

2 UCSB EAP- UPDATED Housing Bulletin Sent – May 22, 2018

Dear UCSB EAP Students:

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We hope you've had a chance to begin your search for housing at UCSB. If not, please check out [the UCSB housing overview](#)

Unfortunately, it seems housing within the University-Owned Residence Halls and Apartments will be extremely limited during the 2018-19 academic year. You may add yourself to the housing wait list [here](#); however, we recommend that you start to look into other possibilities, such as Tropicana, the Co-Ops, or shared apartments in Isla Vista. You will be notified directly by the UCSB Housing office if you receive a space in University-owned housing.

If you will attend UCSB for only fall or fall/winter quarters, we *strongly* recommend Tropicana Gardens because they offer 1 and 2 quarter contracts.

TROPICANA STUDENT LIVING COMMUNITIES

[Tropicana Gardens](#): suite-style residence halls, furnished, with meal plan included

- **Students attending 1 or 2 quarters:** contracts are available at Tropicana Gardens! This option is strongly recommended for students who will be at UCSB for only 1 or 2 quarters. No premium or cancelation fee is charged for 1 or 2 quarter contracts. Standard housing offers elsewhere may require a full-year commitment.
- **Academic year students:** Submit your Tropicana Gardens application for approval before **May 31, 2018** to benefit from a \$1000 discounted rate and free upgrade to 17-meal plan (normally 10-meal plan). After May31, regular rates apply.

[Tropicana Villas](#): furnished apartments with fully equipped kitchen (**no** meal plan)

- **Academic year students:** For shared apartment living, select the Tropicana Villas. Close to the beach and to campus, enjoy preparing meals of your choice and sharing your traditions with UC and other international students.

*****See attached flyers for costs at the Tropicana Communities.**

SANTA BARBARA STUDENT HOUSING COOPERATIVES (CO-OPS)

The student housing co-ops are run by its members to provide affordable, community-oriented housing. Students live together in large houses and share the responsibilities of running the co-op. Students establish house rules together, share cooking and cleaning responsibilities, plan

social events, and learn skills in community living and democratic self-governance. Spots in the co-ops are available for both undergraduate and graduate students, with a number of spots reserved for international students. To apply, please visit sbcoop.org. All deposits and fees are deferred until you arrive in Santa Barbara!

Room rates for School Year 2018-19 start at \$576/month for a double (shared) room and \$909/month for a single (private) room. All members also have monthly house and board charges (\$81-\$230 each month, depending on house) that cover all utilities, internet, shared meal plans, and other house amenities.

For questions, please contact:

Noah Compo (Member Services Coordinator): msc@sbcoop.org

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NON-UNIVERSITY HOUSING IN ISLA VISTA, GOLETA, AND SANTA BARBARA

If you decide to find non-university owned off-campus housing, 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](#) for current rental listings.

For your reference, here are some average costs for housing in the local area:

	Isla Vista	Goleta	Santa Barbara
Room (in home)		\$910	\$930
Studio	\$1288	\$1288	\$1643
1 Bedroom	\$1503	\$1634	\$1864
2 Bedrooms	\$2710	\$2537	\$2712
3 Bedrooms	\$3746	\$3402	\$3254
4 Bedrooms	\$4877		\$4220

Isla Vista (IV) is a very densely populated student area less than 1 mile from campus. Many students live in IV 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, as well as a bus system which is free for students. Santa Barbara is farther away than Goleta and is more easily accessed by bus.

If you have ANY QUESTIONS about housing in the community, call the Community Housing Office at 805-893-4371 or email them at housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu. Contact them BEFORE you sign a contract with roommates!

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. Do not sign more than one contract.

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! This group is only for EAP students, those of you who are coming to UCSB and those who will be leaving UCSB to study in your home countries.

You can also join the general [UCSB Housing Facebook Group](#) to meet UCSB students who have different housing needs. Remember to contact the [CHO Office](#) BEFORE you sign a contract! This group is open to all UCSB students, not just EAP.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to let us know.

Best,

Genesis & Adrienne S.