

NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY



housing Los Angeles

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Getting Started...

We are here to help!

Searching for accommodations in Los Angeles can be intense, whether you are relocating from abroad, or from within the United States. The New York Film Academy's Housing Department is a resource for students who are embarking on a search for a place to live during their attendance. We are more than happy to assist you in navigating through the challenging Los Angeles housing market.

BEWARE OF SCAMS! There are many scams in the housing market, so before making any payments, please ensure that the apartment you are looking into is a legitimate location. Use this guide as a resource to help identify scams.

There are many different types of living situations you can opt for, such as:

- Renting a Studio/1 Bedroom apartment alone (which can be very expensive)
- Sharing a 1 Bedroom/2 Bedroom apartment with another student (This is typically what most students do to help lower overall living expenses)
- Booking a homestay where you can live with a host family (This is done through an outside company not affiliated with the New York Film Academy)
- Find a private room in a shared apartment/house (Many renters/homeowners sublet rooms to help cover their living expenses)

This guide will go over how to proceed with all of these options and what price ranges to expect with each of them.

If you are a **short-term** student (less than 1 year), you should focus your search on short-term accommodations. Short-term furnished apartments can be **very** costly, so please have a realistic budget in mind when searching. It is possible to find more affordable accommodations, but they will mostly be shared situations with either current/incoming students.

If you are a **long-term** student (1 year or more), you should look for an unfurnished apartment near the campuses. Luckily we are located in an area of Los Angeles that is very residential, so finding an apartment isn't too difficult (as long as you search far enough in advance). There are many different resources you can use to help your search, which are provided in the following pages.

***** Please note: It can be very difficult to try to search for and set up anything from afar. If you are unable to secure an accommodation before your arrival, you should book yourself a hotel or short-term accommodations for 1-2 weeks before you begin your program, so you can actively look at places once you are physically here. Once you arrive, you can meet with a Housing Coordinator, whom can guide you on how and where to begin and successfully complete your search. *****

General Information about Renting

Applying for an apartment...

Landlords/companies approve applicants based on several different criteria, such as incoming, credit history, rental history, etc. Below are some guidelines on what to expect when applying for an apartment.

Income: In California, some landlords/companies may require proof that you can afford to pay your rent/utilities for a year. Be prepared to have bank statements showing recent balances.

Guarantor: For students who do not meet the income, or credit requirements, a guarantor (also known as a co-signer) is another option. A guarantor will take the financial liability and terms of your lease if you are unable or unwilling to fulfill it.

Most landlords will require that a guarantor actively earn annually 8 times the amount of the monthly rent. Guarantors will be required to provide financial documents and credit information. If your guarantor does not have a social security number, he/she might not be accepted or there may be an additional deposit required.

Credit: For U.S. citizens, having good/decent credit is essential for qualifying for an apartment. Landlords use your credit rating and history to determine whether or not you would be a financially responsible tenant. If your income is lower than the customary requirement, a higher credit score will help.

Assets: If you have poor credit/no credit, additional assets may help you secure an apartment. Having 6 to 12 months of rent available in a bank account or being able to pay a higher security deposit in advance may persuade a landlord to accept/approve you.



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Preparing to sign: Make sure to contact your landlord or broker before the lease signing and find out exactly what they need you to bring. Be prepared to pay the application fee and deposit. Expect them to ask for the following:

- A completed application
- A legal photo ID (Driver's License, Passport, etc.)
- Checkbook (many management companies require an official check, such as a bank check or cashiers check or money order)
- Letter of employment (If applicable)
- Pay stubs (Yours and your guarantor's; if applicable)
- Tax returns (Yours and your guarantor's; if applicable)
- Bank statements (Yours and your guarantor's, if applicable)
- Landlord reference letter (If applicable)
- Enrollment Verification letter from NYFA (provided by your Admissions Counselor / Registrar's Office)

International Students: You will want to set up a local bank account and have the information available, as most landlords/companies will request it. It is likely that you will need a guarantor/co-signer since you do not have a Social



Security Number or a credit history in the States. If you do not have a guarantor/co-signer, then you may pay a higher security deposit.

If you can choose/have a guarantor in the CA area, that will be best. Your landlord may ask for a higher security deposit on an apartment, if your guarantor is not employed in the United States.

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Searching for an apartment...

When you are searching for apartments it is very important to check the legitimacy of any apartment or company you work with. Remember to discuss all fees at the beginning so there are no surprises. It is important to have written and signed contracts for all leases before making any sort of payment. Be sure to get receipts for any monies paid.

