



Student Guide to Off-Campus Housing

Introducing

The LACM Housing Network

Housing & Roommate Finder

FALL QUARTER 2014

THE LACM HOUSING DEPARTMENT WANTS
YOU TO

Be an excellent student renter

Use this guidebook to get tips on some important aspects of living off-campus; these include living on a budget, getting along with roommates, and knowing your responsibilities as a renter.

This guidebook will also give you information about your commuting options, especially if you won't be driving to campus and help you in connecting with community and campus resources.

If you have any questions, please contact the Housing Department either by phone or e-mail.

Good luck, and we look forward to meeting you all!

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GETTING STARTED

Ask the key questions and the find available resources

There are many housing options in Pasadena and the surrounding communities, and this guidebook can help you find the one that is right for you.

Getting started, you will want to ask yourself:

1. What type of housing do you want; an apartment, room in a home, or a house?
2. What location is best for you?
3. Do you want to be within walking or biking distance of the campus, or do you want to be on a bus route?
4. Do you need to find roommates?
5. What is your budget?

HOW DOES LACM HOUSING WORK?

LACM's housing department makes every effort to help make your transition to Pasadena as easy as possible. We can help you find off-campus housing and/or roommates. Housing Advisors can introduce you to a variety of resources in the LACM Housing Network, a housing and roommate finder.

The LACM Housing Network:

- The Roommate Connection List
- Roommate Meet Ups
- Housing Option List

Sign up for the Roommate Connection List (RCL)

This is a listing of new and current LACM students looking for roommates and/or apartments. If you are seeking off-campus housing and/or roommates, get on the list! The latest copy of the list is sent via e-mail mostly in the weeks prior to the start of the Fall and Spring quarters but also throughout the term provided new people signed up. You can contact directly whomever you feel is well-suited as roommate(s).

Come to the Roommate Meet Ups!

We recommend that everyone on the RCL attend these meet ups. There are two meet ups held on campus prior to the start of the Fall and Spring quarters, so consider arriving in Pasadena a few weeks before the quarter begins. These gatherings are optional but very helpful as you can use this time to meet potential roommates from the RCL, check out current vacancies and get more information on how to find your apartment together. The second Meet Up is part of the first day of Orientation; the first Meet Up is a week before that, to give students a chance to try to take care of their housing situation before school starts. It never hurts to start the process early!

Housing Options List

The Housing Options List provides rent averages by area and also provides specific rental listings. The descriptions highlight areas of Pasadena and the surrounding communities. (*listing on page 7*)

LIVING AROUND LACM

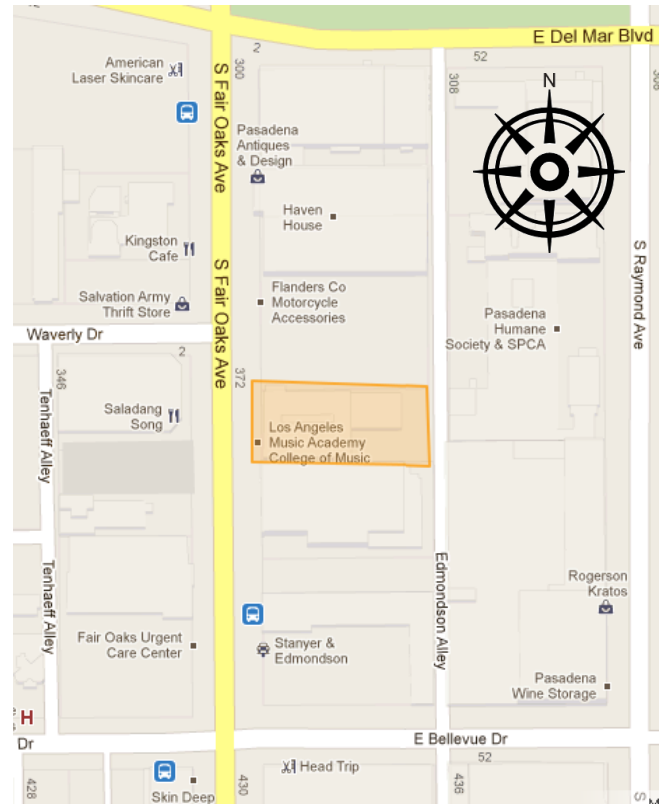
PASADENA

Los Angeles College of Music is located in the City of Pasadena

The city of Pasadena is located ten miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles. Pasadena has many rental options in different neighborhoods including many that are within walking or biking distance from the campus.

