

# OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES

The Housing Resources contained in this site will assist you whether you are a current resident or a new student moving to the San Francisco Bay Area. The information will help you with planning your search and offer potential housing options.

Whether your commute is from within San Francisco or from one of the many surrounding Bay Area communities, there are living options to accommodate your interest and budget. Many Hastings students choose on-campus housing, [McAllister Tower](#), while others find housing off-campus more suitable. The College is accessible by Public transportation from communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Finding housing that is suitable to your needs, interests and studies is very important. San Francisco and the surrounding Bay Area communities offer an interesting and rewarding living experience.

The **Student Information Center (SIC)** provides resources to help you plan and complete your housing search. The SIC Office is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the 200 McAllister building.

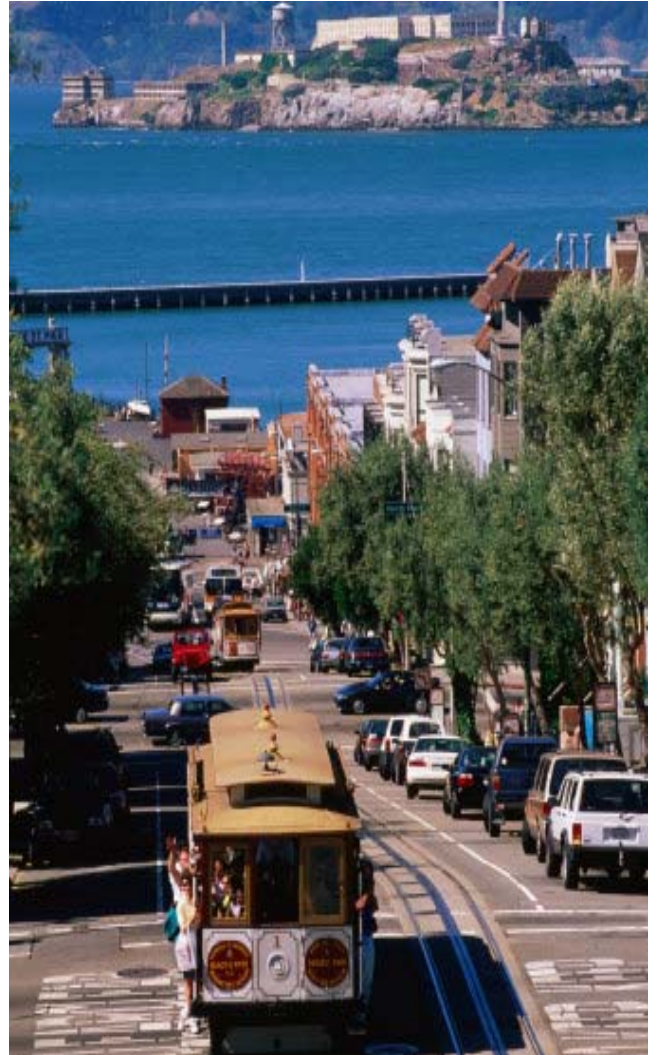
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Monday - Friday

8 am to 5 pm

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## Planning

It is important to start early with a plan of action. Whether you are a first-time renter or a veteran apartment dweller, it is worth taking the time to decide what is most important to you in where you want to live and to plan your search strategy accordingly. Compare and consider all the possibilities.

With that in mind, here are some things to consider: Do a [Budget Analysis](#) to determine which Bay Area community will best meet your needs and is within your cost of living expenses limits. See Estimated Living Expenses chart below for the 2009-2010 Academic year.

Estimated Living Expenses			
Books and Supplies (Per academic year)			1,150
Housing and Utilities	(per academic year or \$1,200/mo.) *		10,800
Food	1,620	1,620	3,240
Personal Expenses	1,264	1,264	2,528
Transportation	480	480	960
Loan Fees	610	610	1220
<b>Total Living Budget</b>	(9 months)		<b>\$19,898</b>

*\*Assumes shared housing.*

Prepare a [tenant's resume](#) and have several copies available during your search. Each time you apply for a house or apartment you are required to complete a credit check. If you plan to search on your own, to minimize the amount of money spent on credit checks, obtain a current (done within the last three months) credit report. Make several copies of the credit reports to have on hand for your search. [Equifax](#), [Experian](#) and [Transunion](#) are the three major credit bureaus.

