

Housing Resources

Welcome to the Student Housing Resource Guide, designed to assist students transitioning to life at Westcliff University. Whether you're a new student or returning, this guide provides essential information about housing options, local neighborhoods, and tips for securing accommodations. Our goal is to help make your move to Westcliff as smooth as possible so you can focus on your academic and personal success.

All housing possibilities below and others listed on the university website are unaffiliated with Westcliff and are provided solely to help your search.

Always be alert for possible housing scams, such as requests for upfront payment before seeing a property, or rent quotes that are suspiciously low. Always verify the legitimacy of listings and avoid sharing personal or financial information until you are confident about the arrangement. The University is not responsible for housing transactions and encourages you to research thoroughly before committing to any agreement

Please refer to Westcliff University's Catalog for more information about housing:
drive.google.com/file/d/1nDcF51pr_UuW_v074SITeAfkNYPm6mgb/view?usp=sharing.

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Roommate Matching

For Irvine and Santa Monica Students

Roommate matching connects you with others seeking shared housing arrangements, helping you find your ideal living situation. Check out these platforms to discover your next home or roommate:

Facebook WU Housing Group

Join the Westcliff Student Life community to connect with other WU students searching for roommates or rooms. It's a great way to meet fellow students looking for housing arrangements that suit your needs! If you're interested in joining, please contact Student Life at wustudentlife@westcliff.edu.

Visit westcliff.edu/life-at-westcliff/housing for more information.

WhatsApp WU Housing Group

Meet and chat with fellow WU students looking for roommates or rooms via WhatsApp. Join the Westcliff Student Life community! If you're interested in joining, please contact Student Life at wustudentlife@westcliff.edu.

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Independent Search

For Irvine and Santa Monica Students

These suggested platforms make it easy to find available rooms or roommates based on your preferences, location, budget, and lifestyle. Explore them to find the best fit for your needs.

- **SpareRoom:** spareroom.com/roommates
 - **RoomSync:** roomsync.com
 - **Roomi:** roomiapp.com
 - **Roomster:** roomster.com
 - **Digzz:** diggz.co/search-city/los-angeles
- Use promo code:** WESTCLIFFWARRIORS

Housing Websites and Outside Options

Housing Websites

Only available in Orange County and San Diego, California

- **Kapire Residences:** kapiresidences.com
 - Shared/private rooms
 - Fully furnished
 - Roommate matcher
 - Does require a background check
 - Can rent for quarter, semester, or year
 - Housekeeping is provided

Available in all locations!

- **College Rentals:** collegerentals.com
- **Cort:** cort.com/studyusa
 - Furniture rental for students
- **Spare Room:** spareroom.com/rooms-for-rent/ca/orange_county?share_type=S
 - Single rooms for rent

Homestay Options

Homestays are a great way to acclimate to US culture in a unique and supportive way.

- **Student Room Stay:** studentroomstay.com
- **Homestay Match:** homestaymatch.com

What to Expect When Using Outside Housing Options:

Credit Check: Many landlords will check your credit history to determine your financial reliability. This often requires you to provide your Social Security Number (SSN). If you have limited or no credit history, landlords may ask for a co-signer to guarantee the lease. The co-signer will be responsible for rent if you are unable to pay.

International Students: If you do not have a U.S. credit history or SSN, some landlords may require alternative documentation, such as proof of income or a larger security deposit.

Security Deposit: Be prepared to pay a security deposit, typically equivalent to one or two months' rent. This is held by the landlord to cover any damages or unpaid rent.

Utilities: Some rental agreements may include utilities (water, electricity, gas, etc.), but many will require you to set up and pay for utilities on your own. Confirm this with the landlord before signing the lease agreement.

California Campuses

Irvine, California

Housing Option 1: Orange County, CA:

Orange County is known for its coastal cities like Newport Beach and Huntington Beach, as well as suburban areas like Irvine and Anaheim. It's family-friendly, with excellent schools, parks, and a strong job market. The area has a mix of high-end living and more affordable suburban options.



Distance from [John Wayne Airport \(SNA\)](#): 0-20 miles

Places to Stay

Close to Campus Options:

1. **Woodbridge Apartments:** sheapartments.com/apartments/woodbridge
Phone Number: (844)836-9438
Address: 50 Eastshore, Irvine, CA 92604
2. **Avalon Apartments:**
avaloncommunities.com/california/irvine-apartments/avalon-irvine
Phone Number: (949)596-4455
Address: 2777 Alton Parkway, Irvine CA 92606
3. **Heritage Point Apartments:** rentheritagepoint.com
Phone Number: (877)899-4214
Address: 4 Austin, Irvine CA 92604
4. **Axis 2300 Apartments:** axis2300apts.com
Phone Number: (657)237-7195
Address: 2300 DuPont Dr, Irvine CA 92612
5. **109 Irvine Inn Apartments (Studios only):**
apartments.com/109-irvine-inn-apartments-irvine-ca/q9qk9ky
Address: 2810 Warner Ave, Irvine CA 92606