Rental markets around the LACM campus offer a wide range of options, including apartments, houses/condos for rent, and rooms in homes. Amenities and prices vary by area and type of rental.

Although Pasadena is best known as the host of the annual Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl football game, the city also boasts numerous cultural amenities, fine restaurants and top retailers.



LOS ANGELES



What are rents like in Pasadena?

Studios \$775*+

One-bedroom \$900*+

Two-bedrooms \$1,200*+

These are low-end rent prices in buildings close to school.

The majority of buildings will have slightly higher rents and many of the new buildings are much more expensive.

Surrounding Areas

If you venture out into surrounding areas such as South Pasadena, Alhambra, East Pasadena, or Altadena, rents are likely to be less expensive.

** Rates are up-to-date but subject to change.*



Just around the corner...

OLD TOWN PASADENA

Within walking distance of LACM's campus is the hip, vibrant neighborhood of Old Town Pasadena.

Old Town Pasadena is one of the premiere shopping districts in the country. It's an eclectic mix of one-of-a-kind specialty boutiques and exclusive national retailers concentrated in an authentic downtown and all within walking distance.

Old Pasadena features diverse restaurants, including award-winning fine dining and charming outdoor cafés. You will find everything from four course meals to quick bites, premium wines, scrumptious desserts, and gourmet coffee and tea.

For more information visit:
www.oldpasadena.org

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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

From LAX Airport to Pasadena

Getting to Pasadena

Shuttle Vans

Shuttle vans are an economical choice and cost around \$35*.

- You can arrange this when you arrive at the airport or online in advance (see below).
- Follow the “Shared Vans” signs, and the person managing the shuttles will arrange the trip.
- Make reservations ahead of time online at: www.supershuttle.com or www.primetimeshuttle.com.

Private Car

Executive Car Service Nationwide and comparable services can take you to Pasadena for about \$80*.

- You can arrange for a private car to pick you up.
- The driver will meet you at the baggage claim area (domestic flights) or outside customs (international) and carry a sign with your name on it.
- This is a good option if you are traveling with several people, as the fare includes multiple passengers.
- You can book the service online at www.ecsnationwide.com.

There are many companies that offer these services – shop around online for the best rates.

Tips

There are several ways to get to Pasadena from LAX.

We do not recommend taking a taxi, as it will be very expensive (\$100+), nor do we recommend taking the Metro rail system since it takes a very long time and requires several transfers.

**Approximation; subject to change.*

GETTING TO LACM

BUS

Bus lines that stop near LACM:

METRO

- Line 260
- Base Fare \$1.50*

PASADENA ARTS

- Line 20
- Base Fare \$0.75*

METRO RAIL

METRO GOLD LINE

- Stop at Del Mar Station.
- Base Fare \$1.50*

For More info:

www.metro.net

<http://cityofpasadena.net>



Metro

Hotel

Pasadena Inn

3 blocks from campus.

LACM student discount available.

Share a room and save! Fill out the Roommate Connection Form to find roommate.

Includes:

Continental breakfast

A mini-kitchen (refrigerator & microwave)

Doubles (2 double beds) approximately \$98* per night.

Singles (1 king bed) approximately \$89* per night.

400 S. Arroyo Parkway
Pasadena, CA 91105
626.795.8401
www.oldpasadenainn.com

Courtyard Marriott

0.6 miles/1 km from campus.

LACM student discount may be available.

Includes: Continental breakfast

Business Class Hotel

Approximately \$219* per night.
Special rates may be available.

180 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
626.403.7600
www.courtyardpasadena.com

**Approximation; subject to change.
Rates may increase on weekends.*

Home Stay

IHPS

International Housing Placement Services

Home Stay Option

\$202.50 per week

A private room with continental breakfast and dinner daily.

Breakfast prepared by student.

Dinner prepared by host at least 4 nights per week.

Internet access included.

Home Share Option

\$162.50 per week

A private room only.

Kitchen privileges and internet access included.

Application fee: \$325

Housing deposit: \$100 required.

Airport pick up available for \$100.

IHPS offer home stays for international students with a local host family. Located in Pasadena, IHPS is committed to placing students with high quality, friendly, helpful families and ensuring a positive experience.

Most locations are within walking distance of LACM and close to public transportation.

Minimum stay length: 4 weeks.

