A vital part of your college experience is finding the right living arrangements. Studio School does not offer on-campus housing, however our staff is available to help you with relocation resources, lease guidelines, rental contacts and more.

Located within walking distance or a short shuttle-ride to Los Angeles Center Studios are many options for downtown housing near Studio School. Modern, fully furnished or unfurnished housing is available in amenity-rich complexes offering add-ons from fitness centers and swimming pools to residence lounges and study halls. Downtown Los Angeles is a thriving scene that includes LA LIVE, entertainment venues, movie theaters, farmers markets, specialty retailers, supermarkets, unique cafés, and more.

Studio School has relationships with several nearby apartment communities including: The Lorenzo, The Visconti, The Medici, The Piero, 1111 Wilshire and 1010 Wilshire. To check availability, contact the Leasing Agent at your desired property as soon as possible prior to the start of your program.

**Disclaimer**

All information regarding off-campus housing should be assessed carefully before making any commitments. All information provided by Studio School does not constitute a recommendation and is subject to change.
LA NEIGHBORHOOD OPTIONS

DOWNTOWN / KOREATOWN
The close proximity to school can’t be beat. An exciting arts area with a strong sense of community. Much of it accessible on foot—which many attendees of the monthly Downtown Art Walk can attest to, bike friendly and contains several Metro stops that can take you all over LA. Koreatown is located just west of Downtown and south of Hollywood. “K-town” is also known for having one of the largest concentration of nightclubs, 24-hour businesses, restaurants and karaoke bars in the country. Landmarks: Museum of Contemporary Art, Natural History Museum, 7th and Fig Shopping Center, Grammy Museum, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, California African American Museum, Korean American Museum, The Wiltern

SILVERLAKE / ECHO PARK / LOS FELIZ
High population of hip and trendy people, cool culinary scene including vegan cafes, taco trucks, artisan cheese and sandwich shops and more. There are numerous live music venues and record stores. Largely accessible by foot/bike. Rent prices here are on the rise but you can still find some good deals. This area is adjacent to Downtown. An easy highway-less car ride from campus. Also right off the LA Metro Red Line (which stops walking distance to LACS.) Landmarks: Griffith Park, Griffith Park Observatory, Echo Park Lake, Silverlake Reservoir, Dodger Stadium, Greek Theatre

ATWATER / HIGHLAND PARK / GLENDALE / PASADENA
This area has a good mix of younger families and artsy singles. Very well connected to all major freeways. Offers gorgeous views of local mountains and wilderness. A good mix of local businesses in Atwater and big shopping centers in Glendale. Landmarks: Americana Shopping Center, Brand Park, Glendale Galleria, Forest Lawn Memorial Park

HOLLYWOOD / WEST HOLLYWOOD
Great old houses, bungalows and guest cottages, rich with LA history, fairly central and packed with restaurants, nightlife, etc. Metro Red Line goes directly to Hollywood & Highland. No real freeway access between West Hollywood and the school. Commute will be through all city streets, which can be slow moving at times. However, Hollywood has easy access to the 101 freeway. Landmarks: The Grove, Hollywood Sign, Walk of Fame on Hollywood Blvd, Chinese Theatre, LACMA, La Brea Tar Pits, Pantages Theatre, Hollywood Bowl

THE VALLEY (SHERMAN OAKS / VAN NUYS / ENCINO / NOHO / TOLUCA LAKE / BURBANK)
This area is very residential and has a suburban feel. Much more relaxed in terms of parking and noise, lots of restaurants and shopping, close proximity to many film/television studios. Rent in The Valley tends to be on the cheaper side. Must take the 101 or 5 freeways south to get the school from The Valley. You can also take the LA Metro Orange or Red Line to school. Gets hot, especially in the summer and can feel a bit separate from the rest of LA as it’s “over the hill.” Landmarks: Universal Studios, City Walk, Warner Brother Studios, NoHo Arts District, Bob Hope Airport

SANTA MONICA / VENICE
Fairly close to the beach, not far from Malibu beaches, mostly good for walking and biking, lots of retail spaces around and restaurants. Although this side of town is beautiful and usually has a cooler temperature than the rest of LA, this distance between the beach and campus is significant. Traffic is heavy and it can be difficult to get Downtown. Landmarks: Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Promenade, LAX

LA METRO MAP

Landmarks:
- Griffith Park
- Griffith Park Observatory
- Echo Park Lake
- Silverlake Reservoir
- Dodger Stadium
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SANTA MONICA PIER, SANTA MONICA PROMENADE, LAX

Landmarks:
- Santa Monica Pier
- Santa Monica Promenade
- LAX
While prices vary from location to location, Studio School’s estimated Room + Board cost is $13,600/academic year.

AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- Pool, hot tub
- Washer/dryer in each unit
- Appliances included (Refrigerator, Range, Dishwasher, Microwave)
- Recreational rooms + game rooms
- Movie theater
- Business center + conference room
- Fitness center
- Free use of bicycles

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**THE LORENZO**

325 W. ADAMS BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90007
(213) 232-4870
(213) 234-5776 (FAX)

Katrina Lopez
Senior Leasing Consultant
Katrina@thelorenzo.com

The Lorenzo is a 100% Student Housing Community

Apartment info:
Shared or private bedroom
One, Two or Three Bedroom suites

› Offers 5-12 month lease
› Furnished
› Utilities included
› 24-hour security
› Parking available
› No pets
› Not walkable to LA Center Studios—courtesy shuttle service available

**THE MEDICI**

725 SOUTH BIXEL STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017
(213) 627-3901

Apartment info:
Studio, One, Two or Three Bedrooms

› Offers 8-12 month lease
› Unfurnished
› Utilities not included
› 24-hour security
› Parking included
› No pets
› Walkable to LA Center Studios

**AMENITIES INCLUDE:**

› Pool, hot tub
› Washer/dryer in each unit
› Appliances included (Refrigerator, Range, Dishwasher, Microwave)
› Business center
› Patios on first floor only
› Private park for residents, tennis courts, sand volleyball, golf putting greens, and driving cages
› Fitness center with sauna, tanning bed, and bicycle maintenance station
› Wireless connectivity available throughout all amenity areas

Brook Furniture Rental
bfr.com
1-877-285-7368

Cort Furniture Rental
cort.com
1-888-360-2678

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THE VISCONTI

1221 WEST THIRD STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017
(213) 977-0972

Apartment info:
Studio, One or Two Bedrooms

› Offers 9-12 month lease
› Unfurnished
› Utilities not included
› 24-hour security
› Parking included
› No pets
› Walkable to LA Center Studios

AMENITIES INCLUDE:
› Pool, hot tub
› Washer/dryer in each unit
› Appliances included (Refrigerator, Range, Dishwasher, Microwave)
› Conference room, library
› Patios on first floor only
› Fitness center with sauna and tanning bed

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THE PIERO

618 ST. PAUL AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017
(213) 250-8080

Apartment info:
Studio, One or Two Bedrooms

› Offers 9-12 month lease
› Unfurnished
› Utilities not included
› 24-hour security
› Parking included
› Furnished patios every unit
› No pets
› Walkable to LA Center Studios

AMENITIES INCLUDE:
› Pool, hot tub
› Washer/dryer in each unit
› Appliances included: (Refrigerator, Range, Dishwasher, Microwave)
› 47 seat theater
› Business center, conference room, library
› Fitness center with sauna and tanning bed

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Here are some things to consider when choosing which neighborhood you want to live in Los Angeles:

- **What is the parking situation?** As the city fills up, free parking spots become increasingly difficult to find. Great parking is a major plus.
- **Be sure to visit the neighborhood you’re planning to move into at night as well as during the daytime.** Some areas have a totally different feeling when the sun goes down.
- **Is this an area that lends itself to walking or jogging?** Are there well-paved sidewalks and is the terrain easy to cover on foot?
- **Is the price to space ratio decent?** Do most of the apartments (or homes) have enough outdoor space? Is outdoor space important to you?
- **Where do most of the people you know live?** It’s nice to make new friends, of course, but if you’re new in town it’s always nice to have someone you know close.
- **Do neighbors seem friendly and social?** Is there a sense of community (like a neighborhood watch association or a local hub where everyone hangs out)? What are the crime statistics in the neighborhood?

**Helpful articles:**

- [http://losangeles.about.com/od/movinghere/a/choosingneighborhoods.htm](http://losangeles.about.com/od/movinghere/a/choosingneighborhoods.htm)

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**HELPFUL WEBSITES**

Use this list to find out what options are available for your budget, timeline and flexibility.

