

Housing Information for New International Students

De Anza College, like most community colleges in the U.S., does not offer any dormitories or boarding. But given De Anza's central location, there are many choices for housing in our area: apartments, shared housing and homestays. All of them are very convenient for shopping, restaurants and buses. If you do not have any friends or relatives who live nearby and will provide housing to you, our first recommendation is homestay.

San Francisco International Airport Transportation Information

Upon exiting Immigration and Customs at the Arrival Level of the International Terminal at San Francisco Airport, go upstairs to the Departure Level to take a Door-to-Door Van to your destination (hotel, homestay, etc.). Two van companies serve De Anza area: South & East Bay Shuttle and SuperShuttle. Depending on distance, it costs \$30-50 per person. No advance reservation needed. Airport pick-up can also be arranged through International Student Placements (homestay agency www.isphomestays.com) for \$90.

Temporary Housing Immediately After Arrival in San Francisco

If you do not have pre-arranged housing upon arrival, then you need stay at a hotel or motel first upon arriving in the U.S. There are a wide selection of hotels/motels in our area, ranging from \$70-\$200 per night. Weekend rates are usually lower than the weekday rates. Ask for both rates. The following hotels/motels are convenient by public transportation to De Anza and for foods and shopping:

1. Hilton Garden Inn in Cupertino: www.hilton.com, \$130-200. 20 min. by bus (#26 change to #23). Located next to two shopping plazas.
2. Towne Place Suites in Sunnyvale: www.marriott.com. \$160-190. Suites for families available. 30 min. by bus (#53).
3. Pacific Inn Sunnyvale: www.pacifichotels.com. \$90-120. 30 min. by bus (#54 or #55).
4. Crestview Hotel in Sunnyvale: www.pacifichotels.com. \$90-120. 30 min. by bus (# 53).
5. Quality Inn Civic Center or Quality Inn Sunnyvale/Silicon Valley, both in Sunnyvale. www.choicehotels.com. \$70-100. 30 min. by bus (#53 or #54).

Permanent Housing

There are two main types of permanent housing to consider:

1. Homestays

Homestays with American families are arranged by an organization called International Student Placements (www.isphomestays.com). They will try to find the most suitable families for our students based on their needs. All families are pre-screened, visited, and interviewed. Students will fill out an extensive application form. Student will usually live within a 45-minute radius by bus. Student has a choice of including meals or no meals. Homestays are a great way to improve English, understand the American culture, concentrate on studies without having to worry about household needs, and develop friendships with the hosts. Students must apply at least one month in advance prior to moving in. The homestay contract is for a minimum of 3 months.

International Student Placement also offers "Shared Housing" for older and more independent students. Student will live in a house with seven other students in a community setting. Students who enjoy living in group setting and manage their own lifestyle will enjoy Shared Housing. Information is available on their website.

2. Apartments and Rentals

In this category, students can rent a Studio, a one-bedroom apartment, share an apartment with another person, or rent a room in a house. Selection is huge and the price range is very wide. We do not recommend students accept an apartment/rental without seeing the place first and know about all the terms of the policies. Students should

search for apartments/rentals after they arrive. The rent varies according to location, size of the complex, and selection of facilities (such as swimming pool, tennis court, etc.) Student will sign a contract and pay a deposit. A good website to search for housing is Craig's List: www.craigslist.com

- Studios - These consist of one large room and a small kitchenette and bathroom. Monthly rent: \$1000 - \$1300. Junior one bedrooms are slightly larger and have a semi-separate bedroom.
- One-bedroom apartments – These consist of one living room, one bedroom, a kitchen and a bathroom. These could be shared by two persons. Monthly rent: \$1300 - \$1700.
- Two-bedroom apartments - These consist of one living room, two bedrooms, a kitchen and one or two bathrooms. These could be shared by 2-3 persons. Monthly rent: \$1500 - \$1800
- Rent a room in a house or share a house – Some people rent extra bedrooms out. The student would have access to bathroom, kitchen, the garden, and parts of the house. Monthly rent: \$650-750.

Below is a sample list of some of the larger apartment complexes near De Anza and near supermarkets, shopping and buses, good environment and management, and good amenities (pool, fitness center, washer/dryer, etc.). There are also many smaller and cheaper apartment complexes with fewer amenities.

Glenbrook Apartment Homes (www.glenbrook-apartments.com)

10100 Mary Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

Phone: (408) 253-2323; Fax (408) 253-0107

Large complex located directly across the street from De Anza (5 minutes) and next to a beautiful park. Good amenities. No studios. Junior one bedrooms from \$1545, one bedrooms from \$1765.

Valley Green Apartments (www.valleygreenapts.com)

20875 Valley Green Drive
Cupertino, CA 95014

Phone: (408) 253-0200; Fax (408) 973-1025

Large complex located near De Anza. Walk: 15-20 minutes; Bus: 8-10 minutes. Many amenities. Some furnished units are available. Studios from \$1125, one-bedroom from \$1475.

Forge Homestead

20691 Forge Way
Cupertino, CA 95014

Phone: (408) 739-0870; Fax: (408) 739-4589; Email: forgehomestead@hotmail.com

Approximately 30 minutes walk from college. Good amenities. No studios. One-bedroom from \$1650.

Lincoln Glen (www.lincolnglen.com)

150 East Remington Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Phone: (408) 739-7771; Fax: (408) 739-4520

Smaller complex about five miles away from campus near Sunnyvale Community Center. Good amenities. Studios from \$1295; one- and two- bedrooms from \$1450.

The Apricot Pit Apartments

400 E. Remington Dr.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Phone: (408) 738-4862; Fax: (408)-738-4910

Nice complex, next to Lincoln Glen Studios from \$1000, one-bedrooms from \$1150.