

YOUR GUIDE TO HOUSING
AT UC BERKELEY

LIVE WHERE YOU BELONG

UC Berkeley
Housing



CONNECT GROW THRIVE



Welcome Home

Walk to class. Lunch at The Golden Bear Café with friends. Study at the Academic Center, then nap. Next, movie night or a silent disco party?

Campus housing blends just the right balance of convenience and independence. Amidst the exciting buzz of Berkeley, you'll find your new home.



Community

Berkeley's a big space, but campus housing connects you with your own community, through social events, leadership opportunities, Theme Programs, identity-based needs, transfer hubs, and more.



Convenience

You'll find campus housing located near campus, classes, and public transportation. Meal plans are built into residence hall rates, while flexible meal plans are options for students living in apartments.



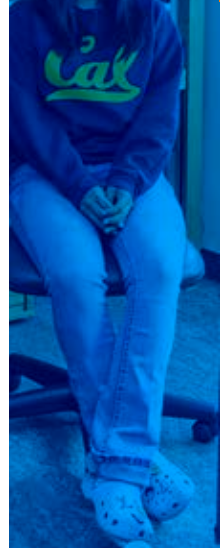
Academic Support

Students living in campus housing excel academically, thanks to resources like academic study centers, on-site tutoring sessions, faculty in residence, mobile print stations, and tech support.



Typically 96% of first-year students & 36% of transfer students choose campus housing.

THRIVE AT BERKELEY



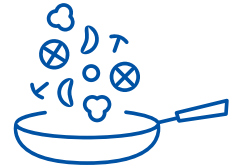
Value and Convenience

- No large up-front deposit
- Financial aid can be applied
- Payments auto-deducted from student account
- Contracts are for the academic year (no year-long leases required)
- No credit checks or cosigning
- No extra expenses if a roommate leaves
- Easy to apply



Everything You Need, Included

- Meal plans included in residence hall rates; apartments include full kitchens
- High-speed WiFi
- All utilities included
- Secure buildings: 3 tiers of secured access
- Fully furnished rooms & apartments
- On-site fitness centers & recreation rooms
- Laundry centers, mail services, bike storage
- 24/7 support staff



Campus Dining

dining.berkeley.edu

- Fresh, seasonal ingredients from local farms to your fork
- Innovative menus highlighting California's diverse cultures & flavors
- Locations across campus to dine in, or grab & go
- Vegan and vegetarian, kosher, halal, gluten-free, & allergen-friendly choices

Expanding Student Housing

UC Berkeley is committed to building new housing so students can live on campus for two years or more. Two new buildings are on the way over the next four years.

- 2400+ new beds added since 2018
- 2600+ new beds expected by 2028



You Belong @ Berkeley



Transfer Student Hubs

housing.berkeley.edu/transfer

Get your best start at Berkeley by living on campus. Transfer students can build community and find support in several new transfer hubs in campus housing. Options include dedicated transfer floors in residence halls, or transfer-only apartments in some of our newest, most modern complexes.

Theme Programs

themeprogams.berkeley.edu

These are optional living-learning communities where students sharing a scholarly interest live together and participate in programs specially designed around the community theme.

The eight Theme Programs are:

- African American (AATP)
- Bloom: Asian American
- Casa Magdalena Mora (CASA)
- Global Environment (GETH)
- Native American (NATP)
- South Asian, Southwest Asian, and North African (SSWANA)
- UNITY (LGBTQIA+)
- WiSE: Empowering Womxn in STEAM*

*WiSE welcomes all who experience life through the lens of womxn in body, spirit, identity—past, present, future, and fluid.

Substance-Free Environment

housing.berkeley.edu/unit1

Freeborn Hall (in Unit 1) is designated as a substance-free environment. Residents actively agree to keep the community free of alcohol as well as recreational and illegal drugs. The hall hosts substance-free programs, events, and activities.

Accommodations and Identity-Based Needs

housing.berkeley.edu/accommodations

UC Berkeley Housing works to provide reasonable accommodations or inclusive spaces to students based upon their ability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religious or spiritual identity, and other identity statuses. Note your needs in your housing application.

First-year and transfer students are **GUARANTEED** campus housing for their first year, if they meet all deadlines and conditions.