Apply online at:

www.ihpsla.com

Email:

info@IHPSHomestays.com

HSI

Homestay Services International

HSI offers home stays for international students.

Fee:

One-time placement fee of \$300. Other fees vary depending upon location.

Homestay rent: \$700-\$800 per month*

Deposit: \$100*

Airport pickup: \$75-\$100*

Margie Watson

www.homestayservices.com

323.637.3485

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Apartment

Apartment Listings

Close to LACM

7 Palms Apartments*

134 Hurlbut St.

Pasadena, CA 91105

626.303.1905

Archstone Del Mar Station Apartments*

265 S. Arroyo Pkwy

Pasadena, CA 91105

626.396.9090

www.archstonedelmarstation.com

De Lacy Place LLC*

250 S. De Lacey Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91105

626.584.1497

Westgate Apartments*

231 S. De Lacey Ave.

Pasadena, CA 91105

877. 312.9715

Archstone Old Town Pasadena*

350 E. Del Mar Blvd.

Pasadena, CA 91105

626.792.6972

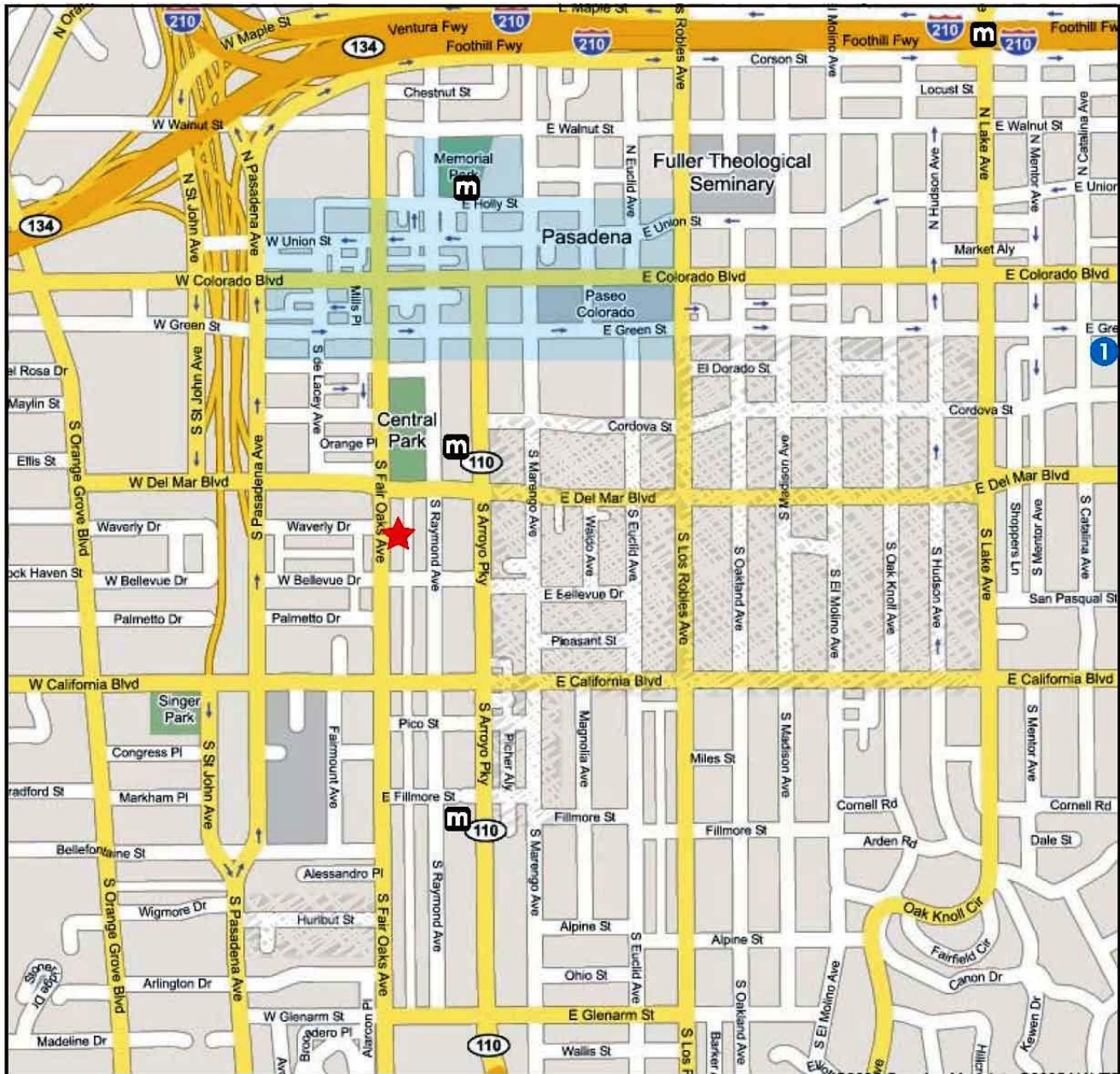
www.archstoneoldtownpasadena.com

Please ask the housing advisor for the full apartment listing in the area.

