PLANNING AHEAD

EXPENSES
Figuring out how much you can spend on rent each month will help to narrow your search. The costs for accommodations vary and are determined by the landlord. Many landlords require that a tenant's income be triple the monthly rent to qualify for a unit. Some units accept cosigners for those who do not meet such qualifications, so make sure you ask!

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*Average monthly rent for Sonoma County area is estimated as of February 2019

ROOMATES
Sharing a unit with other residents is often a necessity for students to reduce the cost of rent. Make sure to compare lifestyle preferences, including studying, sleeping, and cleaning habits. It is also important to be in agreement on financial responsibilities.

COMMITMENT
Most rentals in Sonoma County require that tenants sign a fixed lease, meaning you will be obligated to pay rent for the duration of your contract by the terms of your lease. Do not sign a multiple month lease if you think you may want to move out before the lease is up. Leases are legally binding documents.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND CAMPUS HOUSING
For more information, visit Housing Services website at housing.sonoma.edu. Under the link titled “Off Campus Housing”, there is more information about living off campus as a student at Sonoma State University. You will also find links to several services that help renters find housing. Reach may be contacted with any further questions you may have.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: (707) 664-2541 | Fax: (707) 664-3716
Dial 711 for Relay Services
Email: housing@sonoma.edu.

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
A RESOURCE BOOKLET FOR FINDING HOUSING IN THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS

REACH
RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AND CAMPUS HOUSING
SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
1801 East Cotati Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Whether attending Sonoma State University for the first time or moving off campus after living in the Residential Community, being involved in campus life is an important aspect to your college experience. Students connect to the University in many ways, such as:

- Campus Employment
- Attending sporting and theatrical events
- Participating in Greek Life or a club
- Developing study groups
- Pursuing leadership opportunities
- Studying, eating, or just hanging out in the Student Center

Many students take advantage of the Campus Recreation Center for their fitness needs. Intramural sports, well-being classes, and Outdoor Pursuits are available. On the academic side, Schulz Information Center is full of resources to enhance your education. The Student Center has endless opportunities for joining some type of campus organization. Being involved with campus life will ensure a more rewarding experience at Sonoma State University as well as help with the transition to living off campus.

PETALUMA
ROHNERT PARK
SANTA ROSA

Sonoma State University students live in a variety of locations around the University. Rohnert Park and Cotati are closest to SSU, with some rentals within biking or walking distance. Santa Rosa is approximately 7 miles north and Petaluma is 5 miles south. In most of the areas surrounding SSU, there are apartment complexes and sometimes houses for rent. Reach does recommend beginning your housing search 60 days before you plan on moving, as places go fast!
The University has a partnership with OCH101 to provide an online rental listing and roommate matching service. This free service helps students find off-campus opportunities in a quick, efficient manner.

### ROOMMATE FINDER

Students can use the Roommate Finder to post profiles about themselves and view other profiles, identifying interests, habits, and housing needs. This is a great matching tool.

### SEARCH & POST HOUSING LISTINGS

Students can search the OCH101 database for free to find various types of accommodations. When searching, you can map the location, print the listings, email the landlord/property manager, and share the listing. You can also post an ad because you have a room to rent, want to sublet, or other reasons.

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO.

These companies manage rental properties and in some cases assist in finding rentals. Some of them may assess a charge for their services.

- **Alliance Property go-alliance.com** (707) 524-8380
- **DeDe's Rentals dedesrentals.com** (707) 524-8380
- **Hills & Homes hillsandhomes.com** (707) 585-2913
- **Pacific Properties pacific-properties.com** (707) 206-6644
- **Safer Properties safer-properties.com** (707) 978-4303
- **Timely Property gotimely.com** (707) 588-9200

### RENTAL HOUSING PROBLEMS

If you have questions about the legalities of renting, please contact Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California. They can counsel you on your fair housing rights. The services they provide are free.

**Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California**
1314 Lincoln Ave, Ste A
San Rafael, CA 94901

**Email:** Fhanc@fairhousingnorcal.org
**Website:** fairhousingnorcal.org

**BILL OF RIGHTS**

Individuals should be aware of their rights as residents. Therefore, know that:

- A resident has the right to be treated fairly and equitably when applying for, living in, and vacating a rental residence.
- A resident has the right to be given notice prior to any entrance into a rental residence by a rental property owner or manager, except in an emergency.
- A resident has the right, upon written request to the rental property owner or manager, to a prompt response to requests for repairs.
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