The advantage of living in San Francisco is proximity to Hastings and easy transportation; the disadvantage is higher rent costs. The advantage of living in other Bay Area communities, especially the East Bay region, is lower rent; the disadvantage is time and money spent on transportation. In some instances, commuting from the nearby East Bay is comparable to commute time from some locations in San Francisco. Compare and consider all of the possibilities. You will need a map to help plan your search.



## Transportation

### Public Transit



### [AC Transit](#)

### [Sam Trans.](#)

### [Golden Gate Transit](#)

The Links provided below will direct you to sites that provide you with maps, directions to neighborhoods and transportation information:

[BART - Bay Area Rapid Transit District](#)  
[San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)  
[San Francisco Muni Official Site](#)

There is easy access to Hastings using public transportation. [AC Transit](#) and [BART](#) are the major forms of Transbay services. AC Transit service includes some areas in Alameda County, Contra Costa County and selected areas in [San Mateo County](#) and [Santa Clara County](#). Transportation to San Francisco from other surrounding areas includes [CalTrain](#), [Golden Gate Transit](#) and [Sam Trans](#). The two major systems for getting around in San Francisco are [BART](#) and [MUNI](#). Within San Francisco, MUNI is the primary mode of transportation. The MUNI lines 5 and 19 stop directly in front of the College. There are several underground lines that service the Civic Center station within a half block walking distance from Hastings. The [Bay Area Traveler's Hotline](#) provides information for using public transit and driving within San Francisco or from surrounding Bay Area communities. This site also provides Bay Area traffic conditions whether you drive or use public transportation. Transportation information is available at [www.transit.511.org](http://www.transit.511.org) or obtain phone transit information by dialing [311](tel:311). The new [Translink](#) pass can be used for commuting on MUNI, BART and AC Transit and many other transportation lines.

### ***[Driving to Hastings](#)***

If you should decide that it is beneficial to drive your car to school, this site provides [directions to Hastings](#) and parking information. Please be aware that Hastings does not have any student parking.

### ***Parking near Hastings***

Information about student parking at the newly opened [Hastings parking garage](#) is available online. The parking garage is conveniently located at 376 Larkin Street between McAllister Street and Golden Gate Avenue. Public parking is also available a block from the college at the underground Civic Center Plaza Garage, 355 McAllister, SF, between Polk and Larkin Streets. The cost of daily parking is \$7.50 for students. For this special rate, you will need to write your name, student ID number and “UC Hastings College of the Law” on the back of your parking ticket. There are several other parking lots within walking distance to the College. These lots and current rates are listed in the Student Guidebook which is distributed at orientation.

### ***Motorcycle Parking near Hastings***

Designated metered motorcycle parking is available on the northeast corner of Hyde and McAllister. The rate is *sixty cents* per hour up to ten hours of parking as posted on the meter.

### ***Bicycle Parking near Hastings***

Bicycle parking is available in a secured area in front of the 200 McAllister Street building. The bicycle rack area can be accessed using your student ID. Racks for securing your bicycle are also available on the patio of the 198 McAllister building. You will need to obtain a permit from the Hastings Security Department.

### ***Van Escort***

The Hastings Safety and Security Department provides daily van escorts, and SFPD “walking” escorts to the Hastings Community. The van escort service runs from 5:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. 7 days a week, the SFPD “walking” escort is offered from 5:30 p.m. until 11:30p.m. This service is offered 5 days a week M-Fri. When the library is open (during daylight savings time, escort van hours begin at 6:00 p.m., the SFPD escort begins at 6:30 p.m.) When the buildings are scheduled to close, the last van escort occurs 15 minutes after that time. There are no escort services on days the buildings are closed. The van leaves the 200 building every twenty minutes as needed (5:00 p.m., 5:20 p.m., etc.). The Department provides the Hastings community an evening van escort to nearby parking lots, BART/MUNI underground and MUNI transfer points. The boundaries for the van escort service are Mason, Mission, Franklin and California Street. For more information, consult the [Guide to Campus Safety and Security Services](#) or contact the Hastings Security Department at (415) 565-4611.

