Dear UCSB EAP Students (blind-copied):

This email contains information about Housing at UCSB for the academic year 2017-18. PLEASE read through the bulletin below very thoroughly, including the online presentation (Prezi) and attached flyers.

Take a look at the UCSB housing overview in this Online Prezi, then see detailed information and instructions below:
https://prezi.com/amalvauv8qtp/eap/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Finding housing can be challenging since there is limited housing available in the surrounding community near campus. Therefore, we have several options we are recommending below to consider. It is much better for you to have housing secured now so that you will have a place to stay upon arrival to UCSB. Please consider all of your options below and secure your housing as soon as possible!

If you will be at UCSB for only 1 or 2 quarters, we strongly recommend Tropicana Gardens because they offer 1 and 2 quarter contracts.

REMEMBER: When you sign a housing contract, it is a legal commitment and you will not be able to change your housing choice. Many past students have NOT been successful in cancelling or finding someone to take the housing space in their place for the remainder of the contract.

**OPTION 1: University-Owned Student Apartments**

There will be limited university-owned housing available in undergraduate student apartments for the 2017-18 academic year:

- Double or triple rooms (2-3 people per room)
- Meal plans are NOT included in the apartments, but can be purchased separately
- Apartments are furnished, utilities are included, and are located close to campus.
- Undergraduate apartment options and sample rates can be found online at http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/rates. Additional fees include a $26-33 activity fee, depending on which community you live in.
- To apply, please follow the link below and click the “2017-18 EAP Student Housing Application” button. You will have the option to indicate your preferences in the application. Applicants are considered for housing on a first-come, first-served basis. http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/applications/eap-student-housing

Please understand that housing is not guaranteed, and EAP students are offered contracts after spaces are offered to continuing students, based on availability.

**OPTION 2: Tropicana Student Living Communities**

- Tropicana Del Norte: suite-style residence halls, furnished, with meal plan included
- Tropicana Villas: furnished apartments with no meal plan
- Tropicana Gardens: suite-style residence halls, furnished, with meal plan included

1 or 2 quarter contracts are available at Tropicana Gardens! This option is strongly recommended for students who will be at UCSB for only 1 or 2 quarters.

***Please see the attached flyer for price rates at each of the Tropicana Communities.***
**OPTION 3: Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperatives (Co-Ops)**

In student housing co-ops, students live together in large houses and share the responsibilities of the home amongst each other. Students generally establish house rules together, share the cooking and cleaning responsibilities, and collaboratively organize their social events. There are a few housing co-ops in Isla Vista that will have space available for international students. For questions, please contact:

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Phone: 1-805-685-6964

**OPTION 4: Non-University Housing in Isla Vista, Goleta, or Santa Barbara**

If you decide to find non-university owned off-campus housing, please contact the UCSB Community Housing Office (CHO) immediately, and BEFORE you sign a contract or send money to any landlords, to insure that the property is legitimate and not a scam. You can also visit the [UCSB CHO website](http://www.housing.ucsb.edu) for current rental listings.

To give you an idea, the cost of living around UCSB is as follows:

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**The Costs of Living in Santa Barbara**

2016-2017 Average prices for Apartments in Isla Vista, Goleta and Santa Barbara

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The **Isla Vista area** is a very densely populated student area less than 1 mile from campus where many students live and ride their bike or walk to campus. There may be some sublet situations on the CHO website for both short term and long term students. It is very rare to have your own room. Most students share rooms to keep costs down.

The **Goleta and Santa Barbara areas** are 3 miles to 6 miles from campus. There are many accessible bike paths to use, as well as a bus system which is free for students. Santa Barbara is farther away than Goleta and is accessible by bus. There are fewer students over a wider area.

If you have ANY QUESTIONS about housing in the community, please call the Community Housing Office at 805-893-4371 or email them at [ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu](mailto:ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu).
Resources:

Join the UCSB EAP Housing Exchange Facebook Group!
Coming to UCSB for just 1 quarter? Connect with UCSB students who will be studying abroad this fall to arrange a sublease! UCSB students will be invited to join the Facebook group in the next week.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/eaphousingexchange

Online Housing Prezi
https://prezi.com/amalvauv8qtp/eap/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

We hope that this information is helpful as you begin searching for your housing at UCSB. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to let us know. We look forward to meeting you!

Best,

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