



Fall '26 Housing Frequently Asked Questions

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FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Why are some first-year students being housed in Cerro Vista Apartments?

As Cal Poly prepares new housing for future occupancy, first-year students will be housed in either residence halls or Cerro Vista Apartments for the upcoming academic year. This housing plan ensures students continue to receive a high-quality campus residential experience.

Can first-year students live in Cerro Vista?

Yes. For Fall 2026, Cerro Vista Apartments are part of the first-year housing plan.

Will I get to choose where I live?

Yes. During first-year online room selection June 29-July 15, you will select your preferred room and bed space from the available options in your Residential Learning Community (RLC) at your assigned room selection time.

Am I guaranteed a residence hall?

No. Students may choose from the available spaces when their room selection appointment begins. Depending on availability, options may include residence halls, Cerro Vista Apartments, Residential Learning Communities, or open housing.

What is the difference between the residence halls and Cerro Vista Apartments?

Residence Halls

- Shared bedrooms (primarily triples, with some doubles and quintuples)
- Community bathrooms
- Community kitchens
- Traditional first-year residential experience

Cerro Vista Apartments

- Six-person apartments
- Three bedrooms with bunked beds (two students per bedroom)
- Shared bathrooms and living room
- Full kitchen
- Dedicated study room
- Apartment-style living with opportunities to build community

Will I still have a dining plan if I live in Cerro Vista?

Yes. All first-year students will have a dining plan regardless of whether they live in a residence hall or Cerro Vista Apartments.

Have first-year students lived in Cerro Vista Apartments before?

Yes, Cal Poly has housed first-year students in campus apartments in past years. First-years will be housed with and near other first-year students. Cerro Vista Apartments is adjacent to the first-year residence halls.

Will I still be part of a Residential Learning Community?

If you select an available space within a Residential Learning Community during room selection, you will participate in that community regardless of whether it is located in a residence hall or Cerro Vista Apartments.

Will I still have opportunities to meet other first-year students?

Yes. Both residence halls and Cerro Vista Apartments are designed to support community building and provide opportunities to connect with other first-year students through programs, activities and campus life.

Are Cerro Vista Apartments furnished?

Yes. Apartments are furnished and include bedrooms, a shared living room, bathrooms, a full kitchen and a dedicated study room.

Will I be with my requested roommates?

University Housing makes every effort to keep roommate groups together.

Where can I learn more about the housing options?

Students are encouraged to visit the Housing website to review floor plans, amenities, community information and room selection resources before making their selection.

What are the fees for first-year housing options?

Fees are posted on the [University Housing webpage](#).

I heard some students are getting a credit. Who does that apply to?

University Housing is providing a credit to students assigned to the new suite-style housing. This does not apply to first-year students as they will not be assigning into new housing.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

Questions about room selection or housing assignments should be directed to University Housing at housing@calpoly.edu. Additional information will be shared in advance of the room selection process.

TRANSFER STUDENTS**Why are some transfer students being assigned to temporary housing? Who is being assigned there?**

Cal Poly is opening a new suite-style residential community during the academic year. Transfer students who chose spaces in that community during online room selection will begin the year in temporary housing in Poly Canyon Village until the new building is ready for occupancy.

When is transfer student room selection?

Transfer room selection is July 16. You will be emailed the appointment date and a time to log into your Housing Portal and choose a room.

Will I know before I select my room if I need to move to a temporary assignment?

Yes. Selecting a space in the new suite-style housing means you will begin the year in a temporary assignment in Poly Canyon Village before moving into your permanent room.

I see student transfer spaces in Cerro Vista and Poly Canyon Village also. If I select a space in Cerro Vista, will I need to move to temporary housing?

No, if you select into Cerro Vista or Poly Canyon Village, you will not be moved to temporary housing in Poly Canyon Village. Temporary housing will not be viewable to you during room selection.

Where is the temporary housing?

Transfers who assign into the new suite-style community will be assigned to a six-person apartment in Poly Canyon Village. Bedrooms are double occupancy and apartments are shared with other transfer and continuing students.

How long will I remain in temporary housing?

The intent is to move students who selected the new suite-style community into that building once it is ready for occupancy. This is anticipated to happen mid-year.

Can I avoid temporary housing?

Yes. Students who prefer not to participate in the temporary assignment may select an available space in Cerro Vista or Poly Canyon Village during room selection, if available.

Will I receive compensation?

Yes. Transfer students assigned to temporary housing will receive a **\$300 credit to their Student Account for each month** they remain in temporary housing.

Will my roommates stay together?

Housing will make every effort to keep roommate groups together when students move into the new residential community.

Will I have to move my belongings myself?

Additional details about the move process will be shared closer to the transition. Housing will provide guidance to make the move as smooth as possible.

Will my mailing address change?

Students will receive updated information regarding mailing addresses and package delivery before moving to the new community.

Why is the university opening the new building after the academic year begins?

Opening the building during the academic year allows Cal Poly to safely welcome students while expanding campus housing.

What are the benefits of living on campus during this time?

Students continue to enjoy convenient access to classes, dining, recreation, campus resources, and opportunities to connect with fellow transfer students and participate in campus life.

Where can I learn more?

Students should visit the Fall 2026 Housing webpage for updates. Additional information about room selection, move-in and the transition to the new community will be provided in the coming weeks.

Who should I contact if I have concerns?

Students who have questions or concerns should email **housing@calpoly.edu** using their Cal Poly email account so staff can review their situation and provide assistance.

CONTINUING STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO NEW HOUSING

Why are some continuing students being assigned to temporary housing? Which of them will be assigned there?

Continuing students who chose spaces in the new suite-style housing community during online room selection will begin the year in temporary housing in Poly Canyon Village until the new building is ready for occupancy.

Where is my temporary housing?