Local Resources: If you have friends or family living in or around the Los Angeles region, ask them for suggestions. Many local bookstores carry apartment guides and travel guides for Los Angeles. Local newspapers also have a classified section with apartment listings. The Los Angeles Times has the classified ads available online and in print.

Online Resources: There are many websites that can help you find an apartment, find a roommate or find a broker/management company. When searching online, please remember to always use caution and never send any sort of payment until you meet and discuss the terms. Unfortunately there are many scams and it is very difficult to recover any lost money.

Using a Realtor: A realtor is someone you can hire to locate an apartment for you. They will compile listings that fit your needs and then will show you the apartments. Each realtor will have a different fee for their service, so it is important to ask about this before you start working with them. A realtor's fee in Los Angeles can vary depending on the type of apartment and length of service. Some realtors will offer a discounted fee to students, so be sure to ask before discussing any apartments. When you meet with a realtor you should be prepared to tell them what kind of apartment you want, where you want to live and what your budget is.



Lease - A lease is a legally binding, written agreement between a landlord and tenant that grants the legal right to reside for a specifically stated length of time. We recommend that you only enter into a written agreement.

Month-to-Month - A month-to-month is also a legally binding agreement between a landlord and tenant which may be terminated for any reason as long as written notification is given 30 days in advance.

Sublease/Sublet - An agreement where a tenant grants use of all or part of the leased property to another person, who is known as the (sub)'lessee'. Subletting may be prohibited by the original lease or require written permission from the landlord.

Roommate/Share - A Roommate/Share is an arrangement where one rents an apartment with one or more individuals who already live in the apartment. This arrangement may be organized where one or more roommates may or may not be on the lease as a tenant.

Roommates

If you are looking for a roommate who is also attending the New York Film Academy, please fill out the **Roommate Questionnaire** and return it to LAHousing@nyfa.edu or fax it to 818-333-3557. After receiving your Questionnaire, we will add your information to our [L.A. Housing Facebook](#) page.

***** Please note that you will need to contact applicants directly to inquire about rooming together as we do not pair up students. *****

When searching for an apartment, it may be easiest to work as a team. We recommend researching the housing options and securing an accommodation **30 days prior** to the beginning of your program. If you are unable to make arrangements prior to your arrival in Los Angeles, then it is suggested that you arrive **two weeks before your program start date** to secure housing, as you will not have time while attending classes.

Another great resource you can use to search for a roommate(s) is our Housing Facebook page (www.facebook.com/lahousingnyfa). If you are interested in posting an ad on the page, it must contain: **Your name, the program you will be attending, general information about yourself and a valid e-mail address**. Any ads that do not meet the criteria or are deemed inappropriate will be deleted immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: We have disabled the comments section as to not overload the page with conversations. We will be monitoring the page for any misuse of our site or inappropriate language/content will be immediately removed and banned from any future listings. Should you have any questions/concerns or would like to remove your AD, please contact us at lahousing@nyfa.edu.

When speaking with a potential roommate, using social media (such as Facebook, Skype, etc.) is a great resource and can help "break the ice". If you plan on physically meeting your potential roommate, please remember to use "common sense tactics", such as meeting at a public place (Starbucks, McDonald's, etc.)

It is important to keep in mind that you need to be flexible and patient while searching for a roommate. The Housing Department is always here to help if you have questions or concerns.

Renters Insurance

Renters Insurance is an insurance policy that provides protection against perils such as fire, theft, and vandalism for the tenant's personal property and is generally **not** included with you rent. It does not include coverage for the dwelling or structure (the owner of the building is responsible for insuring it, but bears no responsibility to the tenant's belongings). Renters insurance generally includes a deductible (the amount of a loss you absorb before the insurance begins to cover it), which helps prevent nuisance claims and reduce fraud, since a small portion of the loss must be absorbed. The standard amount of a deductible on many policies is \$500, though they can range from \$50 – \$1,500. The lower the deductible, the higher your premium and the less you pay out of pocket.

