



On-Campus Living at Cal Maritime

The California State University Maritime Academy is a residential campus. All students are required to live on campus and purchase a meal plan as part of their educational experience at Cal Maritime. When current enrollment exceeds the number of available beds, exceptions to this requirement may be made on a space available basis in accordance with established policies from the Office of Housing & Residential Life.

Decades of research and best practices in higher education support the added benefits of living on campus. Residing on campus provides students with a safe environment in which to live, sleep, and study during standby for or on watch standing duty while maintaining the primary focus on academics, leadership, teamwork, and their chosen line of work. Students who live on campus tend to take and earn more credit hours, have higher GPAs, and are more likely to graduate than their off-campus counterparts. Students become more engaged with the campus, develop independent living skills and enhanced community interactions, gain broader understanding and respect of diversity, learn leadership and community relations, and have closer proximity and access to campus resources and facilities. Living with others from diverse backgrounds strengthens intercultural competence as students experience, understand and interact effectively and successfully with others who differ in cultural beliefs, behaviors, values, and worldviews.

First Year Experience (FYE) Living Learning Communities (LLCs) integrate freshman student life and the formal academic experiences. The first year experience living learning community assists students with increased faculty-student interactions, provides critical avenues to academic and personal skills development, develops self-responsibility and accountability, promotes camaraderie within the residence halls, and enhances campus community building activities and traditions. In conjunction with the leadership and “followership” opportunities provided at Cal Maritime, students in our LLCs also gain firsthand experience early in their academic careers which prepare them for the rigors of the maritime industry.

Housing and Residential Life

It is our pleasure to welcome you to on-campus housing at Cal Maritime! We are sure you will find living in the residence halls an integral part of your educational experience.

When you live in a residence hall, you'll have the opportunity to meet people, make friends and have fun. You will become a part of a community of students with similar interests – people with whom you can share your experiences, supporting each other in promoting your success as a student. Overall, we are sure that your experience living in the residence halls will be memorable, a time where you will make friends and memories that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Cal Maritime provides LLCs in our freshmen residence halls (The Training Ship Golden Bear, Upper Residence Hall, and McAllister Residence Hall). Cadets will be housed with other students in their division during their FYE experience. The LLC on the Training Ship Golden Bear is designed to prepare students for futures in the maritime industry. This FYE LLC on the Training Ship Golden Bear will

provide enhanced learning outcomes that include ship familiarization, safety training, deck skills, and engine room training. In addition to the practical skills training that will be offered, students will also participate in the FYE Seminar Series, a series of leadership development workshops and programs that include: life skills, transition to college, study habits, smart eating habits at the dining hall, and a variety of other social and educational programming.

Freshmen students also have the opportunity to participate in FIGs (Freshman Interest Groups). FIGs are optional, intentional groups led by staff and faculty partners geared towards common interests including community service/engagement, creative arts, fitness, gaming and women's empowerment groups. The staff and faculty partners look forward to collaborating and interacting with you!

Cal Maritime has four residence halls. All first year students will be placed into Upper Residence Hall, on the TSGB, or in McAllister Residence Hall depending on major and division. The remainder of students live in McAllister Residence Hall with the majority of seniors living in Lower Residence Hall. All rooms come furnished with wireless internet and microfridge units (a combined microwave and mini-fridge).

Upper Residence Hall is a traditional style building with long hallways and common bathrooms shared by a wing. It is located in the middle of the residential side of campus. This hall has double occupancy rooms of which half of the rooms enjoy a view of the Carquinez Strait while the other half have a hillside view. URH has a laundry room with a locker program for dry cleaning, a game room and several study lounges as well as houses the Office of Housing & Residential Life.

Lower Residence Hall is the hall located on the lower part of the residential area. This hall is suite-style with four rooms to a hallway with eight residents sharing a common bathroom. All rooms in Lower Residence Hall have double occupancy rooms and enjoy a view of the Carquinez Strait. Lower Residence Hall B stack is home to Quiet Housing for upperclassmen and there are also a very limited number of singles available based on a merit system for upperclassmen.

McAllister Residence Hall - Cal Maritime opened a new 3-story residence hall in the fall of 2009. One hundred and thirty six students live in the brick-faced building that boasts radiant heating, semi-private tiled bathrooms, double-occupancy rooms (some with views of Bodnar Field) and generous community rooms. McAllister Hall is home to Quiet Housing for sophomores and juniors.

Training Ship Golden Bear is located on the waterfront portion of the campus. This "hall" is suite style with double occupancy rooms that share a common bathroom. Half of these rooms have a view of the Carquinez Strait, while the other half has a view of the campus.

Get to Know Our Staff

Our Para-Professional Staff

Residence Hall Officers (RHOs)

Someone you'll want to get to know right away is your Residence Hall Officer (RHO)! RHOs are para-professionals and students who live in each wing or building who are on duty and provide social and educational programs for residents to attend. Your RHO will be able to answer most of your questions about the halls and can also refer you to other services at the university. They give advice, handle emergencies, keep you informed and get you involved. If you experience any problem at the university, check first with your RHO. They're there to help you- all you have to do is ask! The list of RHOs are available on our website at the beginning of each academic year.

