HOUSING GUIDE
FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
2018-2019

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Glossary of housing terms
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:** ALCI 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 ALCI-Chico.

**TEMPORARY LODGING IN CHICO**

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

**Heritage Inn Express:**
725 Broadway St., Chico, CA 95928
Discount rate is $75/night.
Email the Hotel Manager directly to make a reservation: Jenny jkincaid@heritagehotelgroup.com

**Quality Inn:**
715 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928
Discount rate is $80/night.
Email the hotel to make a reservation: qualityinnchico@att.net

* F-1 students: You must report your change 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, by phone or via 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 US are different, your DSO must have both.

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

If you have a question about a notice you received from SEVP, speak with your DSO. Your DSO can answer any questions you may have regarding your information in SEVIS.
ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE

University-owned housing is more expensive than living off-campus. However, for international students who do not yet know anyone and don’t 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.

Be aware of the conditions of your housing contract!

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 Suits and Double Studios are furnished
- Amenities include: three Community Lounges, a Computer Lab, two pools and a spa, ample permit parking
- **Open during academic vacation periods**

Konkow Hall:
- Residence hall located at North Campus.
- Live-in staff
- Six house-style units with a common living room, two restrooms, and a kitchen
- Amenities include: on-site computer, a lounge, TV, full kitchen
- **Closed during academic vacation periods**

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### 2018-2019 Rates

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<th>Fall 2018 Semester</th>
<th>Spring 2019 Semester</th>
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<td>University Village / Konkow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single, incl. Mini Meal Plan*</td>
<td>$6,535</td>
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<td>$13,070</td>
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<td>Double, incl. Mini Meal Plan*</td>
<td>$5,710</td>
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<td>$11,420</td>
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<td>Triple, incl. Mini Meal Plan*</td>
<td>$5,099</td>
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<td><strong>Initial Housing Payment</strong> (non-refundable)</td>
<td>$300</td>
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**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)

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**How to apply:**
You must first activate your CSU Portal and Wildcat Email Account, go to: [eapp-app1.csuchico.edu/Accountinit](http://eapp-app1.csuchico.edu/Accountinit) (allow 24-48 business hours to be effective)

1. Go to: [www.csuchico.edu/housing](http://www.csuchico.edu/housing)
2. Click on the red “APPLY NOW” button on the right
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 ALCI student

✆ +1-530-898-6325  housing@csuchico.edu

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Summer
University Housing offers housing options for Summer.
Contact directly Natalie Gebicke at ngebicke@csuchico.edu for cost and availability
OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE

Craig Student Living:
• 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 (with limited food service), provided arrangements are made in advance.

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<th>Renovated</th>
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<td>4-person Cluster, Double occupancy</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>$575</td>
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<td>2-person Cluster, Single occupancy</td>
<td>$675</td>
<td>$725</td>
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<td>Private dorm</td>
<td>$860</td>
<td>$895</td>
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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 Plans

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<th>Block 180 meals (+ $250 flex cash)</th>
<th>Per month</th>
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<td>$260</td>
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<tr>
<td>5-day Unlimited (Mo-Fr + $200 flex cash)</td>
<td>$280</td>
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<td>7-day Unlimited (Mo-Su + $100 flex cash)</td>
<td>$300</td>
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How to apply:
1. Go to: www.elevatetosequoia.com/apartments/ca/chico/craig-student-living
2. Create an Account

Any questions?
Contact Craig Student Living - identify yourself as an ALCI student
📞 +1-530-893-7000 📧 www.elevatetosequoia.com/apartments/ca/chico/craig-student-living

Linens & Towels

Bed linens, pillows, blankets, and towels can be purchased inexpensively in Chico.
It is recommended that you bring one set of linens and towels for the first days you are here, then purchase more if need be.
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.

2018-2019 IHA Costs

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<td>Homestay, including meals</td>
<td>$210/week</td>
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<td>Additional days</td>
<td>$30/day</td>
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<td>Application Placement fee</td>
<td>$250 (non-refundable)</td>
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How to apply:
1. Go to: www.internationalhomestayagency.net
2. Click on “Forms”
3. Download the College Student Application

Any questions?
Contact Lynda at IHA - identify yourself as an ALCI student
📞 +1-530-321-0902
✉️ 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.

2018-2019 IHC Costs

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<td>Homestay, including meals</td>
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<td>Homeshare, no meals</td>
<td>$500/month</td>
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<td>Security deposit</td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td>Placement fee</td>
<td>$200 (non-refundable)</td>
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How to apply:
1. Go to: http://ihcalifornia.com
2. Download the application packet on the Homepage

Any questions?
Tony Young at IHC - identify yourself as an ALCI student
📞 +1-925-639-4492 ✉️ toni@ihcalifornia.com
PRIVATE LIVING

Renting a private apartment as an international student can be challenging. As a non-American, you will be asked to provide extra guarantee to secure payment. Also, generally rental leases are signed for one full academic year (starting in August).

Apartments are available near campus. The average price of rent for a shared unit is **$350 per person per month, excluding utilities** (electricity, gas, etc.) Extra features such as TV cable, laundry and Internet are sometimes included. Landlords require a security deposit to be prepaid. You must also pay in advance for utility, facilities, and services to be started. Move-in costs can be as high as $1,000.

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

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

Chico State Connections Listing:
By choosing the Connections Listing option below, you acknowledge that California State University, Chico PROVIDES NO ENDORSEMENT, RECOMMENDATION, OR OPINION EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO THE QUALITY, CONDITION, LEASING TERMS, OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE RENTAL PROPERTIES LISTED.

You are encouraged to conduct your own detailed analysis relating to all aspects of off-campus housing, neighborhoods, and specific lease terms associated with any property you are investigating.

- Campos Rental Properties: www.camposproperties.com
- Campus Walk: https://campuswalkchico.com
- Cedar Flats Chico: 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
- Pomona West Apartments: www.pomonawest.com (Furnished apartments)
- Rent in Chico: www.rentinchico.com
- SF Invest (Gateway and Parkview Apartments): www.sfinvest.com
- **new** The Post On Nord: www.postonnord.com
- **new** The Urban: http://theurbanchico.com
- Westpark Plaza Apartments: http://livewestpark.com
## 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. |