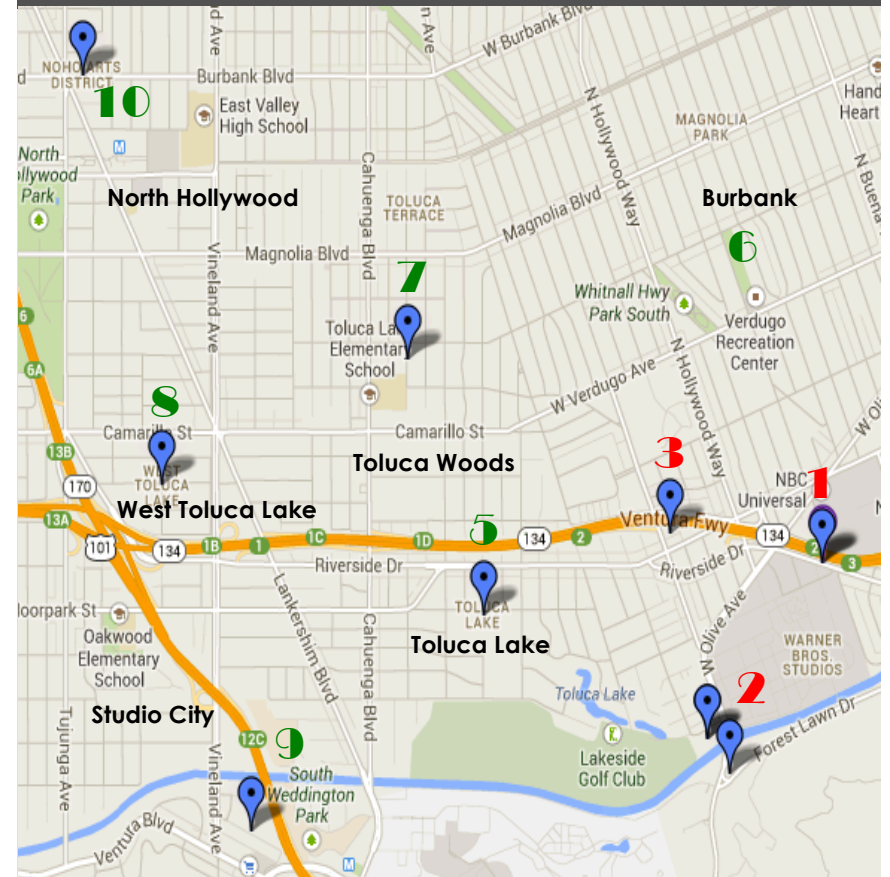
Renters insurance in the U.S. generally costs between \$200 and \$350 a year (\$20 - \$40 per month), although this can vary based on the individual and the location - for example, prior claims and high risk locations can cause the premium to raise. Even a small theft loss can financially ruin a family or an individual. A total fire loss can run tens of thousands of dollars in damage liability, as well as tens of thousands of dollars in replacing personal property.

Although it is not required to have, it is **highly suggested** that you obtain some form of renters insurance. You may think that your property isn't valuable enough to insure but the insurance almost always includes replacement cost coverage, which means if you have an old 19-inch tube television which is stolen, you'd get the appropriate amount of money to purchase a new 19-inch television today (typically a flat screen as tube TVs are no longer made). Insurance is not designed to upgrade your property, but to make you whole again and return you to essentially the same financial condition you were in before the loss.

Companies we recommend to purchase the insurance through are:

- **State Farm** | <https://www.statefarm.com/insurance/home-and-property/renters/>
- **Geico** | <https://www.geico.com/getaquote/renters/>
- **Allstate** | <http://www.allstate.com/renters-insurance.aspx>
- **Insurance Quotes** | <http://www.insurancequotes.org/renters-insurance/>

Suggested Cities for Housing



NYFA Campuses

- 1 | RIVERSIDE BUILDING (Film, Producing, Screenwriting, Game Design, Photography)
- 2 | BARHAM BUILDING (Acting)
- 3 | POST PRODUCTION (Editing, VFX)

City Recommendations

- 5 | Toluca Lake (~ 1 mile/1.6 km)
- 6 | Burbank (~ 1.3 miles/2.1 km)
- 7 | Toluca Woods (~ 2.3 mile/3.7km)
- 8 | West Toluca Lake (~ 2.3 mile/3.7 km)
- 9 | Studio City (~ 2.8 miles/4.4 km)
- 10 | North Hollywood (~ 3.2 miles/5.2 km)

Helpful Websites

When searching for an apartment, we recommend that you begin your housing search **at least 30 days before** your desired arrival date. The Housing Department will pass on any listings of available apartments/rooms and any information we regarding interested students.

It is best to familiarize yourself with the Los Angeles neighborhoods as early as possible. If you are able, we suggest visiting the city and the school before you move, which will assist you later on while you are searching accommodations. We offer campus tours daily at **11 AM** and **3 PM**. To schedule a tour, please call us at 818-333-3558.

