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Dear UCSB EAP Students,

Here are your housing options while here at UCSB. Housing is filled first-come first-served, so please research your options and apply soon. **You must secure your housing before you arrive at UCSB.**

Here are some helpful [Housing vocabulary](#) definitions.

You must arrive at UCSB by Thursday, **January 3** in order to attend the mandatory orientation (called CALI Training) the morning of Friday, January 4. If your housing choice starts after January 3, please ask them if you can move in early. If you will arrive before your housing is available, here is a list of [nearby hotels](#) (be sure to book in advance).

REMEMBER: When you sign a housing contract it is a legal commitment and you will not be able to change your housing choice, or shorten the contract. 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. We *strongly* recommend Tropicana Gardens or the Purple House because they offer 1 and 2 quarter contracts.

TROPICANA GARDENS

We recommend Tropicana Gardens because they offer 1 and 2 quarter contracts. It's very convenient with lots of amenities and social activities. Check out the [video](#) about what they offer (students from the other college in Santa Barbara are featured, but everything else is the same).

Please see the **attached flyer**, and visit the [Tropicana Gardens](#) website for details, photos, and to apply.

- 1 or 2 quarter contracts starting January 3
- No application fee or deposit
- University-owned and located on the border of campus and Isla Vista
- 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom suites (typically 6-7 people per suite).
- Choose from a single, double, triple, or quadruple bedroom, ranging from \$4,417 - \$6,489 per quarter.
- Fully furnished bedrooms and living room with a big screen AppleTV, mini-fridge, and microwave.
- Includes 10 all-you-can-eat meals per week at the on-site dining hall. You may increase your meal plan at additional cost.
- Includes over 200 social events, activities, and trips per year (trips may have additional cost).
- Pool, sun deck, cardio gym, study space and free printing, tutoring, recreation room, on-site laundry.
- All utilities included

THE PURPLE HOUSE 6670 SUENO ROAD

There are spaces available in the Purple House in Isla Vista for 1 or 2 quarters. This a non-university housing option managed by Meridian Group. Please see the **attached flyer** or the [Meridian website](#) for details and to apply, and contact Lainie at Meridian Group if you have any questions: lainiew@meridiangrouprem.com.

- 1 or 2 quarter contracts starting January 1
- Non-university housing, located in Isla Vista
- Choose from double, triple, or quadruple bedroom, ranging from \$725 - \$1250 per month
- Furnished bedrooms and living room
- Full kitchen
- Yard, Jacuzzi, on-site laundry
- All utilities included

UNIVERSITY-OWNED RESIDENCE HALLS

Spaces within the university-owned apartments are currently full, and residence halls are limited. 1 quarter contracts are very rare, and the residence halls do not offer single rooms. Visit the [website](#) for detailed information, and EAP Reciprocity students can [apply here](#). A place is not guaranteed. You will be notified if you receive a space within a couple weeks. **If you are put on a waitlist we strongly recommend that you apply to a different housing option.** You will only be notified if other students cancel their contracts and a space becomes available, there is no timeline for waitlists.

UCSB Residence Halls

- Most halls are located on campus, some near campus
- Furnished double or triple room
- Includes a meal plan of 7, 10, 14, 17 or unlimited meals per week which can be used at the 4 on-campus dining halls.
- Costs depend on the type of room and meal plan you select, ranging from \$4,322-\$6,079 per quarter
- Shared bathrooms, lounge, study space, kitchenette, and on-site laundry
- Social events and activities
- All utilities included

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

You may also find non-university owned off-campus housing in the nearby areas of Isla Vista, Goleta, or Santa Barbara. 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 bikes or walk to campus. There may be some sublets available 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, respectively. 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.

Visit the University & Community Housing Services website to view [current rental listings](#). Or see the **attached list** of housing options in the community.

BEFORE you sign a contract or send money be sure to contact the UCSB University & Community Housing Services office. Their goal is to work with you to find a housing situation that will meet your needs! They are here to help so please be sure to contact them with ANY questions or concerns!

Email: Jessie Long jclong@ucsb.edu or Jenn Birchim jbirchim@ucsb.edu

Phone: +1 805-893-4371

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 9am - 5pm.