6. Cypress Village Apartments:

irvinecompanyapartments.com/locations/orange-county/irvine/cypress-village/communities.html

Phone Number: (844)633-7202

Address: 100 Grand Canal, Irvine, CA 92620

7. Horizon: horizonapts.com

Phone Number: (957)366-4098

Address: 2414 N. Tustin Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705

8. Pacific Wood Apartments: pacificwoodsapts.com

Phone Number: (949)386-1383

Address: 16350 S Harbor Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Option 2: Los Angeles County, CA

Los Angeles County is a diverse urban area with a mix of glamorous neighborhoods like Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, alongside more affordable areas like Long Beach or Koreatown. The cost varies greatly depending on the neighborhood. LA is known for its entertainment industry, busy nightlife, and heavy traffic.

Distance from John Wayne Airport (SNA): 40-60 miles

Option 3: San Diego County, CA

San Diego County offers coastal living with areas like La Jolla and Pacific Beach, and suburban options inland. Known for its laid-back vibe, great weather, and beaches, it's also home to a strong military presence. San Diego has a high cost of living but offers a more relaxed pace than LA.

Distance from John Wayne Airport (SNA): 45-90 miles

Option 4: San Bernardino County, CA

San Bernardino County is a more affordable inland area known for its sprawling suburban communities, desert landscapes, and mountains. Cities like Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Redlands offer a lower cost of living but are farther from coastal amenities. It's a growing area for families and commuters.

Distance from John Wayne Airport (SNA): 50-80 miles

Santa Monica, California:

Airport to fly into?

[Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\)](#) is approximately 35-40 minutes from the Los Angeles - Santa Monica Westcliff University campus.



Transportations

Transportation is readily available via taxi, Uber, bus, and Metro Train. There is a Metro Station within walking distance to the campus (Metro E Line - Downtown Santa Monica Station - near the intersection of 4th Street and Colorado Avenue). The City of Santa Monica has many great options for dining and recreation. Explore the surroundings for various food options, restaurants, and entertainment. Enjoy the proximity to Santa Monica Beach, the famous Santa Monica Pier, and 3rd St. Promenade, offering an array of shopping options, activities, and attractions.

As a student, you can access [Uber One for students](#) at just \$4.99/month.

Places to Stay

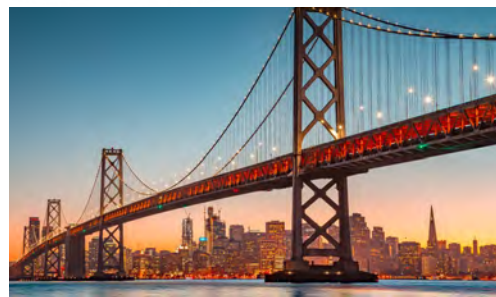
- HI Los Angeles Santa Monica Hostel:**
hiosa.org/find-hostels/california/santa-monica-1436-2nd-street
Address: 1436 2nd Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
11 minutes walking distance to the Santa Monica campus. Pricing is extremely reasonable for either single or shared rooms.
- Hampton Inn Suites Santa Monica:**
hilton.com/en/hotels/smocahx-hampton-suites-santa-monica
Address: 501 Colorado Ave, Santa Monica, CA, 90401
12 minutes walking distance to the Santa Monica campus.
- Hilton Santa Monica Hotel & Suites:**
hilton.com/en/hotels/smosmhh-hilton-santa-monica
Address: 1707 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401
17 minutes walking distance to the Santa Monica campus.

HI Los Angeles Santa Monica Hostel is most recommended due to its affordability, ambiance, and proximity to both the campus and the beach.

San Francisco, California

Airport Information

[San Francisco International Airport \(SFO\)](#) is 23 minutes by car from campus. 40 minutes by public transportation (Take the Yellow-S or Red-S from San Francisco International Airport to Montgomery, then walk 8 minutes to campus. Cost is about \$11.15)



[Oakland International Airport \(OAK\)](#) is 25 minutes from campus via car. 50 minutes through public transportation (Oakland International Airport to Beige-N towards Coliseum, change for Green-S and take to Montgomery, 8 min walk to campus. Cost is about \$12.65)

Transportation

San Francisco operates using a public transportation system called BART. You can purchase tickets, find your routes, and review the schedule here: bart.gov.

