Your Home at UC Berkeley

UC Berkeley Housing Overview: Transfer Students
WELCOME HOME!
Benefits of Living on Campus

In the past five years, over a third of transfer students have chosen university housing and the benefits that come with it.

Thrive at Berkeley with:

► Academic Advantages
► Community Connection
► Value and Convenience
Academic Advantages

On-site support and resources in residence halls:

► Computer stations with printers
► Tutoring and exam review sessions
► Flexible, late-night study spaces
► Complimentary technical support
► Dedicated academic programs and staff
► Resident Faculty
Community Connection

Community at your doorstep:

► On-site activities create opportunities to make lifelong friends and explore new experiences
► Live-in staff and Resident Assistants provide support and encouragement
► Leadership opportunities and residential student organizations
► Transfer Living Learning Community
Transfer Living-Learning Community

A community for motivated transfer students of all backgrounds, majors, and experiences to cultivate strong relationships with their peers.

Two floors of Transfer Students living together in Martinez Commons Residence Hall.

transfers.berkeley.edu
Transfer Living-Learning Community

.getHosts an annual Transfer Student Social in September to connect you with resources across campus.

Resident Faculty develop events and opportunities to connect Transfer Students to scholarly and research opportunities.
Value and Convenience

- Financial aid awards can be applied
- Contracts are for the academic year
- No credit checks, cosigning, or large deposits
- No extra expenses if a roommate leaves
- Payments auto deducted from student account
- Short walking commute to central campus and downtown Berkeley
- Utilities and more included!
What else is included with your housing contract?
Your Housing Contract

Amenities are included:

- High speed Wi-Fi & Xfinity streaming TV
- Utilities: gas, electric, water, garbage, recycling, compost
- Furnished rooms & living spaces
- Residence hall contracts include flexible meal plans with optional upgrades
Your Housing Contract

Services and facilities are included:

- On-site kitchens and study spaces
- Fitness centers and rec rooms
- Professional live-in staff available 24/7 for urgent needs
- Laundry centers, mail services, bike storage
- Facilities & custodial staff
Committed to Your Health and Safety

► Three tiers of 24-hour secured entry & access for buildings
► Security Monitors or Security Officers at each location in evenings
► Blue Light emergency phones located on all properties
► Bear Walk: UCPD escort service to your car, residence hall, or public transportation (510-642-WALK)
► On-site staff perform building safety walks every evening
Room Types
Standard Room

Traditional residence hall room with community hallways, bathrooms, and study spaces.

Room shared with one to four other students.
Mini-Suite Style

Two rooms sharing semi-private bathroom and community study spaces.

Room shared with one to three other students.
Suite Style

Rooms sharing semi-private bathroom and living area with small group of other rooms.

Room shared with one to four other students.
Apartment

Reserved for continuing or transfer students.

Shared apartment with full kitchen, living area, and bathroom.
Room Occupancy

Single Room
1-person occupancy
*prioritized for ADA requests and upper division students.

Double Room
2-person occupancy

Triple Room
3-person occupancy
*most students receive housing in a triple room

Quad Room
4-person occupancy
*not pictured
On-Campus Housing Options

**Apartments**
- Channing Bowditch
- Enclave
- Garden Village
- New Sequoia
- Panoramic Berkeley
- Wada
- University Village (Family Housing)

**Res Halls + Apartments**
- Clark Kerr
- Maximino Martinez Commons

**Residence Halls**
- Units 1, 2, and 3
- Blackwell Hall
- Foothill
- Stern Hall
Apartments
Channing Bowditch

Environment: Southside, very social atmosphere, near many local restaurants and shops in Berkeley’s busy urban center

- Double and Single Rooms in Shared Apartments
Garden Village

Environment: South-westside; quiet; walking distance to local shops and restaurants

- Two or four bedroom apartments
- Single rooms with jack n’ jill bathrooms
New Sequoia

Environment: Southside; lively and social; located at the heart of Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley’s busy urban center