Temporary housing is in six-person apartment in Poly Canyon Village. Bedrooms are double occupancy, and apartments are shared with other transfer and continuing students.

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CONTINUING STUDENTS IN PCV RECEIVING TEMPORARY ROOMMATES**Where will temporary spaces be located?**

Temporary spaces will be located in some four-bedroom apartments, four-person in **Corralitos (Bldg. C), Estrella (Bldg. E), and Foxen (Bldg. F)** only in Poly Cayon Village.

How many additional students will be living in my apartment?

Two additional students will be assigned to your apartment temporarily.

Why is my apartment being temporarily expanded?

Temporary occupancy adjustments in a limited number of existing apartments allow the university to house students this fall while the new community is completed.

How many additional students will be living in my apartment?

Two additional students will be assigned to your apartment temporarily.

How will the apartment be configured?

- Two bedrooms will have bunk beds.
- The two temporary residents will share one bunked bedroom.
- Two current residents will temporarily share the other bunked bedroom.
- The remaining two bedrooms will remain single occupancy.

Which bedrooms will become shared?

In most apartments, Bedrooms B and C will be the shared rooms. Housing will notify residents if a different configuration is necessary.

Will I have to move to a different bedroom?

Some residents may be reassigned within the apartment to accommodate the temporary configuration. Housing will communicate any room changes before move in.

Why was my apartment selected?

Housing identified apartments that could accommodate temporary occupancy while minimizing impacts to existing residents. The four bedroom, four-person apartments were lower occupancy.

(Adding two residents to a five-person apartment results in 7 people in an apartment. Adding two residents to a four-bedroom, six-person apartment results in 8 people in an apartment.)

How long will this arrangement last?

The arrangement is temporary and is expected to end once the new residential community opens mid-year. Housing will keep residents updated.

When will the apartment return to normal occupancy?

Once students in temporary assignments move into their permanent spaces in the new residential community, your apartment will return to its original occupancy.

How much compensation will residents receive?

While the temporary arrangement is in place:

Resident	Monthly credit
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Resident remaining in a single bedroom	\$100
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Resident temporarily sharing a bedroom	\$200
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Student in the temporary assignment	\$300
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Credits will be applied to each student's Student Account.

Why are residents receiving different credit amounts?

The credit reflects the varying impacts of the temporary living arrangements. Students sharing a bedroom receive a higher credit than those who continue to occupy a single bedroom, while students in temporary assignments receive the highest credit because they will also relocate to the new residential community later in the year.

Can we request which of us double up? Can we switch rooms in our apartment bedspace now that know the credit amounts?

Housing will be assigning the temporary spaces for you. Fees and credits will be assessed based on these assignments.

Can we change rooms within our apartment after move-in?

If you change rooms within your apartment after move-in, email housing@calpoly.edu to notify University Housing of the change so assignments within the apartment can be updated. Copy all roommates in the apartment on the message. This ensures Housing has an accurate roster of resident assignments for operations, maintenance notices, and most importantly, in case of an emergency.

Your assigned keys will also need to be exchanged to match your new assignment. This is important in case of lockouts and for key return at the end of the year. If you return keys to an apartment or room you are no longer assigned to at the end of the year, charges apply. (\$75 for brass keys, \$25 for access cards.)

Will the temporary students stay for the entire academic year?

The intent is for students in temporary assignments to move into the new residential community once it opens during the academic year.

Will the temporary residents be continuing students?

Yes. The temporary residents assigned to these apartments will be continuing students.

Can I decline this arrangement?

Students who have concerns about their housing assignment or this situation are encouraged to contact University Housing.

Will furniture be added?

Yes. Bunk beds will be installed in the two shared bedrooms before residents move in.

Will Housing help with room changes?

Housing will communicate room assignments and any required bedroom changes before move in. Additional information will be shared if residents need to relocate within the apartment.

Where can I find more information?

Additional details are available on the Fall 2026 Housing webpage.

Who should I contact with questions?

Students should contact University Housing at housing@calpoly.edu using their Cal Poly email account. Staff are available to answer questions and discuss individual concerns.

Community Stakeholders**Why are some students being assigned to temporary housing this fall?**

Cal Poly is expanding campus housing with a new residential neighborhood. As the university prepares the first building for occupancy later in the academic year, some students will begin the year in temporary assignments within existing campus housing communities before moving to the new neighborhood.

Will students need to find housing off campus because of this change?

Cal Poly has developed a housing plan that accommodates all students who have secured university housing. Students affected by this transition will remain in university housing and will not need to seek housing in the local community as a result of the delayed occupancy of the new residential neighborhood.

How is the university accommodating these students?

The university is temporarily utilizing available capacity within existing campus housing communities. Students in temporary assignments will continue to have access to campus residential programs, services, dining, academic support and other resources while they await their permanent assignments.

When will students move into the new residential neighborhood?

The university anticipates students in temporary assignments will move into the new residential neighborhood once the first building is ready for occupancy later in the academic year. Students will receive advance notice and move assistance when permanent assignments are available.

Will this increase demand for housing in surrounding neighborhoods?

Because students with university housing contracts will remain in campus housing throughout the transition, the university does not anticipate this plan will increase demand for off-campus housing.

Why is the university opening the new building after the academic year begins?

The new residential neighborhood is a significant capital project that will provide additional on-campus housing for current and future students. The phased occupancy approach allows Cal Poly to complete construction while continuing to provide housing for students who have committed to living on campus.

How does this project benefit the community?

The new residential neighborhood represents a long-term investment in expanding campus housing capacity. By providing more students with the opportunity to live on campus, the project helps reduce pressure on the local rental market while supporting student success and strengthening the campus residential experience.

Where can I learn more?

Additional information about Fall 2026 housing and the new residential neighborhood is available on the University Housing website.