Places to Stay

- 1. Omni San Francisco Hotel:**
omnihotels.com/hotels/san-francisco
Address: 500 California St, San Francisco, CA 94104
3 minutes walking distance to the San Francisco campus.
- 2. Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco at Embarcadero**
fourseasons.com/embarcadero/accommodations
Address: 222 Sansome St, San Francisco, CA 94104
1 minute walking distance to the San Francisco campus. Luxury Hotel.
- 3. ITH San Francisco Pacific Tradewinds Hostel**
pt.hostelsnap.com/bookings
Address: 680 Sacramento St, San Francisco, CA 94111
6 minutes walking distance to campus. This is a hostel with options for private rooms or dorm-style rooms based on availability. Breakfast included. Will have Westcliff set rooms so students can stay in a similar area.
- 4. Hilton San Francisco Financial District**
hilton.com/en/hotels/sfodhf-hilton-san-francisco-financial-district
Address: 750 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108
12 min walking distance to the San Francisco campus. Breakfast is optional.
- 5. Club Quarters Hotel Embarcadero, San Francisco**
clubquartershotels.com/san-francisco/embarcadero
Address: 424 Clay St, San Francisco, CA 94111
5 minute walking distance to the San Francisco campus.

Florida Campuses

Miami, Florida

Airport Information

[Miami International Airport \(MIA\)](#) is preferred. [Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport \(FLL\)](#) is further and may take more travel time and expenses to arrive at Westcliff's campus.



Transportation

Students do not need a car. The area is very accessible on foot and students can take Uber or Lyft, as needed. As a student, you can access [Uber One for students](#) at just \$4.99/month.

The recommended hotel is one mile from campus, and there is public transportation if needed.

Places to Stay

Students can stay anywhere in the recommended area, but we do encourage students to stay close to the campus to account for commute times.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Miami Downtown/Brickell:

[hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MIADBHW&corporateCode=0003266131&flexibleDates=true](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MIADBHW&corporateCode=0003266131&flexibleDates=true)

Company Name: WESTCLIFF UNIVERSITY

Address: 1750 SW 1st Ave, Miami, FL 33129

Parking on Campus

Any student who is driving in must have their parking validated by the staff to have a reduced parking rate for the day by the on-site parking garage.

Orlando, Florida

Airport Information

[Orlando International Airport \(MCO\)](#) is a 20 minute drive to OHLA. The next closest is Sanford International Airport, which is a one hour drive.



Transportation

A car is not necessary. An Uber ride is 20 minutes but can be expensive based on time of day (\$30 - \$50). In Celebration, there are plenty of nearby places to eat. As a student, you can access [Uber One for students](#) at just \$4.99/month.

Orlando/Kissimmee does not have good public transportation. Traveling to Kissimmee (Celebration would take three or more hours by bus). Mears is the main taxi service from MCO. Taxi or Uber would be best.

Places to Stay

Holiday Inn & Suites:

ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/kissimmee/mcoib/hoteldetail

Address: 5711 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy Kissimmee, FL 34746

Only 10 minutes away from the campus and reasonably priced.

The Celebration Hotel is directly next to the OHLA campus. It is pricey but can be an option for those willing to pay for the convenience. Holiday Inn and Suites or Celebration Hotel. Any hotel within the area is encouraged to stay in.

Parking on Campus

There is free parking behind the WU Orlando/OHLA campus.

Texas Campus

Dallas, Texas

Airport

[Dallas Love Field Airport \(DAL\)](#) is 13 min (3.8 miles) drive from campus. 35 minutes hour with public transportation (Take the Yellow 005 to Inwood/Love Field Station, change busses to the Purple 103 to Downtown Dallas, exit on Ceder Springs @ Welborn - S - NS, walk about 4 minutes).



[Dallas Fort Worth International Airport \(DFW\)](#) is about 20-30 min (18 miles) drive from campus. 1-hour commute to campus using public transportation (take the Orange line and exit on Southwest Medical District/Parkland, walk to minutes to the Yellow 023 bus and exit on Oak Lawn @ Hall - N - NS, once there, walk 4 minutes to campus.)

Transportation

Dallas has a robust public transportation through the DART. Fares are reasonable and the transportation is reliable all over the city. For more information on the DART: dart.org.

Places to Stay

1. Warwick Melrose - Dallas

warwickhotels.com/warwick-melrose-dallas

Address: 3015 Oak Lawn Ave, Dallas, TX 75219

7-minute (0.3 miles) walking distance to the campus. Breakfast \$20/day.

2. Canopy By Hilton Dallas Uptown

hilton.com/en/hotels/dfwrmpy-canopy-dallas-uptown

Address: 2950 Cityplace W Blvd, Dallas, TX 75204

18-minute (0.9 miles) walking distance to the campus. Breakfast Included.

3. Double Tree by Hilton Dallas Market Center

hilton.com/en/hotels/dalmkdt-doubletree-dallas-market-center

Address: 2015 Market Center Blvd, Dallas, TX 75207

2.1 miles away from campus. Breakfast is included in some rooms.

4. Tru By Hilton Dallas Market Center

hilton.com/en/hotels/dfwmmru-tru-downtown-dallas-market-center

Address: 1949 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207

2.6 miles from campus. Breakfast Included.

Parking on Campus

Structured parking for visitors onsite. Also, street parking is available for students and staff around the premises. Students will enter the building off of Lee Parkway, and the parking structure is located off of Hall and Wellborn.