Off-Campus Housing Information

Some organizations and/or businesses included in this booklet are not affiliated with CSULB or with any International program and are not specifically approved or endorsed. It is always a good idea to check with the appropriate organization for the most up-to-date information.

Creating a Budget

Once you determine your budget, it will be easier to narrow down your search to what you can afford. You may need to make a compromise on the location (which neighborhood) or living situation (with or without roommate, etc.) to fit the rent into your budget.

- **Application Fees:** All apartments charge an application fee, which range from $25-$50 per person. If you are renting a room in a house, this might not be required.
- **Security Deposit:** A security deposit is always required when renting an apartment/room. The security deposit is typically equal to one or two month’s rent. Always get a receipt when giving someone money and write on your check exactly what it covers.
- **Monthly Living Expenses:** utility charges (heat, gas, electricity, garbage collection fee, and other utilities that are not included in your rent), phone bills (cell phone and/or land line), cable TV bill and Internet.
- **Other Expenses:** laundry, food, health insurance, household goods and furnishings, entertainment and social expenses, car insurance, as well as tuition, books and other miscellaneous expenses.

- **Average Cost for Unfurnished Housing without utilities**
  - Studio - $900-$1200 per month
  - One Bedroom Apartment - $1050-1400 per month
  - Two Bedroom Apartment - $1400-1900 per month
  - Room in Private Home-$500-700 per month

Long Beach Neighborhoods

Long Beach is comprised of many diverse neighborhoods. CSULB is located in the south-eastern part of the city and at the south edge of Los Angeles County. When choosing a neighborhood, keep in mind the public transportation routes, proximity to the university, grocery stores, stores etc. A description of each Long Beach Neighborhood can be found here: [http://longbeachneighborhoods.com/](http://longbeachneighborhoods.com/)

- Neighborhoods close to CSULB: Bixby Village, Alamitos Heights, Naples, Los Altos, Traffic Circle
- Neighborhoods close to the ocean: Bluff Park, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Naples
Where to Start Looking?

- **EXPLORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD**: If you are in the Long Beach area and are searching for an apartment, you can drive or walk through neighborhoods and look for “FOR RENT” signs.

- **CONTACTING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**: Property management companies often have their own Web sites where you can search for rental properties.

- **FACEBOOK**: Our program has its own Facebook group where other CSULB SA@B students find roommates, post available rooms, or find temporary accommodation. [https://www.facebook.com/groups/StudyAtTheBeach/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/StudyAtTheBeach/)

- **INTERNET WEBSITES**
  - [http://housing.csulb.edu/offcampus](http://housing.csulb.edu/offcampus)
  - [http://losangeles.craigslist.org/lgb/](http://losangeles.craigslist.org/lgb/)
  - [http://www.apartments.com/](http://www.apartments.com/)
Long Beach Apartments

CHANNEL POINT
www.channelpointapts.com/
5926 Bixby Village Dr, Long Beach CA 90803
1BR: $1800+, 2BR: $2205+

PACIFIC VIEW
www.pacificviewapthomes.com/
5025 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach CA 90804
1BR: $1595+

BEVERLY PLAZA
(popular with CSULB students)
www.beverlyplazaapts.com/
5050 Garford St, Long Beach CA 90815
1BR: $1680+, 2BR: $1871+, 3BR: $3,085+

PARK AVENUE APARTMENTS
(popular with CSULB students)
www.parkaveapts.com/
2000 Park Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815
1BR: $1750+, 2BR: $1908+, 3BR: $3,085+

ALVISTA APARTMENTS
(popular with CSULB students)
www.alvistalongbeach.com/
1718 Ximeno Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815
1BR: 1553+, 2BR: 1553+

MARBRISA
www.essexapartmenthomes.com/apartments/california/long-beach/marbrisa-apartments
1809 Termino Avenue, Long Beach CA 90815
2BR: $1700-2362

THE LANDING
www.thelandingatlongbeach.com/
1613 Ximeno Ave Long Beach, CA 90804
(562) 597-4443

PATIO GARDEN APARTMENTS
www.patiogardenapartments.com/
4874 Los Coyotes Diagonal
(562) 597-5489

SALLY’S APARTMENTS
4600 E. 7th St. Long Beach CA 90804
(562) 439-4251

ELIZABETH MANOR
907 Raymond Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804
www.elizabethmanor.com
e-mail: yarina@wlizabethmanor.com
1 BR: $750-$850

SEAPORT MARINA HOTEL
http://www.seaportmarinahotel.com/accomodations/studentlink.html

Application to rent
Once you have found an apartment you would like to rent, you need to complete an application for rental. (This may or may not be needed if renting in a private home.) The application will ask for your name, rental history, employment history, bank information, credit history and be $25-$50 per person. Be prepared to give references from former landlords, neighbors, employers and/or family. Also, some landlords may ask for income verification, whether it may be a bank statement or a letter from a sponsor.
Rental Agreement / Lease
A lease or a rental agreement is a written contract that is necessary when you rent any sort of property. Verbal agreement (agreement that made by talking) is extremely risky, especially when conflict arises between you, the tenant, and the landlord. The agreement can clearly state the expectations of all parties who will be living in the household. Try and make the agreement as specific as possible! When the rent is due, late fees, visitors, penalties for moving out early etc. This will minimize many of the common roommate disagreements or landlord/tenant disputes. Also if you will be living with other people, you may want to ask the landlord or roommates’ expectations regarding cleaning, cooking, smoking and alcohol.