Housing Options

UC Berkeley Housing offers both residence hall and apartment communities. All first-year students start in residence halls and can apply to live in apartments later. Transfer students can live in either residence halls or apartments. Which space you choose depends on what kind of experience you want. **Check it out!**

RESIDENCE HALL OPTIONS (First-Year, Transfer, & Continuing Students)

Residence halls frame the boundary of campus on the north, east, and south sides. Meal plans are included with residence hall contracts. First-year students are usually assigned to triple rooms. Most residence halls close over Winter Break.

South Campus Housing

Located near the south side of campus, these options provide a traditional residential hall experience in the urban heart of Berkeley. All-gender and single-gender floors are available.



Units 1-3

Several high-rise complexes with communal bathrooms that share academic and meeting spaces and mail services. Traditional and suite-style rooms.



Blackwell Hall

Large, secure housing complex with an interior courtyard. Premium-style double rooms.

RESIDENCE HALL + APARTMENT HOUSING OPTIONS

These complexes offer a combination of traditional residence hall and apartment layouts. Meal plans are included with residence hall contracts and can be added to apartment contracts. (Apartments for transfer and continuing students only.)



Clark Kerr Campus

A mini-neighborhood on the southeast side of campus with amazing courtyards and green spaces. Traditional rooms on all-gender floors and single-gender suites. Apartment options prioritize sophomores and upper division students



Maximino Martinez Commons

Located two blocks south of campus, this location is a modern building with both residence halls and apartments, as well as extensive common areas and an internal courtyard.