Below are steps to having a successful housing experience:

- 1. Register** on the [LISTINGS website](#) under “Student Login”. Secondly, list yourself as a “Housemate” with your specific needs. You can also search “Sublet” listings as well. This will let students who are looking for roommates find you. **BE CAREFUL WITH LISTINGS** on Craigslist.
- 2. Be in touch with the property owner/management company via phone or email.** Make sure you are filling out the appropriate paperwork for a legal sublet. Be sure to ask if the lease is current and if there are any financial issues with the current lease or roommates! *TIP: Be sure to get a COPY of the lease and all other paperwork because YOU are ultimately responsible for the original terms of the lease! If you are having trouble getting a response please contact University & Community Housing Services.
- 3. Meet your roommates! Be sure to “meet” your roommates BEFORE you sign anything!** Skype, Facetime, Video Chat more than once to be sure you get face to face time with who you are going to be living with! Ask questions about lifestyle, study habits, sleep schedule, etc. to get a larger picture of the household and where you might be living! *TIP: Get pictures or a video of the place inside and out to see where you might be living and the conditions.
- 4. We encourage you NOT to send money sight unseen** – If you absolutely have to send money before seeing the housing, do so with the least amount of money possible to hold your space and have record of ALL transactions (i.e. money, emails, LOCAL addresses, phone numbers, etc.). We have had students get scammed from listings on Craigslist, losing lots of money! Check with University & Community Housing Services BEFORE you send money!
- 5. Location** – know where you will be living and the reputation of those streets. For example, Del Playa & Sabado Tarde streets in Isla Vista are known to be very loud and be more of a party culture. If you don’t know then ask!
- 6. ONLY pay for the time you are here!** Know that you can negotiate with the person you are replacing. Be sure to pay for partial months by prorating the days you are living in the place, and DO NOT pay for the time you are NOT going to be here! You should only be paying for the contracted times you are here as an International student.
- 7. Security Deposit** – do NOT pay ANYTHING in cash! There is no record with cash. Be sure to pay with checks where there will be a record of the payment! For the security deposit, pay a partial security deposit to hold your space and the pay the remainder upon your arrival. Write “security deposit” in the memo section. Because you will not have a co-signer in the US (required in most rentals), you will need to be prepared to pay more security monies with a property owner (most of the time at least 2 times the amount of the rent).
- 8. Utilities** – You will be expected to pay for the utilities for the place you will be renting, but be sure to ask how much they are on average, so you have that information BEFORE you sign!
- 9. Mixed Households** – Be cautious of mixed households with NON Students (i.e. full time workers, city college students, etc.) As an EAP reciprocity student your schedule will be demanding with a fast quarter schedule, so you are encouraged to live amongst other students who share the same schedule.

CALIFORNIA HOUSING BOARD

The California Housing Board provides a site similar to the University & Community Housing listing site, but just for EAP inbound and outbound participants looking for housing.

Go to the [California Housing Board](#). Click “Login” and the prompt below will appear.

Sign up for a [Tapatalk ID account](#). Click on the “Sign Up” link on the bottom of the prompt (see the yellow highlighted part of the image below)

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You will be directed to a Tapataalk sign-up page. You can create a new account using either facebook, Google, or email.

If you see a housing post that you would like more information about, contact them directly; do not post your personal information on the site.

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OTHER PLACES TO LOOK:

Remember to contact University & Community Housing Services BEFORE you sign a contract or send money! Contact Jessie Long jclong@ucsb.edu or Jenn Birchim jbirchim@ucsb.edu .

[UCSB EAP Housing Exchange Facebook Group](#)

Connect with UCSB students who will be studying abroad this winter/spring and need someone to take their place. This group is only for EAP students: EAP Reciprocity students like you who are coming to UCSB and UCSB students who are leaving to study abroad.

[UCSB Housing Facebook Group.](#)

This group is open to all UCSB students, not just EAP.

[IV Housing for UCSB Students Facebook Group](#)

For housing in Isla Vista, open to all UCSB students.

I've saved all of the emails I've sent you so far [here](#) for easy reference. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Best,
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