Below is a list of some great websites you can use to help you search for an available apartment/room. You can enter the address of the school (3300 W. Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA, 91505) and search using Google Maps for apartments, sublets and rooms/shares that are located nearby. You can filter your results by budget, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, pet friendly, etc.:

Pad Mapper
www.padmapper.com

Roomster
www.roomster.com

Hot Pads
www.hotpads.com

AirBnB
www.airbnb.com

Zillow
www.zillow.com

Rent
www.rent.com

Sublet
www.sublet.com

Westside Rentals
www.westsiderentals.com

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Craigslist

Craigslist.com is a site where people can post ads for available apartments or rooms for rent in their apartment/home. It is a great place to find accommodations but it is a **VERY** large site and the listings posted are not monitored or verified, so you need to **use discretion and be aware of scams.**

To locate a room in an apartment on Craigslist:

- Go to losangeles.craigslist.org/sfv and click on the **ROOMS/SHARED** link under the **"housing"** section.
- Always put a minimum (of at least \$500) as well as a maximum price.
- Do not type anything in the "search for" field
- Use the tabs on the top of the page to switch between the Boroughs
- Don't bother looking at listings older than 2 days (they are either gone or relisted)
- Typically someone renting a room in their apartment will NOT give their phone number or real email address in a listing. Having to use the

anonymous craigslist email address is a good sign.



NEVER WIRE MONEY!

If you are asked to use Money Gram or Western Union, or if a landlord is "unfortunately" out of town/out of the country and they ask you to wire them the funds, you should immediately stop communication. You should only give money once you've physically been to and seen the apartment and spoken with a representative. Never send anyone your bank account information or Social Security Number.

TRUST YOUR GUT!

If a listing sounds too good to be true, it probably is. For example, if you see a fully furnished, 2-bedroom apartment with included utilities for \$1500 per month, then it probably isn't real. If you ever have questions regarding a property, please contact our Housing Department and they can help verify.

***** Keep in mind that Craigslist is not accountable for listings on their site, nor are they involved in any transaction or handle any payments. *****

Airport Transportation

Airport Shuttle:

If you are arriving to one of the recommended airports (**LAX** – International; **BUR** – Domestic) and need transportation from or to the airport, these are the most used services:

- **Road Runner Shuttle** | <http://www.rrshuttle.com/index.html>
- **Super Shuttle** | <http://www.supershuttle.com/>
- **Prime Time Shuttle** | <http://www.primetimeshuttle.com/>

Through these websites you can schedule a specific date and time for pick-up from various airports. Typically these services are cheaper than a taxi and are more reliable.

Renting a Car:

Approximately 40 rental car companies operate out of LAX, with vehicle rental sites located off the airport. Many of these rental car companies provide phone links inside or near the baggage claim areas on the Lower/Arrival Level of the terminals so travelers can request a free shuttle pick up to reach the rental car sites.

The following rental car companies are permitted to pick-up and drop-off their customers at the airline terminals using courtesy shuttles:

- **Avis** | <http://www.avis.com>
- **Budget** | <http://www.budget.com>
- **Enterprise** | <http://www.enterprise.com>
- **Hertz** | <http://www.hertz.com>

These companies are allowed to meet arriving customers under the purple sign "Rental Car Shuttles" on the Lower/Arrivals Level areas outside Baggage Claim.

Customers of other rental car companies can arrange for pick-up by contacting their company using free phones attached to the interactive Visitors Information Centers (VICs), located in baggage claim areas of each terminal the VICs lists these companies' contacts.

These customers will use the free LAX Shuttle Airline Connection Bus "Lot C" to reach the Off-Airport Rental Car Terminal to meet their rental car courtesy shuttle. Customers can board the free shuttle buses on the Lower/Arrivals Level islands under the blue sign.

Neighboring Cities Map



Short-term Housing

Burbank Extended Stay Inn

(1.7 miles/2.8 km to NYFA)
2021 West Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91506

PHONE: 818-848-9048
E-MAIL: info@esinns.com

<http://www.esinns.com>

The Extended Stay Inn apartments are located in the heart of Burbank and feature charming Spanish-style Studios. They are ideal for corporate, relocation and extended stays. Many of long-term our students will use this complex as a temporary stay until they can find an apartment that fits their requirements. Some of the amenities are swimming pool, full kitchens, maid service/guest laundry, cable TV and internet.



Weekly and monthly rates available.
*** Minimum stay of 3 nights required.**

For a virtual tour, visit <http://www.apartments.com/burbankextendedstay>

1200 Riverside

(2.4 miles/3.8 km to NYFA)
1200 Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91506

PHONE: 888-277-7279

<http://www.liveat1200riverside.com>

The 1200 Riverside apartments are located in Burbank and feature unfurnished/furnished Studio and 1-bedroom residences that artfully combine modern designer finishes with an exceptional array of amenities. Minimum 2-month lease required for all stays.