Remember, before you sign a lease or rental agreement, take an inventory and note any preexisting damages. Make sure that both you and the owner/manager sign the completed inventory report. If the owner/manager does not have an inventory report form, you may write or type it and both sign the document.

When signing the lease and making a deposit, be sure to keep everything (from receipt of the deposit to the rental agreement) for your record. READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYTHING

Social Security Numbers:
If you are renting an apartment, they might ask you for a Social Security Number. Most international students do not have a SS# and cannot get one unless you work legally in the U.S. The reason they want your SS# is to see your credit history (if you pay your bills and if you are in good financial standing) to make sure you will pay your rent on time. What we suggest is to tell them you do not have an SS# because you are an international student, but offer to pay either a higher security deposit OR pay the rent for your whole rental period in advance.

Helpful Information
If a situation occurs in which you need assistance in taking legal action, contact the Office of University Ombuds (FND 140) or call (562) 985-5983 or visit their Web site: www.csulb.edu/ombuds.

Questions to Ask
- What is the rent per month?
- Is a security deposit required? If so, how much is it and under what conditions would it be returned?
- Do I need to sign a lease? If so, for how long (month-to-month, 6 month or a year)? The advantage of signing a lease is that the rent cannot be raised during the lease period. The disadvantage of signing a lease is that you are legally bound to stay for the lease period or pay for the entire lease period.
- Are there extra charges for utilities, storage space, parking space, late rent payment, etc.? If so, how much?
- Where is the nearest bus stop? Is parking available?
- What are the penalties if I move out early?
Moving Out
When you decide to move out from your apartment before the lease/contract is up, you are required to give the landlord notice, usually at least one month prior to your expected moving out date. The lease will indicate the amount of time that is required for notifying the landlord. Give your notice in writing, including your name, address of your rental unit, and date on which you intend to move. Include your future address, if possible, so the landlord to mail your security deposit. Schedule a final inspection with your landlord at this time as well. Be sure to clean your apartment thoroughly – leave the apartment in the condition that you first moved in. If you don’t clean the unit, you may risk losing all or part of your security deposit. As you move out, you may want to get rid of clothes, furniture and other miscellaneous household goods. Consider donating them to local charities (such as Goodwill), or sell them to consignment stores. Or you can have a moving sale (or yard sale) or post flyers to see if other people may want to buy your goods. Final inspection will take place before you hand in your keys and you and your landlord will go through a final walk-through of the unit. You should not be responsible for any damages that existed before you moved in, as long as they were documented.

Temporary Accommodations

Motel 6 (walking distance from CSULB)
http://www.motel6.com/
(562) 597-1311
5665 East 7th Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

Seaport Marina Hotel
http://www.seaportmarinahotel.com/
(562) 434-8451
6400 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90803

Super 8 Motel
http://www.super8.com
(562) 597-7701
4201 E Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach CA 90804

Rodeway Inn
http://www.rodewayinn.com/
(562) 597-4455
3555 E Pacific Coast Highway, Signal Hill CA 90755

Hotel Current
http://www.hotelcurrent.com/
(562) 597-1341
5325 E Pacific Coast Highway

Holiday Inn (Long Beach-Airport)
www.holidayinn.com
(562) 597-4401
2640 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach CA 90815

Non- Emergencies

Police (non-emergency)
www.longbeach.gov/police
562-435-6711

Fire (non-emergency)
www.longbeach.gov/fire
(562) 570-9400

Parking Citation
www.longbeach.gov

University Police University Information
www.csulb.edu/police
562-985-4101
**Gas Leak (LBGO)**
562-570-2140  
[www.lbgo.org](http://www.lbgo.org)

**Electrical Outage**
800-611-1911  
[www.sce.com/poweroutagecenter](http://www.sce.com/poweroutagecenter)

**Water Problems**
562-570-2390  
[www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov)

**Noise Complaint** (non-emergency)
562-435-6711

**Utilities**
**Gas, Water, Trash Removal** (City of Long Beach)
[www.longbeach.gov/lbgo](http://www.longbeach.gov/lbgo)

**Electricity** (So Cal Edison)
[www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com)

**Cable TV / Internet**
Charter [www.charter.com](http://www.charter.com)
Times Warner Cable: [www.timewarnercable.com](http://www.timewarnercable.com)
Verizon [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

**Emergencies- 911**