Transfer and Graduate Student Housing Application Steps and Timeline

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Transfer housing is not required and is offered as space allows. In order to secure housing, students must complete the following required steps.

1. Admission Status Confirmation
   Students will need to accept their offer of admission to apply for campus housing. The 2020-21 housing application opens March 18. Once a student accepts their offer of admission to Cal Poly, allow one to two business days for the housing application to become available.

2. Apply and pay the initial payment online.

   Apply and pay through University Housing in the Cal Poly Portal. Applications are accepted as space allows. Type of space depends on demand and availability.

   The non-refundable housing initial payment is $500. For complete payment information, view the Transfer & Graduate Student Fee page. All payments are handled by Student Accounts. Payments received after 5 p.m. are posted the following business day.

Interest List

After spaces for campus apartments are filled, students can add their names to the interest list through University Housing on the Cal Poly Portal. Signing up on the interest list does not guarantee campus housing. If space in a private or shared bedroom becomes available, students will be contacted via their Cal Poly email.

Timeline of Important Dates

Once you have secured housing, note these important dates for the academic year. Dates and times are subject to change. Check the University Housing Calendar for updates.

- **May 7, 2020**
  Last day to edit the 2020-21 housing application. Access the application through University Housing on the Cal Poly Portal.

- **Aug. 6 and 7, 2020**
  SLO Days Summer Orientation Sessions (pick one day)

- **Aug. 11, 2020**
  Room assignments viewable at 12 p.m. via University Housing on the Cal Poly Portal. Housing fees post to your Student Account.

- **Aug. 13, 2020**
  Last day to cancel campus housing without financial penalty (30 days prior to move-in.)

- **Before Move-in**
  Submit your Emergency/Medical Information in the Cal Poly Portal: emergency contact information on the Personal Info tab and medical information in the Health Portal.

- **Sept. 1, 2020**
  First housing & dining installment payment due

- **Sept. 12, 2020**
  Fall Opening - Assisted Move-in Day
Sept. 17, 2020
  First day of fall quarter classes

Sept. 13-20, 2020
  Week of Welcome (WOW) new student orientation

Oct. 1, 2020
  Second housing & dining installment payments due

Nov. 1, 2020
  Third housing & dining installment payments due

Nov. 23 – Nov. 29, 2020
  Thanksgiving break: campus housing remains open

Dec. 1, 2020
  Fourth housing & dining installment payments due

Dec. 4, 2020
  Last day to cancel winter/spring 2021 Housing & Dining License Agreement without financial penalty

Dec. 12, 2020
  End of fall quarter housing period. Residence halls and apartments close for winter break. Students may leave their belongings, but must vacate their rooms and apartments 24 hours after last exam or by 5 p.m. at the latest. (Take valuables, medications, passports/IDs and other items with you. Residence halls and apartment buildings are locked during the break, and there is a charge to be escorted for emergency entry.)

Jan. 1, 2021
  Fifth housing & dining installment payments due

Jan. 3, 2021
  Campus housing opens for winter quarter. Students can return any time after noon.

Jan. 4, 2021
  First day of winter quarter classes

Feb. 1, 2021
  Sixth housing & dining installment payments due

March 1, 2021
  Seventh housing installment payments due. Last day to cancel Spring 2021 housing without financial penalty.

March 23-28, 2021
  Spring break: campus housing remains open

March 24, 2021
  Move-out for end of winter cancels.

March 25, 2021
  New spring residents move in

March 29, 2021
  Spring classes begin

April 1, 2021
  Eighth housing installment payment due

May 1, 2021
  Final housing installment payment due.

June 13, 2020
End of academic year housing contract. Students must vacate their rooms by 5 p.m. or 24 hours after their last exam.

2020-21 fees and dates are proposed and subject to Executive Order and Board of Trustees approval.