**AIRBNB** - [AIRBNB.COM](http://AIRBNB.COM)

Airbnb is an online service where guests can book spaces from hosts. There are numerous filters so a potential tenant can search for specific rental dates, room type or price range.

**CRAIGSLIST** - [LOSANGELES.CRAIGSLIST.ORG](http://LOSANGELES.CRAIGSLIST.ORG)

Craigslist is a classified advertisements website with a large section devoted to housing.

**HOTPADS (ZILLOW)** - [HOTPADS.COM](http://HOTPADS.COM)

HotPads is a map-based apartment and rental home search engine. The site adds plenty of information such as how much more (or less) the rent is versus the area average, if parking is included, what year the property was built and what are the included amenities.

**PADMAPPER** - [PADMAPPER.COM](http://PADMAPPER.COM)

PadMapper is a map-based rental search engine that updates in real time. Assists in finding a rental home, apartment or sublet.

**RENT.COM**

Rent.com is an online source of rental information. Most of the listings are for apartment complexes.

**ROOMSTER** - [ROOMSTER.COM](http://ROOMSTER.COM)

Roomster is an online roommate search tool and matching service.

**SUBLET.COM**

Sublet.com pairs interested tenants to listings for both sublets and rentals.

**WALK SCORE**

Walkscore.com calculates an area’s walkability based on its proximity to numerous types of basic services.

**APARTMENTS.COM**

Apartments.com is the leading online apartment listing website, offering renters access to information on more than 500,000 available units for rent.
STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO FINDING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

— DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO PAY EACH MONTH. WHAT’S YOUR BUDGET?
— DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO LIVE ALONE OR WITH ROOM / HOUSEMATES
— DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
— DO SOME COMPARISON RESEARCH
— NARROW YOUR SEARCH, AND BEGIN VISITING PROPERTIES

› Do you want to live somewhere that has a lot of other students?
› Do you need a place that’s furnished?
› Are you going to have a pet?
› How long do you want to be committed to a lease?
› Do you want certain amenities, such as a pool, garage or exercise facilities?
› How will you commute back/forth to campus?

BEFORE YOU SIGN THAT LEASE...

› If you are going to have a roommate, make sure they go along with you.
› Understand the rules of the house/community regarding noise, visitors, smoking, parking, pets, etc.
› Ask where, how, and when is rent paid and what happens if it’s late.
› Ask about flooding, crime, parking regulations and General maintenance.
› Find out about your deposit: Is it required? Is it refundable?
› If it’s an apartment, make sure you ask to see the exact apartment you will be getting and not just the model.
› Are the terms of the lease negotiable? (3, 6, 9, or 12 months? is sub-letting allowed?)
› Understand which repairs/damages are the responsibility of the manager/owner versus those you’re responsible for.
› Ask about guests. What if family/friends come to visit for a few days?

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER, NOW WHAT?

› Read the lease.
› Also, realize that you may need a co-signer/guarantor (such as a parent) in order to secure a lease.
› A lease is a legally binding agreement. Should you break your lease, you may still be responsible for paying the rent even if you are no longer there. It is your right to have the property manager/owner go over your lease with you. Ask them to do so.
› The property manager/owner is not able to make allowances for roommate conflicts. If a roommate leaves the person who signed the lease is responsible for the entire rent payment.

FINAL TIP TO REMEMBER...

After the landlord and all tenants have signed the lease, be sure to retain a copy for your records. It is important to keep complete and accessible records in the event that a problem does occur.

YOUR COPY OF YOUR RECORDS SHOULD INCLUDE:

› A copy of the lease
› Your completed inventory checklist
› Any photos you take to document conditions
› Any additional documents provided by your landlord

You should add copies of any communications you have with your landlord, such as maintenance requests to this file.

You may also include all of your utility forms, renter’s insurance information and a schedule of when you mail or deliver your rent.

A FEW FINAL NOTES...

Parking On And Off Campus
Parking at LA Center Studios lot for full-time students is available for $750 per semester (~$125/mo.) through Student Services. Off-campus parking is not recommended, but bestparking.com maintains a database with listings of local parking lots and garages.

Tenants’ Rights
The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, (800) 593-8222, maintains a digital guide at dca.lacounty.gov, which lists all rights of renters. The DCA is the primary organization responsible for resolving disputes between tenants and landlords.