Apartment amenities include gourmet kitchens, personal patio/balcony, covered parking, complete appliance package and pet friendly! *

*** Restrictions apply**

Oakwood

Short-term furnished apartments

The Oakwood apartments are located within walking distance to NYFA's campuses and are ideal for many students. Whether you are looking for a short or long term housing solution, these fully furnished apartments are located conveniently in the hills between Burbank and Hollywood with easy access to freeways, studios, shopping and area restaurants. Many of the amenities include fireplaces, crown molding, premium showers, on-site convenience store, dry cleaning and rental car service. The property also includes two state of the art fitness centers, basketball courts, swimming pools, spas and steam rooms.

You can choose from unfurnished or furnished apartments, varying from Studios to 2 bedrooms, with flexible leasing options. The New York Film Academy has preferred rates with Oakwood, which are available to all students.



For more information, please visit www.oakwood.com/nyfa. To make a reservation or inquiries you can contact Sevana Ebrahimi at sebrahimi@oakwood.com or 818-942-3030. (If you are unable to reach a representative, please call 800-942-2747)

Address: 3600 Barham Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90068

Los Angeles Public Transportation

Unfortunately the public transportation system in Los Angeles is not as good as other systems throughout the country and world. A short commute can easily double or triple in time due to L.A.'s traffic conditions. If you are planning on using the public transportation system, we recommend using Google Maps (www.google.com/maps) for real-time updates on traffic conditions and estimated travel times.



Homestays

A Homestay is a housing placement service for International students and visitors. A homestay service can arrange your living situation, such as a private/shared room, with a local host family while you pursue your studies.

Many students prefer a homestay because it enables them to explore new customs, social values and trends. It can also be very useful for students who are looking to improve their English outside of school. Those who stay with host families tend to create long-lasting friendships that are beneficial for both parties.

All host families are carefully prescreened and interviewed directly by the company. The host family's property is also viewed to ensure student/visitor safety, as well as the legitimacy of the posted ad.

Universal Student Housing

U.S.H. has been providing quality and comfortable homestays to international students since 1998. They work with over 80 colleges and universities throughout California, Arizona and Florida. Many students have used USH and enjoyed their services very much.

<http://www.usstudent.com/homestay-prices-and-schools>

PHONE: 866-900-4874

Sara's Homestay

Sara's Homestay is an accommodation and student service provider, which started its operations in 2001. Sara started by offering a private bedroom in her own home to tourists and students. Then shortly thereafter, Sara started building a network of homestay locations with her friends and neighbors, hosting their own extra rooms in their residences. Since then, they have partnered with many schools and agencies around the world, currently servicing 1500 students per year.

<http://www.sarahomestay.com/locations/los-angeles/>

PHONE: 212-564-5979

PLEASE NOTE: The New York Film Academy is not affiliated with any of the above listed companies/information. Students need to contact homestays directly for rates/availabilities, as well as booking.

Public Transportation

As public transportation in Los Angeles can unfortunately be unreliable at times due to construction, concerts/special events, studio filming, etc., it is recommended that you have a vehicle. If you are unable to obtain a vehicle and must use public transportation, below are some great resources to help you navigate through L.A.:

Google Maps:

An extremely useful resource is [Google Maps](#). When inputting directions, you have the option to choose between: **Car**, **Public Transit** (Bus/Railway), **Walking** or **Biking**. Each option will give specific routes and estimated travel times (including "with current traffic"). If you choose Public Transit, you will be given the specific bus stop(s) and bus number(s) to ride to your destination.

Metro / Burbank Bus:

There is also the Metro bus line, which has pick-ups/drop-offs for our various locations. You can go to www.metro.net to get more information on the railway schedules and maps for the Los Angeles area Metro.

Located within Burbank city is the **Burbank Bus**, which offers four local routes that provide easy access to employment hubs and convenient connections to regional transportation services. Burbank Bus is an affordable, eco-friendly ride. Adult one-way fare is one dollar, and our entire fleet operates on clean-burning natural gas.

Bicycle:

If you will be living close to the campus but do not want to purchase/rent a vehicle, a bicycle (or "bike") is another option and can easily be acquired once you are here. Bikes can be purchased at a store (**Target** or **Sports Chalet**) or online (**Amazon** or **Overstock**) and delivered to your residence.

NOTE: Please remember to check the distance from your chosen apartment to our main campus (3300 W. Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA, 91505) in order to ensure you are able to travel to/from with your given transportation.