- Two-bedroom apartments
- Single & double rooms
Panoramic Berkeley

Environment: Southside; lively and social; located on Telegraph Avenue and Blake Street

- Four or five bedroom apartments, with 1 or 1.5 baths
- Single rooms
Enclave

Environment: Southside; near many local restaurants, shops, cafes, and bookstores in Berkeley’s busy urban center

- Features a Moorish Castle design with terraces
- Shared apartments
- Single & double rooms
Wada

**Environment:** Southside; social atmosphere; located within Unit 2 residence hall; near many local restaurants and shops

- Two to three bedroom apartments
- Double and triple rooms
Maximino Martinez Commons

Environment: Southside; social atmosphere; near many local restaurants and shops

Apartments
- Townhouse and flat 4-5 bedroom shared apartments
- Single occupancy rooms

Residence hall rooms
- Standard double & triple rooms
- All-gender floors
Clark Kerr

**Environment:** South-eastside; quiet; near hiking areas, track, and swimming pool

**Apartments**
- Double & triple rooms in two-bedroom apartments

**Residence Hall Rooms**
- Double, triple, & quad rooms
- Suites and standard rooms
- All-gender floors, Single-gender suites
Units 1, 2, and 3

Environment: Southside; very social atmosphere; near many local restaurants and shops in Berkeley’s busy urban center

- Standard double & triple rooms
- Mini-suite & suite-style rooms
- Single-gender & all-gender floors
Blackwell Hall

Environment: Southside; very social atmosphere; near many local restaurants, shops, and Recreation Facility

- Standard double rooms
- Single-gender & all-gender floors
Foothill

Environment: North-east side; quiet; near science and engineering buildings and Memorial Stadium

- All suite-style rooms
- Smaller suites = single gender
- Larger suites = all gender
Stern Hall

**Environment:** North-east side (located nearby Foothill); quiet; near science and engineering buildings and Memorial Stadium

- Standard single, double, & triple rooms
- Suite-style rooms
- Women-identified hall
- Houses WISE: Empowering Womxn in STEAM
Family Housing
University Village (Family Housing)

Student Parents receive priority for Family Housing

► One to three bedrooms with one to two bathrooms
► West Village Apartments
► East Village Apartments
► Located in Albany, CA, about twenty minutes from UCB campus
University Village (Family Housing)

Amenities:
► Internet access
► Basic cable
► Carpeting
► Window coverings
► Storage closet
► Parking space
► Balcony or patio

Apartments include (unfurnished):
► Kitchen with stove and refrigerator
► Dining area
► Living area
► Study alcove

Community areas provide:
► Laundry facilities
► Grassy courtyards with outdoor benches
► Play areas for children
Off Campus Hsg
Cal Rentals

Rental-listing service assisting students in finding off-campus housing.

Cal Rentals provides:
► Resources and advising for students looking for off-campus housing
► Free and easy access to off-campus housing listings in the local area
► Message boards to find roommates, sublets, buy/sell furniture, etc.

Other Cal Rental resources:
► Berkeley Neighborhoods
► Getting Around Campus
► Rental Averages
► Berkeley Rent Board

(available on the Cal Rentals website)

Cal Rentals website: och.berkeley.edu
Meal Plans
Cal Dining

- Dine in or grab and go at locations across campus
- Fresh, organic ingredients from local farms to your fork
- Innovative menus highlighting California's diverse cultures and flavors
- Vegan, kosher, halal, gluten-free, and allergen-safe choices
Undergraduate Meal Plans

On-Campus Meal Plans
► For students living in the residence halls
► Includes weekly meal swipes and flex dollars

Off-Campus Meal Plans
► For students in off-campus housing or university-owned/affiliated apartments
► Includes flex dollars
How Meal Swipes and Flex Dollars Work

On-campus meal plans have a set number of meal swipes each week.

► Use meal swipes at *all-you-care-to-eat* dining commons or as a “meal equivalency” swipe at The Golden Bear Café or Brown’s

On-campus and off-campus meal plans include flex dollars.

