Off-Campus 101

Looking for Housing
- Ensure you’re living with housemates whose values and goals align with your own
- You can live with friends, or find new friends through platforms like UCSC Housing, Sublets & Roommates group on Facebook or the NextDoor app.
- Begin searching for housing with help from the Community Rentals guide! Find out more at communityrentals.ucsc.edu

Living Expenses
- When living off campus, your expenses will likely include: an initial security deposit, monthly rent, utilities (electricity, water, cable TV, internet and PG&E or waste), transportation, groceries
- Moving off-campus may result in changes in your financial aid, speak with a financial aid advisor for any help!

Landlords
- When applying for rentals, some landlords require a Rental Application which may ask for the following information: application fee, credit report, proof of income, pet contracts, criminal background checks, proof you’re a UCSC student, contact info from previous landlords, housing references. They may also request a Parental Letter of Guarantee.
- Thoroughly review your lease before signing.
- Respect rules set in place by your landlord as specified on your lease!
Be a Respectful Neighbor

Get to Know Your Community

- Introduce yourself to your neighbors when you move in.
- Exchange contact information
- Notify them when hosting events.
- Respect parking spaces on the street or in parking lots
- The NextDoor app is a great local social media platform to get alerts about your neighborhood

Party Etiquette

- Review and follow your lease.
- Inform neighbors beforehand of your party plans.
- IE: start and end time, number of people, contact info, etc.
- Ensure people get home safely. DO NOT let people drive if intoxicated
- Respect quiet hours between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- Clean up afterwards.

Addressing Issues - Know Your Rights!
You shouldn’t feel uncomfortable in your community. We’re here to help! If you are being targeted by hate/bias you can report this to UCSC directly through the UCSC Hate/Bias Reporting Form:
- Any act of misconduct should be reported through the UCSC Public Incident Report.
- Other resources:
  - Dial 9-1-1 for all emergencies.
  - Santa Cruz Police - Off-Campus Non-emergency incidents: (831) 471-1131
  - UC Santa Cruz Campus Police - On-Campus, non-emergency incidents, public service requests or inquiries: (831) 459-2231
  - Anonymous tip line: (831) 459-3847
  - Injury Reporting & Medical Treatment: contact the Office of Risk Services, Workers’ Compensation at (831) 459-2850, or (831) 459-1787 City of Santa Cruz Rental Inspection Program

Moving out

Donate or Sell Unwanted Items!

- Walnut Avenue Family and Women’s Center — Accepts furniture and large items
- St. Francis Soup Kitchen — Accepts clothing and hygiene products.
- Goodwill Donation Centers
  - Sell items to consignment stores, or on second hand platforms (ex: Facebook Marketplace, eBay, Poshmark, etc.)

Bulky Item Pickup Program
If you have any bulky furniture items, don’t leave it on the curb! Schedule a bulky item pickup at cityofsantacruz.com/bulkyitem or call (831) 420-5220. The City of Santa Cruz will discard your bulky furniture items for you. If your name is on the utility bill for your property, then you can access this service (limited) throughout the year for no additional charge. Call for more information.

Other Resources

Food/Clothing Security

- Slug Support — Offers basic needs services on a case-by-case basis, reach out for any specific needs!
- On-Campus food pantries and food assistance are available at no cost. See basicneeds.ucsc.edu for more information.
- Apply for CalFresh EBT Food Stamps to subsidize the cost of groceries! Most UCSC students who apply receive benefits.
- Contact Slug Support for further assistance.
- Cantú Clothing Closet — A resource for queer and trans students at UCSC to access clothing and accessories, including shoes, bags, hats, and jewelry, free of cost located in the Lionel Cantú Queer Center on campus.

Health Resources

- UCSC Health Center: (831) 459-2211
- Counseling & Psychological Services: caps.ucsc.edu