### ***The Search***

After you have researched directions and a mode of transportation to Hastings; one of the best ways to find housing is to select and visit the neighborhoods. Walk or drive through areas where you may be interested in living, look for “*For Rent*” signs or a moving van being loaded. Walking the streets of San Francisco is enjoyable and entertaining. A quick walk around a neighborhood will let you know if the area is suitable to your needs. Visit the area both day and night to get a feel for the character of the neighborhood.



Consider a *walking tour* of San Francisco, if time allows. This would be a good way to become familiar with San Francisco and learn the locations of the neighborhoods. The links below are guides to some of the San Francisco and surrounding Bay Area communities. The Hastings bookstore sells maps and guide books for walking in San Francisco.

## **Pets**

Leave your pets at home while you are searching for an apartment or using temporary housing. Most landlords do not allow pets; however, [People with Pets](#) is an apartment locator agency that specializes in locating pet friendly housing. [Pets & Apartments](#) is a free service of pet-friendly rental accommodations.

## **Temporary Housing**

We recommend reserving a hotel, hostel or temporary residence before your arrival in San Francisco to provide yourself with a temporary home base; refer to the links below for suggestions.

### ***Residence Clubs***

[Top local listings for Residences near San Francisco, CA](#)

[Kenmore Residence Club](#)

[Monroe Residence Club](#)

[Soma Residences](#)

[Vantaggio Suites](#)

### ***Hostels***

[www.sfhostels.com](http://www.sfhostels.com)

[www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)

### ***Hotels***

[www.hoteldiscounts.com](http://www.hoteldiscounts.com)

[www.hotelres.com](http://www.hotelres.com)

### ***Temporary Housing Referrals***

[www.amsires.com](http://www.amsires.com)

[www.bbsf.com](http://www.bbsf.com)

*For more information on residence clubs, hostels and hotels:*

[Temporary Housing in San Francisco](#)

## **Long Term Housing Opportunities**

### ***University of California San Francisco Mission Bay Housing (UCSF)***

UCSF Mission Bay Housing is a new neighborhood located in the sunny district of San Francisco overlooking the Bay. Only shared housing is available to Hastings students.

To obtain housing information go to the [Campus Life Services](#) provided by UCSF.

### ***Berkeley Student Cooperative Association (BSCA)***

This is a private, non-profit housing alternative for students featuring multiple residences owned by its members. Contact BSCA at: [www.bsc.coop](http://www.bsc.coop).

### ***Treasure Island***

Treasure Island is a man-made island in San Francisco Bay located between Oakland and San Francisco.

Treasure Island Housing overview is available at [The Villages at Treasure Island](#) .

### ***The Presidio***

The Presidio, presently a national park, is a former military base dating back to 1776. The John Stewart Company manages the units; [The Presidio Residences](#).

## **Campus Housing Board Resources**

Listings are available on the campus board outside of the Student Information Center (SIC), which is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the 200 McAllister Street building. If you are seeking housing, offering housing, or looking for roommate(s), information is available on the [Hastings Housing Exchange Board](#) .

*Information is also available on the campus housing boards at other universities.*

[Golden Gate University Housing Services](#) , [San Francisco State University](#)  
[University of California, San Francisco](#) and [University of San Francisco](#)

## **Newspapers& Apartments Guides**

[Contra Costa Times](#)

[San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Rental Guide](#)

[East Bay Express](#)

[San Francisco Examiner](#)

[Oakland Tribune](#)

## **Check the Web**

There are many sites that provide rental information and assist new residents with sightseeing, entertainment, dining, shopping and maps. The following list covers only a few of the websites available:

[www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com)

[www.apartmentratings.com](http://www.apartmentratings.com)

[www.apartmetnguide.com](http://www.apartmetnguide.com)

[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

[www.sublet.com](http://www.sublet.com)

[www.forrent.com](http://www.forrent.com)

[www.cityleases.com](http://www.cityleases.com)

