Local Housing Guide for New International Students

De Anza College does not offer any dormitories or on-campus housing but there are many choices for housing near De Anza, including apartments, shared housing and homestays, which are all accessible by public transportation.

Hotels/Temporary Housing

If you do not have pre-arranged housing upon arrival in the U.S., you can stay at a hotel/motel or other temporary housing.

There is a wide selection of hotels in the De Anza area, ranging from ~$100-$300 per night. The following hotels are convenient by public transportation to De Anza:

- **Corporate Inn in Sunnyvale**
  44 min. by bus #55

- **Crestview Hotel in Sunnyvale**
  26 min. by bus #53

- **Cupertino Inn**
  32 min. by bus #81

- **Hilton Garden Inn in Cupertino**
  27 min. by bus 23 or 21 min. by bus #81

- **Quality Inn Sunnyvale**
  41 min. by bus #54

- **Towne Place Suites in Sunnyvale**
  30 min. by bus #53

- **Woodcrest Hotel**
  33 min. by bus #23

*To find the lowest rates for these and other local hotels, you can use a general search site, like [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com) or [www.hotwire.com](http://www.hotwire.com/*)

Other Short-term Housing

- [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)
- [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com)
Apartment Complexes

Below is a list of some of the larger apartment complexes near De Anza which are conveniently located near supermarkets, shopping, and bus stops. These complexes offer a good environment as well as amenities that may include a pool, fitness center, washer/dryer etc. There are many smaller complexes with fewer amenities but cheaper units. See the next section for more information.

**Cupertino Park Center Apartments**
**Park Kiely**
**Glenbrook Apartments**
**Village Green Apartments**
**Lincoln Glen**
**Siena Apartment Homes**
**Sage Cupertino**

**Apartment Listings**

In this category, you can rent a studio or one-bedroom apartment, share an apartment with another person, or rent a room in a house. You will sign a contract (lease) and pay a deposit. We do not recommend signing a lease or paying any fees without meeting the property manager/landlord, seeing the place in person, and understanding all the terms of the policies. Therefore, you should search for apartments/rentals after you arrive.

The rent varies according to location, size, and amenities, but keep in mind that Silicon Valley has one of the most expensive and competitive rental markets in the U.S. Take time to consider the following during your search: your budget, proximity to public transportation and/or secure parking, type of lease (1 year or month to month), the potential to split costs with a roommate, pet and smoking policies, and furniture.

The following are popular websites for searching local apartment/housing listings:

**apartmentguide.com**
*Tip! Go to Find Apartments at the top of the page and select College Apartment from the drop-down menu. Then click on California College Housing to find De Anza College.*

**apartments.com**
*Tip! Try searching San Jose to get a wider listing of apartments throughout Silicon Valley.*

**craigslist**
*Tip! Search Rooms and Shares to find available rooms in a multi-bedroom shared apartment or house - this is usually a cheaper option than living alone. You should expect to meet with the current tenant(s) and give some personal information about yourself in order to make sure that you will be a good fit.*

**myapartmentmap.com**
Red Flags:

Be careful of scams!! Look for the following red flags and avoid pursuing rentals if:

- The rent cost seems significantly lower than other apartments in the same area
- The “landlord” cannot meet you in person and/or you are unable to see the apartment in person
- You are asked to wire transfer money or send money via Western Union, Money Gram, or other money transfer services (this is not a common method of payment to landlords); you should expect to pay deposits and rental fees by check or money order.
- The “landlord” seems extra pushy or pressures you to sign a contract without showing the unit

Finding a Roommate

If you’d like to find another student to live with, you can use Facebook to connect with others in the De Anza community. To advertise for a roommate or check housing listings within the De Anza community, join De Anza International Students or the De Anza Housing Facebook groups.

Homestay

A homestay is a great way to improve your English, make new friends, get to know American culture, and concentrate on your studies without having to worry about household needs.

Homestays with American families can be arranged by an organization called International Student Placements. Students pay a placement fee and fill out an application form so they can be placed with the most suitable family for their needs. All families and homes are pre-screened and verified. Homes are usually within a 45-minute radius to campus by bus, and students have a choice of including meals or no meals.

International Student Placements also offers “Shared Housing” for more independent students aged 18+. Students live in a house with other students in a community setting, sharing the kitchen, bathroom and living spaces.

Students should apply at least one month in advance of their desired move-in date and must pay at least 21 days before moving in. Please see the Homestay Quick Information Handout or visit the ISP website for more information.

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