Transfer and Graduate Student
Housing Application Steps and Timeline

Updated June 30, 2020

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.

- **July 16, 2020**
  Room assignments viewable via University Housing on the Cal Poly Portal. Housing fees post to your Student Account.

- **Aug. 26, 2020**
  Last day to cancel campus housing without financial penalty.

- **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 (tentative)**
  Fall Opening - Assisted Move-in Day
Sept. 13-20, 2020
Week of Welcome (WOW) new student orientation

Sept. 14, 2020
First day of fall quarter classes

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.