Apartments

Parc Pointe

(1.3 miles/2.1 km from NYFA)
620 North Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-842-0318

<http://www.anchorpacifica.com/properties/2/parc-pointe-apartments.html>

AVA Burbank

(0.8 miles/1.4 km from NYFA)
401 N. Pass Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-238-9300

<http://www.avaburbank.com>

Toluca Terrace

(1 mile/1.6 km from NYFA)
333 N. Screenland Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-842-9999

<http://www.tolucaterrace.com>

Oaks Apartments

(1 mile/1.6 km from NYFA)
330 N. Screenland Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-846-1476

<http://www.anchorpacifica.com/properties/24/oaks-apartments.html>

Valley Apartments

(0.7 miles/1.1 km from NYFA)
230 N. Valley St.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-846-0159

<http://www.anchorpacifica.com/properties/4/valley-apartments.html>

Classic Apartments

(0.3 miles/0.5 km from NYFA)
3417 W. Alameda Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-846-2662

<http://classic-apartments.com/contact.html>

Apartments

Kenwood Mews

(0.9 miles/1.4 km from NYFA)
230 N. Kenwood St.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-567-4639

<http://www.equityapartments.com>

Brighton Vista

(1.5 miles/2.5 km from NYFA)
222 N. Buena Vista St.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-840-0628

<http://www.brightonvistaapartments.com>

Toluca Hills Apartments by Avalon

(1.6 miles/2.6 km from NYFA)
3600 Barham Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90068

PHONE: 877-935-4586

<http://www.avaloncommunities.com/california/los-angeles-apartments/toluca-hills-apartments-by-avalon>

Toluca Place

(1 mile/1.6 km from NYFA)
10231 Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-763-4341

<http://www.tolucaplace.com>

Montgomery Apartments

(1.8 miles/2.8 km from NYFA)
4205 Cahuenga Blvd.
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

PHONE: 818-509-1663

<http://www.themontgomeryonline.com>

Avalon Studio City

(2.7 miles/4.3 km from NYFA)
10979 Bluffside Dr.
Studio City, CA 91602

PHONE: 866-217-6373

<http://www.avaloncommunities.com/california/studio-city-apartments/avalon-studio-city>

Hotels

- BURBANK -

Best Western Plus Media Center Inn

(0.6 miles/1 km from NYFA)
3910 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-842-1900

http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/US/CA/Burbank-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Media-Center-Inn---Suites/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=05631&cm_mmc=PTI_-_local_-_feed_-_05631

Tangerine Hotel

(0.6 miles/1 km from NYFA)
3901 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-843-1121

<http://www.tangerinehotel.com>

Hotel Amarano

(0.8 miles/1.3 km to NYFA)
322 North Pass Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-842-8887

<http://www.hotelamarano.com>

Safari Inn

(1.8 miles/2.9 km to NYFA)
1911 West Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91506

PHONE: 818-845-8586

<http://www.safariburbank.com>

Travelodge

(1.9 miles/3.1 km to NYFA)
1112 North Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-845-2408

http://www.travelodge.com/hotels/california/burbank/travelodge-burbank-glendale/hotel-overview?reg=Local_-_all_-_TL_-_all&cid=IP_Local&wid=local&iata=00065402

Hotels

- UNIVERSAL CITY -

Universal Hilton

(2.6 miles/4.2 km from NYFA)
555 Universal Hollywood Dr.
Universal City, CA 91608

PHONE: 818-506-2500

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/hilton-los-angeles-universal-city-BURUCHF/index.html>

Universal Sheraton

(2.6 miles/4.2 km from NYFA)
333 Universal Hollywood Dr.
Universal City, CA 91608

PHONE: 818-980-1212

<http://www.sheratonuniversal.com>

Tilt Hotel

(2.1 miles/3.4 km from NYFA)
3241 Cahuenga Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90068

PHONE: 323-845-1600

<https://www.choicehotels.com/california/los-angeles/ascend-hotels/cad46?source=gglocalai1>

- STUDIO CITY -

The BLVD Hotel & Spa

(2.5 miles/4.1 km from NYFA)
10730 Ventura Boulevard
Studio City, CA 91604

PHONE: 888-885-2583

<http://www.theblvdhotel.com>

The Garland

(3 miles/4.9 km from NYFA)
4222 Vineland Ave.
North Hollywood, CA 91602

PHONE: 818-980-8000

<http://thegarland.com>

Groceries

Grocery / Super Markets near NYFA

Vons

(0.8 miles/1.2 km from NYFA)
301 North Pass Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-841-0123

<http://www.vons.com>

Trader Joe's

(0.9 miles/1.4 km from NYFA)
10130 Riverside Dr.
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

PHONE: 818-762-2787

<http://www.traderjoes.com>

Smart & Final

(2.0 miles/3.2 km from NYFA)
3708 W. Burbank Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-562-3234