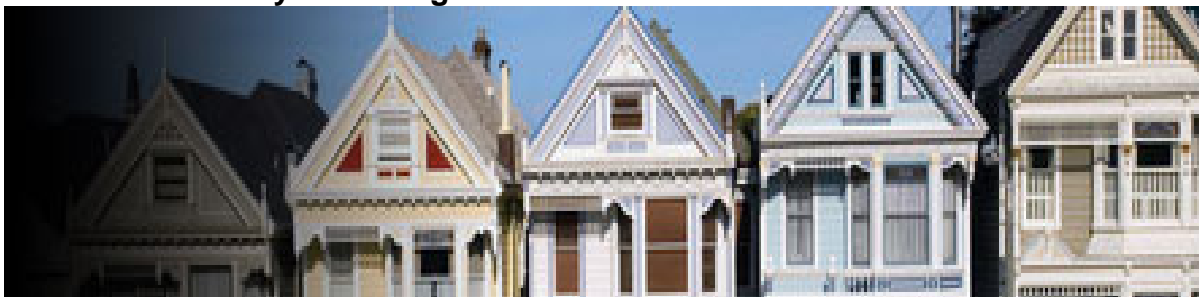
[www.extendedstayhotels.com](http://www.extendedstayhotels.com)

[www.rentalguide.com](http://www.rentalguide.com)

***One of the most commonly asked questions is: “Where do most students attending Hastings live?” Students tend to live in whichever community best accommodates their living and commute needs. There are many communities inhabited by students attending other universities in the area,***

***The San Francisco/Bay Area Neighborhood information includes some of the areas most lived in by students.***

## **San Francisco/Bay Area Neighborhoods**



Many apartment buildings in “the City” offer views of both San Francisco and the East Bay. San Francisco is apartment oriented; two out of every three housing structures have multiple units. Like most great cities, San Francisco is comprised of small neighborhoods, each with its own unique character. It is a vibrant city with a population from all cultures and walks of life. The East Bay communities offer a variety of apartments, houses and condominiums.

Many of the East Bay neighborhoods are undergoing a revival and have increased the number of multiplex units that are near to the BART stations and AC Transit. The East Bay is home to the beautiful Rose Garden. Visiting the renovated [Paramount](#) and [Fox](#) Theatres is worth a trip from anywhere in the Bay Area. Downtown Oakland offers a variety of newly built apartments adding to the character of the area's restoration. Going through Piedmont to the Rockridge area, you will find vintage clothing, furniture shops, and streets lined with coffee houses and fine restaurants. While searching for housing, get a brief description of the neighborhoods and an overview of the apartment rental averages you can access the sites to.

[SF Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Oakland Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Berkeley Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Alameda Chamber of Commerce](#)

## **Rental/Roommate Referral Agencies**

Consider the advantages and disadvantages of having a roommate to share the cost. Before you decide on a roommate, discuss life-styles. Be honest with each other. Habits discovered later could cause problems not easily settled. Check out your schedules and personal habits. Agree on a financial plan. If you enter into a roommate agreement with everything up front, your experience should be a good one. More information on roommate selection and agreements is available online at [Easy Roommate](#) and other online sites. There are several agencies in San Francisco and the East Bay that link people looking for housing with people who have space available. A few are listed below. It is important to be specific about what you need and to carefully interview potential landlords and/or roommates.

[Bay4Rent](#)

[Metro Rent](#)

[Rental Guide](#)

[Roommate Express](#)

[Craig's List](#)

[kijiji](#)

[CityLeases.com](#)

[Apartment Guide](#)

[Archstone Apartments](#)

[Roommates.com](#)

## **Getting Settled in the San Francisco Bay Area**

There are many things to consider when preparing to move. Obtain a [Moving Checklist](#) to help guide you through this stressful time. This site gives moving tips to prepare you before you leave for San Francisco and help getting settled in your new location.

## **MAPS**

### **[Bay City Guide Maps](#)**

Only in San Francisco is the official site for visitors. This site offers a map that is down loadable, transportation for navigating about San Francisco and temporary hotel accommodations. This site includes descriptions of the SF neighborhoods, places to dine and many other resources for newcomers. The Hastings Bookstore sells maps and guide books for walking in San Francisco.

*Many of the listings in this guide were provided by Hastings students. If you find a good housing resource, please share it, and it will be included in the next edition. Call (415) 565-4602 or e-mail [sic@uchastings.edu](mailto:sic@uchastings.edu) or stop by the Student information Center (SIC).*

*Our goal is to help make your housing search a positive and successful one.*