► Use at campus restaurants, convenience stores, concession stands, late night, and dining commons (for on-campus plans, use at dining commons when out of meal swipes for the week)

► Add additional Flex Dollars as needed
Apartment Meal Plans

**Standard Plan**

- $1,400 per year for apartment contracts ($700 per semester)
- 1400 flex dollars (700 per semester)
Apartment Meal Plans continued

**Premium Plan**
- $1,800 per year for apartment contracts ($900 per semester)
- **1900 flex dollars** (950 per semester)
- 100 free flex dollars!

**Platinum Plan**
- $2,500 per year for apartment contracts ($1,250 per semester)
- **2700 flex dollars** (1350 per semester)
- 200 free flex dollars!
Residence Hall Meal Plans

Blue Plan

► Included in residence hall contracts
► 12 meal swipes per week
► 600 flex dollars (300 per semester)
Residence Hall Meal Plans continued

**Gold Plan**
- Upgrade for $350 ($175 per semester)
- 10 meal swipes per week
- 1,000 flex dollars (500 per semester)

**Ultimate Plan**
- Upgrade for $950 ($475 per semester)
- Unlimited meal swipes per week
- 1,000 flex dollars (500 per semester)
FinAid and Housing

► FinAid Cost of Attendance Estimate
  ○ Residence Hall Award equates to around the cost of a Standard Double Room
  ○ On Campus Apartment Award equates to around the cost of an Apartment Double
► Save by sharing space with roommates
► Choose the option that aligns with your budget

housing.berkeley.edu/rates
## Important Dates

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Housing Application Process

**Step 1:** Accept your admission offer and obtain your CalNet credentials

**Step 2:** Apply by **June 2nd**!

**Step 3:** Check your Berkeley email regularly for updates about your application.

**portal.housing.berkeley.edu**

*Application Tutorial Available*

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**Key Notes to Remember:**

- Transfer students receive Housing Priority!
- Assignment process is strictly lottery based
- Make housing preferences broad and meet all application deadlines to ensure you receive an offer
**Other Application Notes**

**Roommates:** Roommate Profile to provide your lifestyle habits and find the right roommate for you

**Requesting Roommates:** Know someone coming to Cal? Create a Roommate Group on the App! Note that Roommate Requests are not guaranteed

**Note:** Under normal operations, all new students receive priority for housing. It is not possible to know at this time whether the COVID-19 pandemic will allow for normal operations in 2020-2021, so we cannot guarantee housing priority at this time.

**Housing After 1st Year:**
- Do not guarantee continuing students housing
- However, past few years have been able to provide a housing offer to all continuing students who applied on time
Accommodation Requests

*Cal Housing wants all students to have safe, affirming, and inclusive spaces to find community.*

We work to provide reasonable accommodations to students based upon their ability and identity statuses, including:

- Students with Disabilities
- Gender identity or expression
- Sexual orientation
- Religious, cultural, and spiritual identity
Accommodation Requests continued

Students with Disabilities.
► Submit an Accommodations Request Form with appropriate medical documentation
► Documentation will be reviewed to determine a reasonable accommodation

Gender-inclusive and LGBTQIA+ affirming requests. Religious and cultural identity-based requests.
► Note your needs in your application
► Submit the Identity-Based Request Form

housing.berkeley.edu/accommodations
Take a Virtual Tour!

To access our Video Tours, please visit our website: housing.berkeley.edu/video-tours
Important Resources

Housing Web Page
housing.berkeley.edu

Application Portal
portal.housing.berkeley.edu

Cal Rentals
och.berkeley.edu

Parking and Transportation
pt.berkeley.edu

Cal Housing
reshall@berkeley.edu
(510) 642-4108

Cal Rentals
(510) 642-3644

Family Housing
(510) 642-4109
Key Takeaways

► There are Personal and Academic benefits to living in an on-campus community.

► Apply by your Housing Deadline: *June 2 (fall start) or October 1 (January start).*

► Follow ALL application instructions to ensure your housing priority

► For questions, please contact the Cal Housing Assignments Office at: Reshall@Berkeley.edu
GO BEARS!