Student success requires accessible and affordable housing

Consistent and accessible housing is critical to ensuring UCSB students complete their academic goals and graduate on time. The lack of access to affordable housing is the #1 reason UCSB students may be forced to drop out of school. When UCSB students lose their housing due to an unexpected expense, they may stop attending for a quarter with plans to save money and return, but in reality, most of these students will never go on to complete their degree.

Housing is also directly connected to student’s basic needs. If a student cannot afford rent, they will forego meals as food becomes the first area of their budget they cut back on. Some students will turn to the food pantry, but there is a social stigma associated with using it. Students will make great sacrifices to get their degree.

**Students from low-income households should not have to take on more debt to ensure they have housing and can complete their degree.**

There is a clear correlation between student loan debt and housing. The most vulnerable students are those who come from low-income households. The financial aid provided is the bare minimum needed to survive as a student and nothing more. Consequently, when students run into an unexpected emergency, they may take out unsubsidized student loans that can rapidly balloon to $50-60,000. As student housing costs continue to rise, more UCSB students are requiring campus housing resources to maintain their enrollment.
Basic Needs Program
https://food.ucsb.edu

Housing & Food
UCSB’s Basic Needs Program provides resources for UCSB students, staff, and faculty to have healthy food options, support for the campus food justice movement, and creating a “more sustainable and just food system.” They provide in-person or virtual assistance and drop-in peer advising to discuss all aspects of student basic needs, including housing.

UCSB’s Basic Needs Housing Resources is for all UCSB students, irrespective of immigration status, gender, or sexual orientation. Resources include:

Affordable Housing Resources
https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/housing/affordable-housing

University & Community Resources
UCSB's Affordable Housing Resources provides off-campus rental listings, landlord or roommate dispute resolution, rental rights and responsibilities, and more.

Affordable Housing Resources also connects to Santa Barbara’s Student Housing Cooperative, the Isla Vista Tenants Union, Workforce Housing Program, and the City of Santa Barbara Affordable Housing Program.

Read on to learn more about specific university and community housing resources.
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CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES

Rapid Rehousing Program
https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/housing/emergency-transitional-housing

UCSB's Rapid Rehousing Program
Exists to support students who are at immediate risk of being houseless. The program provides:
- transitional housing
- housing vouchers
- support for long-term solutions to address students’ basic needs.

Financial Crisis Response Team
https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/housing/financial-assistance

UCSB's Financial Crisis Response Team assists with:
- rental deposit assistance
- housing rent vouchers
- cost of attendance adjustments
- a host of other resources for students in crisis.
SERVICES WE PROVIDE

• **UCSB housing contracts & assignments services**
  - https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/
  - Residence Halls
  - University Apartments
  - Graduate Housing
  - Family Student Housing

• **Community housing**
  - Rental Listings website
  - Roommate conflicts
  - Receive one-on-one assistance from our staff on your housing needs
  - Landlord/tenant disputes
  - Educational programs
  - Forms and brochures
  - Success Guide
    - https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/student-success-guide
Community Housing

Available for a variety of housing needs!
- Rental listing database
- Move in/Move out Videotaping to secure your deposit
- Rights and responsibilities
- Educational programs
- Mediation and advising

Community housing vacancy list & resources

We have an updated community housing vacancy list that is a google doc and we update this weekly

If you would like access to this you can email our office directly at housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu
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CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES

UCSB's University & Community Housing Services, cont'd.

Reviewing Your Lease

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Make sure to have us look over your lease with you before you sign it! Have some questions prepared, and then anything you want to know we will review with you.

Move In/ Move Out Videotaping

Saving Your Security Deposit

Make sure to have us record your home before you move in, and after you move out. This will help to save your security deposit as you will have evidence of what your home looked like before and after you lived there.
BEWARE OF SCAMS!
Do NOT sign anything or send money until you check with our office first!

Off Campus Resources

**AS Legal Resource**
- [https://legal.as.ucsb.edu/](https://legal.as.ucsb.edu/)
- (805) 893-4246
- Zoom appointments available

**Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU)**
- [https://ivtu.as.ucsb.edu/](https://ivtu.as.ucsb.edu/)
- (805) 968 – 6704
- ivtenantsunion@gmail.com

**Isla Vista Community Service District**
- Rental housing mediation services
- (805)-770-2752
- islavistamediation@gmail.com
UCSB's University & Community Housing Services, cont'd.

UCSB Basic Needs Resources

- Peer to peer guidance on what resources are available to you and might meet your needs.
- [https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/housing](https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/housing)
- [thrive@ucsb.edu](mailto:thrive@ucsb.edu)
- 805-893-2786
- Open M-Fri 9am-5pm Next to Jamba Juice - drop ins welcome

Peer Housing Advocates/Advisors

- Can help you go through listings and provide peer support
- Book an Appointment on this page: [https://food.ucsb.edu/](https://food.ucsb.edu/)
- [sa-housingadvocate@ucsb.edu](mailto:sa-housingadvocate@ucsb.edu)

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University & Community Housing Services

- Email: [housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu](mailto:housinginfo@housing.ucsb.edu)
- Phone Number: 805-893-4371
- Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-430pm
- Website: [www.housing.ucsb.edu](http://www.housing.ucsb.edu)
- 3rd Floor of the UCEN