

HOUSING GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2018-2019



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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 hotel for one or two nights while you decide where to live.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Due to the Camp Fire that occurred last November and the large number of evacuees who had to be relocated, Chico is experiencing a severe **shortage of private housing** that is likely to persist through next year.

As a result, we highly encourage you to make your housing arrangements as early as possible and to consider on- or off-campus residence for long term and homestay for a shorter program of study.

TEMPORARY LODGING IN CHICO

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

Quality Inn (2*)

715 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928

Discount rate is \$80/night.

Email: qualityinnchico@att.net

Heritage Inn Express (2*)

725 Broadway St., Chico, CA 95928

Discount rate is \$75/night.

Email: **Jenny** jkincaid@heritagehotelgroup.com

University Inn (2*)

630 Main St, Chico, CA 95928

Phone: +1 530-895-1323 | Web: www.universityinnchicocalifornia.com

Hotel Diamond (3*)

220 W 4th St, Chico, CA 95928

Phone: +1 530-893-3100 | Web: www.hoteldiamondchico.com

CONTACT ALCI-Chico

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Email: alci@csuchico.edu

Web: rce.csuchico.edu/alci

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

* 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 within 10 days of the change to your Designated School Official (DSO) in person, by phone or via email. Once you do, your DSO will input the new information in your SEVIS record.

* 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.

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.

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.

University Village

- 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**



<u>2019-2020 Rates</u>	Semester	Academic Year
University Village / Konkow Room Type:		
Single, incl. Mini Meal Plan*	\$5,493	\$10,956
Double, incl. Mini Meal Plan*	\$4,668	\$9,306
Triple, incl. Mini Meal Plan*	\$4,057	\$8,084
Initial Housing Payment (non-refundable)		\$300



☞ **Note:** UH offers housing options for Summer; please contact directly UH for cost.

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

How to apply (University Village or Konkow Hall):

1. Activate your CSU Portal and Wildcat Email Account (allow 24 to 48 business hours to be effective):

- Go to: www.csuchico.edu; Click on "PORTAL" on the top of the screen
- Click on "New Student Account"
- Enter your Chico State ID# and Birth Date
- Create your security questions and password.

2. Apply for housing:

- Go to: www.csuchico.edu/housing
- Click on the red **APPLY NOW** button on the right
- Login with your CSU, Chico Portal Account
- Follow the instructions
- Electronically sign your License Agreement and make your first payment

Contact information: University Housing—identify yourself as an ALCI student
Phone: +1-530-898-6325 | Email: housing@csuchico.edu



OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE

Privately owned student dormitories located only minutes away from Chico State.

THE SOCIAL CHICO

- Large furnished suites with private bathrooms, walk-in closets, utilities included
- Facilities include: computer lab, 24-hour fitness center, free shuttle service, on-site dining and laundry facilities, and friendly, professional staff.
- **Open during vacation periods** (with limited food service), provided arrangements are made in advance.

2019-2020 Rates

Standard

Room Type:

4-person Cluster, Double occupancy	\$520
2-person Cluster, Single occupancy	\$699-750

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

Per month

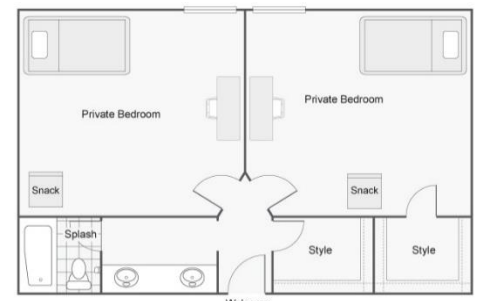
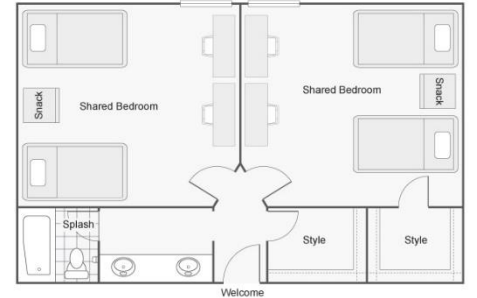
Block 180 meals (+ \$250 flex cash)	\$260
5-day Unlimited (Mo-Fr + \$200 flex cash)	\$280
7-day Unlimited (Mo-Su + \$100 flex cash)	\$300

How to apply:

1. Go to: www.thesocialchico.com and click "Apply Now"
2. Create an Account

Contact information: The Social Chico - identify yourself as an ALCI student

Phone: +1 866-607-6945



CAMPUS



- Spacious furnished rooms with private bathrooms, TV, closets, utilities included
- Facilities include: a fitness center, computer lab, high-speed internet, 24-hour management, swimming pool, café, washer/dryer

2019-2020 Rates

Standard

Room Type:

4-person Cluster, Double occupancy	\$799
2-person Cluster, Single occupancy	\$909

Deposit for international students:

One-month rent

How to apply:

1. Go to: <https://campuswalkchico.com> and click "Apply Now" (top of page)
2. Create an Account

Contact information: Campus Walk - identify yourself as an international student

Phone: +1 530-806-2112



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.

2019-2020 IHA Costs

Homestay, including meals	\$210/week
Additional days	\$30/day
Application Placement fee	\$250 (non-refundable)

How to apply:

1. Go to: www.internationalhomestayagency.net
2. Click on "Forms"
3. Download the **College Student Application**

Contact information:

Contact **Lynda and George** - identify yourself as an ALCI 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.

2019-2020 IHC Costs

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

How to apply:

1. Go to: <http://ihcalifornia.com>
2. Download the **application packet** on the Homepage

Contact information:

Tony Young - identify yourself as an ALCI student
Phone +1-925-639-4492 | Email: 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).

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.): www.csuchico.edu/offcampus/index.shtml
- **Current Chico Property Listings:** www.csuchousing.com

Chico State Connections Listing

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
- 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.