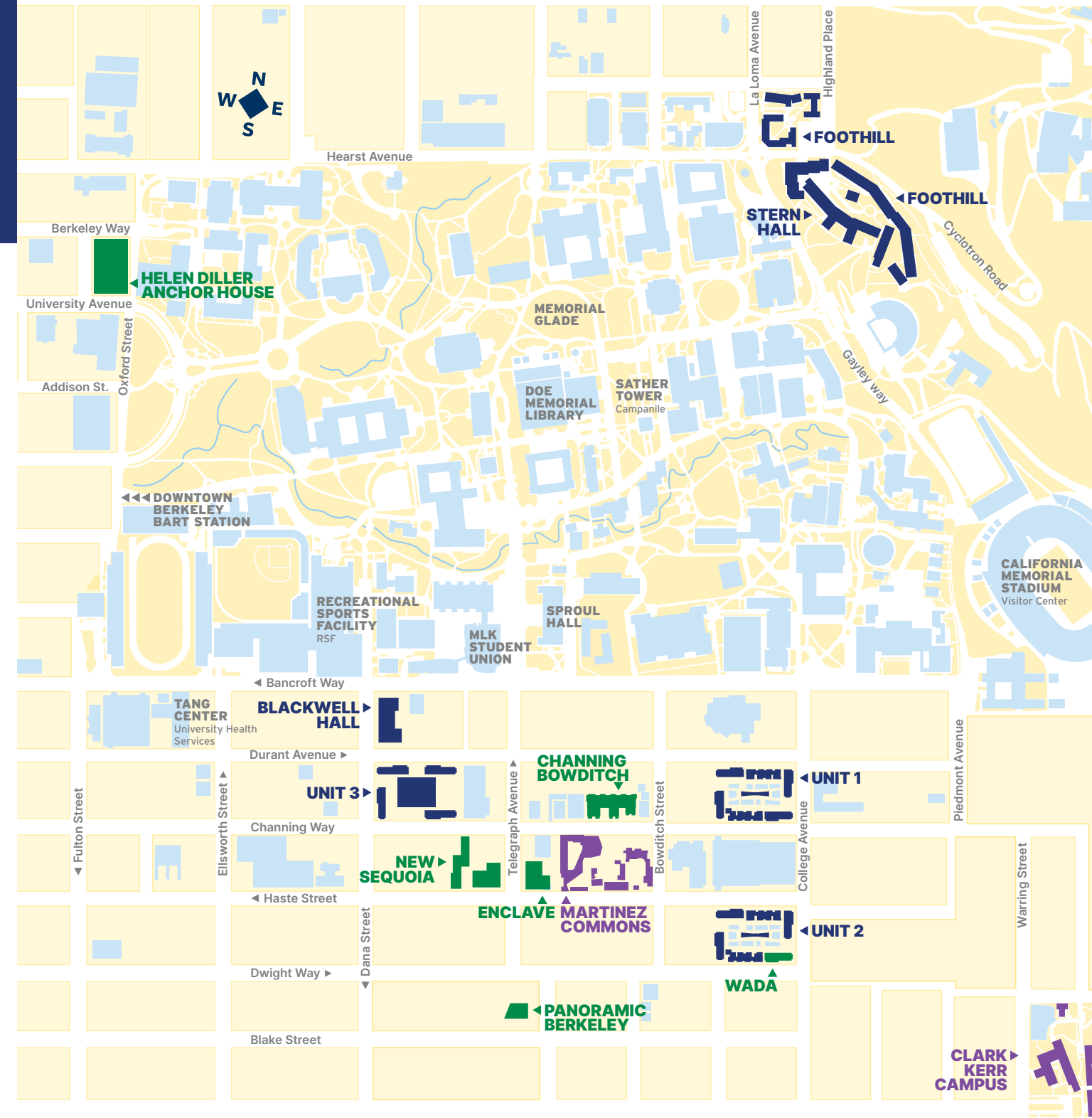
Foothill

Complexes conveniently close to STEM classrooms. Bedrooms arranged in all- and single-gender suites.



Stern Hall

Houses womxn-identifying students and is home to the Cal Esports venue. Stern's second floor hosts the WiSE: Empowering Womxn in STEAM theme program, which serves students majoring in the sciences who identify as womxn in body, spirit, and identity—past, present, future, and fluid. Traditional and suite-style rooms.



FIND YOUR WAY

- Residence Halls
- Complex including both Residence Halls and Apartments
- Apartments

APARTMENT HOUSING OPTIONS (Transfer & Continuing Students Only)

Apartment housing options are conveniently located close to campus, restaurants, shops, and public transit. Meal plans are not included with apartment contracts, but may be purchased separately.



Channing Bowditch

Low-rise buildings clustered around two south-facing courtyards. Features flat and townhouse apartments with single-, double-, and triple-occupancy rooms in two to three bedroom units.



Enclave*

Situated amidst restaurants, cafes, shops, and bookstores. Features a Moorish Castle design with terraces. Variety of single and double rooms in shared apartments.



Helen Diller Anchor House (Transfers Only)

Apartment building designed to foster connection and belonging for transfer students. Features fully-furnished studios and apartments with two, three, or four bedrooms, all with single-occupancy bedrooms. Extensive community spaces, a Transfer Student Center location, and an on-site fitness center.



New Sequoia*

Designed for more independent living, apartments overlook Telegraph Avenue on the south side of Berkeley and have access to a shared internal courtyard. Features two to four bedrooms with single- and double-occupancy rooms.



Panoramic Berkeley*

An independent living environment with efficient and modern design. Features four or five bedrooms with single- and double-occupancy rooms.



Wada

Apartment building with spacious bedrooms located in the Unit 2 complex. Most apartments feature two bedrooms with double- or triple-occupancy rooms.

* Location is an affiliated property assigned by the university. On-site management is overseen by public-private partners. Affiliated properties may have different on-site amenities and resources than campus-managed properties based on facilities available.



Take a Virtual Housing Tour



Apply for Housing

After you accept your offer of admission, use your CalNet ID to apply for housing in the UC Berkeley Housing Portal.

housing.berkeley.edu/apply



HOUSING GUARANTEE

First-year students and transfer students are guaranteed to receive a housing offer for their first year, as long as they apply by the deadline and meet all eligibility conditions.

Eligibility Conditions: You must meet all UC Berkeley and Housing deadlines, adhere to all Terms and Conditions of the housing contract and residential policies, and have flexible housing preferences (choose “any room, any location” as one of your housing preferences). Housing guarantee does not ensure any specific room type, location, or amenity.

HOUSING APPLICATION TIMELINE

	Application Deadline	Receive Housing Offer
First-Year	May 2	Late May
Transfer	June 2	Late June
January Start	October 1	Starting in November

Note for waitlisted students: You will be able to apply for housing. Your housing application deadline will be the same as the deadline to accept your offer of admission.

QUICK TIPS

1. **Keep preferences broad** and always choose “any room size, any location” as your fifth housing preference.
2. **Apply by the deadline**, as your housing cannot be guaranteed after the deadline.
3. **Need a roommate?** We can match you up!
4. **Already have a roommate you want to live with?** Limit group to 1-2 others max, and list identical preferences.
5. **Check your Berkeley email (berkeley.edu) regularly for your housing offer:** You will need to accept it by the deadline provided, which is usually within one week.

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