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**If you have any questions :
Contact the management directly.
LACM is not affiliated
with any of these apartments.*

AREAS TO LOOK FOR APARTMENTS



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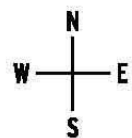
1 Pasadena Green Plaza

M Metro Gold Line Stations



Old Town Pasadena

Areas to look for apartments



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4 TIPS

To Becoming a Successful Renter

Once you have found a place to live, there are a few things you should know to make your rental experience a good one. Check out these tips on becoming a successful renter.

1

[Prepare]

IF POSSIBLE, PLAN TO ARRIVE IN PASADENA A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE QUARTER STARTS. The process of finding an apartment can take time. Many buildings require an application process that will look at your credit score (U.S. students), employment history and sources of income. If your financial support is from your parents or financial aid, you will need to show supporting documentation. Some buildings will want your parents (or someone with good credit) to co-sign the lease; others strongly prefer to not to have a co-signer.

International Students

Many apartments will require a credit check, which you will not be able to provide since only U.S. residents with a social security number have credit. Most apartments, though, will not have a problem as long as you provide a financial statement as proof of income.

READ YOUR LEASE AGREEMENT before you sign it! If you do not agree with the lease, try to negotiate a change. Leases are binding legal contracts – do not sign unless you feel comfortable.

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN, DO A WALK-THROUGH with the manager and note any damage in the unit, otherwise they may hold you accountable and deduct the repair cost from your deposit. Being thorough now will save you money later.

BE AWARE OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES as a tenant. The Department of Consumer Affairs is a government body concerned with protecting the rights of consumers. Visit the DCA website at www.dca.ca.gov to familiarize yourself with the legal policies concerning tenants and landlords.

MOVING OUT – Inform the manager if you or any roommate is leaving. If you leave before the lease is up, you will need to give a 30-day written notice. Be sure to clean the apartment and talk to the manager about damages. By law, your deposit must be returned within 21 days (minus any damage charges). Make sure to contact the utility companies in advance with your new address. Do not forget to notify the school office of your new address.

2

[Know what you're getting into]

3

[Make a budget and stick to it]

ITEMIZE YOUR MONTHLY EXPENSES to ensure that your financial resources will cover all of your expenses. Once you establish a budget and know how much you have to spend on things like food, gas, and entertainment, you might want to keep a log of your purchases to make sure you are spending within your budget.

ALSO, ALWAYS BE SURE TO ASK ABOUT WHAT UTILITIES ARE INCLUDED in the rent, since this can vary. Most traditional apartment buildings will include water, refuse (outgoing water) and trash. You will need to establish electricity and gas in the name of one of the roommates. The utility companies will run a credit check, and you may need to give a deposit. Remember that it may take a few days to establish service. Home telephone service is optional and we have found that many students prefer to just use their own cell phone.

HAVE A DISCUSSION BEFORE YOU MOVE IN

Often, problems with roommates come up because household rules were not established. Thus, you should establish an agreement with the roommate(s). By doing this, you will ensure your living habits are compatible.

COORDINATE A ROOMMATE AGREEMENT that outlines shared responsibilities including costs, cleaning, cooking and sharing space and belongings and other "apartment rules". After creating apartment rules, you should each be expected to uphold the guidelines. If your roommate is no longer following the agreement that you established together, promptly discuss the problems and find a solution.

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[Work together to be great roommates]

Campus and Community Resources



BIKE PARKING ON CAMPUS

High gas prices, expensive car payments, traffic delays...

There are many great reasons to consider traveling to campus by bicycle. It's an effective, healthy, inexpensive, and fun alternative that is attracting more and more commuters.

Free on-campus bicycle parking is available here at LACM.

Please register your bike at the office and get a parking sticker ID/permit.

Bike must show parking sticker ID/permit at all times.

