

## Staff

A full staff of trained professionals is available to help make your stay in the residence halls enjoyable. Specialists in programming both develop and assist you in developing social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs and activities. Counselors are available to meet with students individually and as part of programming activities.

Augmenting this staff are the senior resident adviser and resident adviser staffs. Students with previous residence hall living experience are selected to serve as student leaders on each floor. Their understanding of life in the residence halls is valuable in helping new and returning students adjust to *dorm living*.

Resident advisers receive training in such areas as counseling and first aid and understand the workings of the university so they can assist students with academic related issues, emergencies and personal concerns. Once you have lived here, you may want to consider becoming a resident adviser. You'll find this an excellent opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills while receiving free room and board.

## How to Apply

The housing application process is completely separate from the process of being admitted to the university.

Applications are available starting in March for the fall semester and in October for the spring semester. You are urged to apply early as on-campus space is limited. Halls frequently fill in June and July for the fall semester.

All individuals applying to the university for the first time automatically receive housing information. You should return your housing application as soon as you decide to live on campus. You need not wait until you are officially accepted by the university, and if for some reason you are denied admission, your deposit will be refunded to you once you notify us. If you are attending the university and would like a housing application, you can contact the University Housing Office either by coming by, writing or calling 294-2345. An application will be sent to you as soon as possible.

All students must agree to live in the halls for the entire academic year. Returning students have priority in obtaining housing, although each year 60 percent of our residents are new. If you are applying for housing for the first time, your priority is determined by the receipt date of your completed application. If after applying you decide you would

prefer to live elsewhere, a written request to Housing will enable us to refund your initial payment without any penalty if your notice is received 30 days prior to the opening of the halls.

## Off-Campus Housing

Many students elect to live off campus in nearby apartments or homes either initially or after living on campus for one or more years. The University Housing Office can assist you in finding accommodations that meet your needs.

Each year an apartment brochure is prepared identifying apartments that have responded to a request to be listed. While the university can make no guarantees regarding the information listed in the off-campus housing brochure, our experience indicates that most students find this publication helpful in locating good, affordable housing.

In addition, a listing of local homeowners who have houses and rooms to rent is available in the University Housing Office. Occasionally, a homeowner offers a room in exchange for light yard work or occasional babysitting. More information on this type of listing can be provided if you come by the University Housing Office.

Finally, a listing of students looking for roommates is maintained by Housing. If you want to live in an apartment, but don't know anyone in the area, this listing can be valuable in helping you find a fellow student in need of someone to share the rent.

## Renting an Apartment

In most cases, once you select an apartment you are required to sign a lease, usually for the academic year. In signing any lease agreement, make certain you understand the terms of the lease. Be clear on how you can terminate the lease. Be certain to inspect the apartment to be rented and require that the manager provide you in writing a list of any repairs to be done as a condition of your lease. If you have any questions, you can contact the University Housing Office or the Consumer Protection Agency at (209) 488-3860.

## Married Student Housing

There is no on-campus married student housing available at Fresno, although there are many apartments in the vicinity that are ideally suited for married students.