<http://www.smartandfinal.com>

Ralphs

(2.8 miles/4.6 km from NYFA)
10901 Ventura Blvd.
Studio City, CA 91604

PHONE: 818-760-7008

<http://www.ralphs.com>

Pavilions

(1.8 miles/3.0 km from NYFA)
1110 W. Alameda Ave.
Burbank, CA 91506

PHONE: 818-567-0257

<http://www.pavilions.com>

Sprouts

(3.4 miles/5.5 km from NYFA)
1011 N. San Fernando Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91504

PHONE: 818-566-4089

<https://www.sprouts.com>

Food

Restaurants near NYFA

Olive & Thyme

(0.6 miles/950 m from NYFA)
4013 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-557-1560

<http://www.oliveandthyme.com>

Gindi Thai Restaurant / Sushi / Bar

(0.6 miles/950 m from NYFA)
4017 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-567-1221

<http://www.gindithai.com>

Don Cuco

(0.6 miles/1 km from NYFA)
3911 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-842-1123

<http://www.doncuco.com>

Bob's Big Boy

(0.5 miles/900 m from NYFA)
4211 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-843-9334

<http://www.bobs.net>

Umami Burger

(0.5 miles/900 m from NYFA)
4300 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-433-3680

<http://www.umami.com>

Lemonade

(0.7 miles/1.2 km from NYFA)
4400 Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-841-3900

<http://www.lemonadela.com>

Food

Restaurants near NYFA

Smoke House

(0.8 miles/1.2 km from NYFA)

4420 Lakeside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-845-3731

<http://www.smokehouse1946.com>

Ciao Cristina

(0.5 miles/800 m from NYFA)

4201 West Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-563-2426

<http://www.ciaocristinapizza.com>

El Carpintero Mexican Restaurant

(0.5 miles/800 m from NYFA)

4109 West Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-566-4093

<http://www.burbankmexicanfoodrestaurant.com>

Chipotle

(0.6 miles/950 m from NYFA)

4012 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-561-2004

<http://www.chipotle.com>

Reno's Pizzeria

(0.6 miles/950 m from NYFA)

4006 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-843-8550

<http://www.renospr.com>

Subway

(0.6 miles/950 m from NYFA)

4002 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-848-4644

<http://www.subway.com>

Food

Restaurants near NYFA

The Counter

(0.5 miles/900 m from NYFA)

10123 Riverside Dr.
North Hollywood, CA 91602

PHONE: 818-509-1881

https://www.facebook.com/TheCounterTL?_rdr=p

Boston Market

(0.6 miles/1 km from NYFA)

4320 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-238-9300

<http://www.bostonmarket.com>

Arde's Bistro

(0.5 miles/900 m from NYFA)

4315 West Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-729-8463

<http://www.ardebistro.com>

Togo's

(0.8 miles/1.3 km from NYFA)

353 North Pass Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-557-8526

<http://www.togos.com>

Bea Bea's

(0.8 miles/1.3 km from NYFA)

353 North Pass Ave.
Burbank, CA 91505

PHONE: 818-843-9334

<http://beabeas.com>

Sweetsalt Food Shop

(0.5 miles/900 m from NYFA)

10218 Riverside Dr.
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

PHONE: 818-509-7790

<http://www.sweetsaltfood.com>

Buying vs. Leasing a vehicle

There is no universal "right or wrong" answer in determining whether to lease or buy a vehicle. The decision depends on your own situation and a variety of circumstances. To help with your decision between leasing and buying a vehicle, it's important to consider the pros and cons for each option.

Pros of Buying (New or Used)

- Eventual ownership, freeing you from monthly payments
- After the vehicle is paid off, you're free to sell it at any time
- You do not have to worry about mileage limits or minor mishaps (like spilled coffee stains on carpeting)
- You're free to modify and/or accessorize the vehicle
- Insurance costs are generally lower than leased vehicles

Cons of Buying (New or Used)

- Monthly payments are higher than those of a leased vehicle
- Dealers typically require a hefty down payment
- Rapid depreciation, diminishing the vehicle's resale value
- With extended use you can expect to incur repair bills

Pros of Leasing

- Substantially lower monthly payments
- Down payments, if at all, are typically small
- No up-front sales tax fees or depreciation concerns
- Even with a low/no credit rating some leasing companies will still be willing to work with you

Cons of Leasing

- Higher insurance premiums
- Penalties for exceeding allotted miles. This generally ranges between 15 to 25 cents per extra mile
- Wear and tear fees, creating heightened concern when traveling with pets or small children

Ultimately, the decision will depend upon your specific situation, but being informed and weighing your options should help you find the best value for the vehicle you want.