Living Learning Community Mentors (LLCMs)

Another important student staff member you want to get to know right away is your Living Learning Community Mentor (LLCM)! LLCMs live in first-year residence halls and act as an academic and social resource for new students. LLCMs offer programming that meets the specific needs of engine/deck/business/ global studies first year students through the living learning community (LLC) and the freshmen interest groups (FIGs). LLCM programming is academically focused and major-specific targeted. The list of LLCMs are available on our website at the beginning of each academic year.

Student Hall Director (SHD)

The Student Hall Director is a para-professional staff member who lives on the Training Ship Golden Bear and assists in the professional staff on call duty rotation as well as co-supervision of the TSGB along with the Housing & Residential Life Professional staff. The SHD coordinates day to day operations for the department which includes programming, opening and closing the halls as well as staff schedules and acts as a liaison for on-campus students, RHOs, and LLCMS.

Our Professional Staff

Administrative Assistant

The administrative assistant helps with the daily operation of the housing facilities. This person assists students with maintenance requests, lock outs, occupancy, reports and other administrative tasks. The administrative assistant works hand in hand with the Director and Coordinators for Residential Life as well as the student staff. Ms. Emilie Jackson is our administrative assistant and can be reached at ejackson@csum.edu.

Coordinators for Residential Life (CRLs)

Coordinators for Residential Life are full-time, live-in professional staff members who are responsible for the quality of living in a designated residence hall at Cal Maritime. Principle duties include staff supervision, support for student learning and development, residential program development and implementation, administration and building management, crisis management as well student counseling. Ms. Malinda Balfour is the Coordinator for Residential Life, Returning Students and can be reached at mbalfour@csum.edu. Ms. Calee Spinney is the Coordinator for Residential Life, First Year Experience and can be reached at cspinney@csum.edu. Ms. Ruby Grover is the Coordinator for Residence Life, Occupancy and Operations and can be reached at mgrover@csum.edu.

Director of Housing & Residential Life

The Director of Housing & Residential Life is responsible for the overall leadership and management of the Housing & Residential Life program at Cal Maritime. This position is responsible for the development and coordination of a high quality residence life program that supports the university mission and vision as well as the fiscal responsibility for operations. The Director is a live-on professional position serving in the on-call duty rotation and with oversight of crisis management. Staff development and supervision, facilities management, policy and procedure administration along with summer conference operations are key highlights of this position. Mrs. Kate Kimble-Tuszynski is the Director of Housing & Residential Life and can be reached at kkimble@csum.edu.

What Should I Bring?

Bedding and Bath

- Extra long twin sheets (beds are 80"x34")
- Pillow(s) and pillow case(s)
- Blanket and/or comforter
- Bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- Bathrobe
- Small toiletry tote to carry to the bathroom
- Toiletries
- Shower shoes

Basics

- Alarm clock
- Athletic clothing
- Black socks!
- Book bag/back pack
- Flashlight and designated knife
- Surge protector
- Wrist watch
- School supplies

Optional Items

◆ Bicycle

◆ Stereo*

*Noise Restrictions are enforced

◆ Personal Computer

◆ Television/VCR/DVD/Play Station

◆ Rug* (except for on the TSGB)

DO NOT BRING

◆ Large television or stereos

◆ Candles

◆ Refrigerators (large or small)

◆ Cooking appliances with open coils (toasters, etc)

◆ Alcohol and/or other drugs

◆ Hot plates

◆ Large or excess furniture

◆ Air Conditioners

◆ Microwaves

◆ Space Heaters

◆ Pets other than fish in 20 gallon or less tanks

◆ When living aboard the TSGB, you may not have rugs, large televisions or large sound systems

Where can people send me mail?

As a residential student, you will receive an assigned mailbox number and key for a mailbox in the Student Center. The address is:

Your Name

Cal Maritime,

Your Mailbox Number, 1 Morrow Cove,

Vallejo, CA 94590.

FORMS:

The Housing License Agreement that all incoming students must fill out and submit will be accessible via the Student Portal by March 2017.

For students wishing to apply for a waiver for our on-campus requirement and live off-campus, please view the criteria in the Off-Campus webpage.

If you do not meet the requirements, off-campus living is not an option.

You can access more information about the Office of Housing & Residential Life, FYE, LLCs, and general housing policies by clicking [here](#) or by cutting and pasting the following URL into your web browser's address bar:

<https://www.csum.edu/web/campus-life/housing-and-residential-life>

Questions?

If you have specific questions regarding on-campus housing, please contact the Office of Housing & Residential Life. Business hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday except for holidays.

Contact Us:

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We look forward to seeing you on campus!