made in advance.

### **2016-2017 Rates** (valid thru 05/31/2017)

#### CSL Room Type:

	Standard	Renovated
4-person Cluster, Double occupancy	\$495	\$545
2-person Cluster, Single occupancy	\$650	\$695
Private room	\$850	\$895

#### Deposit for international students:

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

#### Application fee (non-refundable)

\$35

#### Meal Plans

#### Per semester

Voluntary Economy Plan (80 meals)	\$750
Silver Plan (160 meals + \$150 flex cash)	\$1,200
Gold Plan (205 meals + \$100 flex cash)	\$1225
Premier Plan (unlimited meals + \$50 flex cash)	\$1325



**APPLY ONLINE** at [www.experiencecsl.com](http://www.experiencecsl.com)

→ Create an Account

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

→ Contact **Jon** at Craig Student Living

Telephone: +1-530-893-7000 Fax: +1-530-893-7006 Email: [leasing@craighall.com](mailto:leasing@craighall.com)

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## Homestay

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

### International Homestay Agency - Chico (IHA)

- ☞ Founded in 2009, IHA specializes in homestay placements where they match incoming international students attending Chico State University with local families for periodic short or long-term housing in residences around the Chico community.
- ☞ IHA provides 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.

#### **2016-2017 IHA Costs**

Homestay, including meals	<b>\$200/week</b>
Additional days	<b>\$30/day</b>
Application Placement fee (non refundable)	<b>\$250</b>

**APPLY ONLINE** at <https://www.internationalhomestayagency.net/>

→ Click on "Forms" thumbnail and download the **College Student Application**

#### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

→ Contact **Lynda** at IHA

Telephone: **+1 530-321-0902** Fax: **+1 208-978-2392** E-mail: [admin@internationalhomestayagency.net](mailto:admin@internationalhomestayagency.net)

### International Homestay California (IHC)

- ☞ IHC works closely with International Exchange Student programs throughout Northern California.
- ☞ IHC will provide all the tools you need to have a successful experience.
- ☞ IHC places international students with energetic, active, and community oriented host families throughout Northern California.

#### **2016-2017 Homestay Costs**

Homestay, including meals	<b>\$700/month</b>
Homeshare, no meals	<b>\$500/month</b>
Security deposit	<b>\$300</b>
Placement fee (non refundable)	<b>\$200</b>

**APPLY ONLINE** at <http://ihcalifornia.com/index.html>

→ Download the **application packet** on the Home page

#### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

→ Contact **Toni Young** at IHC

Telephone: **+1 (925) 639-4492** Email: [toni@ihcalifornia.com](mailto:toni@ihcalifornia.com)



## Private Living

Apartments are available near campus for students who prefer a more independent living option. The average price of rent for a shared unit is **US\$300 per person per month, excluding utilities** (electricity, gas, etc). Extra features such as paid utilities, TV cable, laundry and recreational facilities are *sometimes* included. Landlords often require both first and last months' rent to be prepaid (security deposit). You must also pay in advance for utility, TV cable, Internet, and telephone services to be started. Move-in costs can be as high as \$1,000.

☞ **Note:** Renting a private apartment as an international student can be challenging. As a non-American, you cannot provide a Social Security Number and will therefore be asked to provide extra guarantee to secure payment and rental. Also, generally rental leases are signed for one (academic) year, so if you are planning to study at ALCI for a few sessions only, you might want to consider homestay or dorms.

## UH off-campus services

CSU, Chico University Housing offers support for students looking for off-campus housing. Check out:

- **Off-campus Housing Guide** (pdf): <http://www.csuchico.edu/housing/housing-options/off-campus-housing.shtm> (useful info about housing search, cost, utilities, roommates, leases, etc.)
- **Current Chico Property Listings:** <http://csuc.usrentallisting.com>

## Off campus housing sites

**Chico College Living:** <http://www.chicocollegeliving.com>

**Chico College Living / Roommates :** <http://www.chicocollegeliving.com/roommates>

**Chico Student Housing:** <http://www.chicostudenthousing.com>

**CSU Living:** <http://csuliving.com>

**Apartment List:** <http://www.apartmentlist.com/ca/chico#map>

**Craigslist rooms for rent & shares:** <https://chico.craigslist.org/search/roo>

**Craigslist apartments / housing rentals:** <https://chico.craigslist.org/search/apa>

## Property Management Companies

<http://www.rsc-associates.com>

<http://www.nvpm.net/>

<http://www.hignell.com/>

<http://www.gatewayapartments.com/>

<http://www.apartmentguide.com/property-management/California/Chico/ISM-Management-Company,-LLC/19836/>

## Furnished Apartments

**Redwood Cove Chico:** <http://www.redwoodcovechico.com/>

**Pomona West:** <http://www.pomonawest.com/>



## Glossary of Rental Terms

<b>Lease</b>	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.
<b>Credit Check</b>	A process in which the landlord verifies your credit history and confirms your bank information. International students or scholars who do <b>not</b> 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.
<b>Deposit or Security Deposit</b>	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.
<b>First, Last, Deposit</b>	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.
<b>Rent</b>	Payment made for living accommodations, usually on a monthly basis.
<b>Utilities</b>	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.
<b>Sublet</b>	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.
<b>A/C or AIR</b>	Air-conditioning
<b>BR or BDRM</b>	Bedroom
<b>2/2 or 3/2</b>	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.
<b>ABP</b>	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.
<b>W/D</b>	Washing machine and clothes dryer are provided.