Safety first! ALWAYS wear a helmet no matter how short the ride. Make sure your bicycle have reflectors for the front, back and sides.



OFF-CAMPUS PARKING

Due to extremely limited parking, student parking at LACM is only available through public parking off-campus.

Good options for off-campus parking are:

1. Free street parking (please observe posted parking laws).
2. The Del Mar Station Parking Garage.

THE DEL MAR STATION PARKING GARAGE

If you have questions about operations and/or monthly parking passes, contact Modern Parking Inc. 371 E. Green St. P101
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 817-0827

You can purchase daily/hourly parking passes at the garage:

- 1 hour/\$2
- 2 hour/\$4
- All day/\$6
- 1 Month/\$50 + \$25 deposit for parking key card.

Garage Location:

198 S. Raymond Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91105
(2 blocks away from LACM)



Parking spaces near campus are designated for staff members or staff/patrons of neighboring businesses and are restricted by the nature of the label either painted on the parking lot surface, curb, or by a posted sign. Unauthorized vehicles will be relocated at the vehicle owner's expense.

Apartment Listing Websites	Utilities	Furniture
<p>Here are a few websites that offer listings for apartments and different types of housing:</p> <p>www.places4students.com</p> <p>www.padmapper.com</p> <p>www.craigslist.com</p> <p>www.anchorpacific.com</p> <p>www.forrent.com</p> <p>www.rent.com</p> <p>www.pintl.com</p> <p>www.davidnschultzinc.com</p> <p>www.barberaproperties.com</p> <p>www.bevenandbrock.com</p> <p>www.wciuproperties.com</p>	<p>Always ask about what utilities are included in the rent, since they can vary.</p> <p>Most traditional buildings include water, refuse (outgoing water) and trash.</p> <p>Establish electricity and gas under your name or one of your roommates. A credit check will be done and you may need to give a deposit.</p> <div>  <p>Southern California Gas Company® www.socalgas.com 800.427.2200</p> </div> <p>Pasadena Water & Power (Electricity) www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/waterandpower 626.774.4005</p> <div>  <p>(Telephone/Internet Services) www.att.sbc.com 800.288.2020</p> </div> <div>  <p>Charter Digital TV • Internet • Telephone (Telephone, Cable TV, Internet Services) www.charter.com 888.438.2427</p> </div> <div>  <p>DIRECTV SATELLITE TELEVISION (Telephone, TV, Internet Services) www.directv.com 855.246.8958</p> </div>	<p>Check out these stores...</p> <div>  <p>Acts Thrift Store www.actsthrift.org 1382 Locust St. Pasadena, CA 91106 (626) 577-4477</p> </div> <div>  <p>Goodwill Thrift Store www.goodwillsocal.org 340 S. Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena, CA 91105 (Next to LACM)</p> </div> <p>Flea Market/Swap Meet: Pasadena City College (PCC) 1st Sunday of every month Rose Bowl 2nd Sunday of every month.</p> <p>LOCAL STORES</p> <div>  <p>TARGET www.target.com 777 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101 626.584.1606 Target is a complete store; clothes, housewares, furniture, linens and electronics.</p> </div> <div>  <p>www.ikea.com 600 N. San Fernando Blvd. Burbank, CA 91502 818.842.4532 Swedish furniture and housewares- innovative and inexpensive.</p> </div>



HOUSING SCHEDULE

FALL 2014

JULY

Thursday, July 03, 2014

Preliminary deadline for Roommate Connection Forms

- Turn in your form by this date to get on (and receive) the first Roommate Connection List.

Friday, July 11, 2014

First Roommate Connection List goes out (via e-mail)

- Remember, you won't receive the list until you've turned in your form.
- The latest version of the list will go out every Friday, provided new people have been added.
- Start contacting your classmates!

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 12, 2014

Final deadline for Roommate Connection Forms

- Last chance to make it onto the list

Friday, September 19, 2014

Final Roommate Connection List goes out

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

First Roommate Meet Up

- *When: TBD (To Be Determined)*
- *Where: on campus, Room: TBD*

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 01, 2014 to

Friday, October 03, 2014

Orientation (Schedule arriving in early-to-mid March)

- *Remember, you need to be here for both days; please plan to arrive on Oct. 1st at the latest.*
- *The second Meet Up is on April 3rd; please see the Orientation schedule for time and location.*

Monday, October 06, 2014

Fall Quarter begins

Here are some important
dates to keep in mind.
Good luck!