California Driver's License

A California (or another U.S. State) Driver's License is required for driving in the United States. It is also required to purchase a car and obtain auto insurance.

International Driving Permit/License

The State of California **does not** recognize an International Driving Permit (IDP) as a valid driver license. The International Driver's Permit is also referred to as an International Driver's License or International License.

How to obtain a CDL (California Driver's License)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website outlines the process of obtaining a California Driver's License. The steps include a written and driving skills test administered by the DMV. The **California Driver's Handbook** is the best resource to help you prepare for these tests (http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/hdbk/driver_handbook_toc.htm).

Obtaining a California Identification Card

A California driver's license is the primary form of identification, but International students and scholars who do not drive can obtain a California Identification (ID) card instead. The DMV website offers detailed guidelines on obtaining an ID card.

Students on OPT (Optional Practical Training)

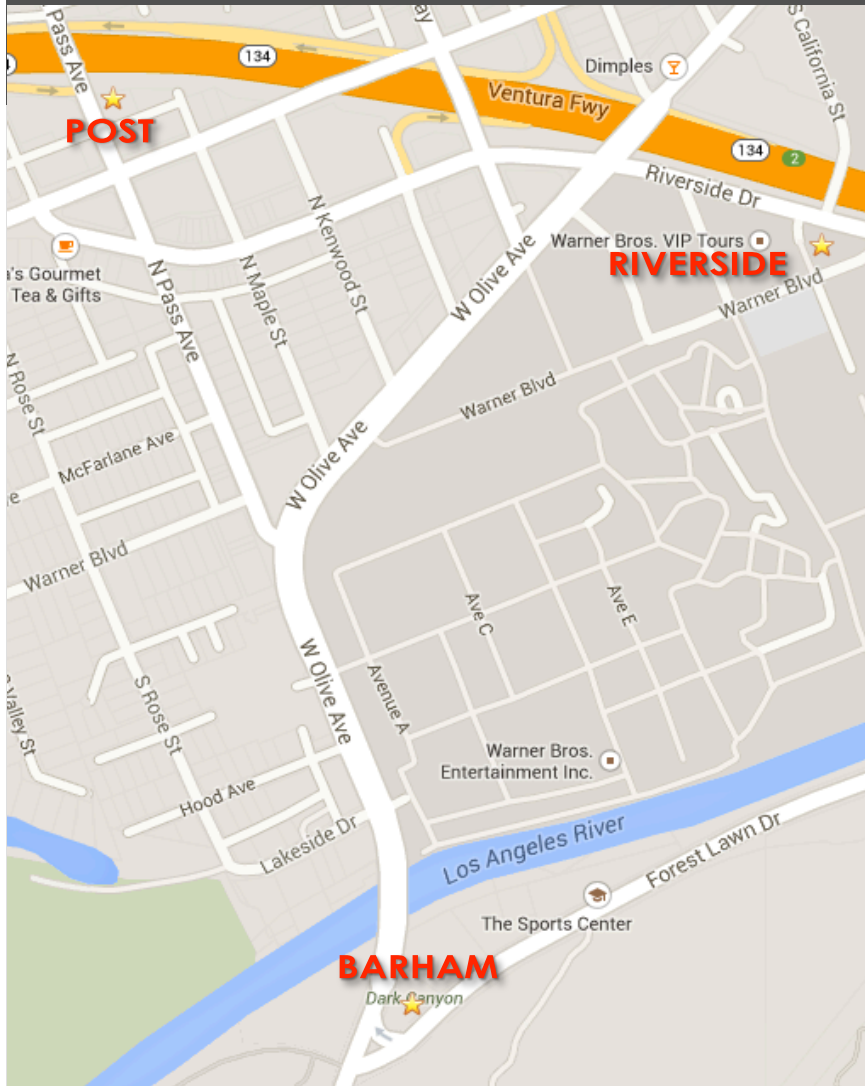
Students on OPT who wish to renew their driver's license are required to obtain a Social Security Number (SSN). Without a SSN, the DMV will not approve of the driver's license extension. First, take your EAD card and F-1 documents to the Social Security Office to get a SSN. Then take your SSN, EAD card and F-1 documents to the DMV to obtain a license.

You must also wait until the *start date* on your EAD card to submit your driver's license application for it to be accepted.

For more information about a Driver's License / Identification Card, please visit the California's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website

<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv/dl>

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Riverside Building
3300 W. Riverside Dr.
Burbank, CA 91505

Barham Building
3800 Barham Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91505

Post Production
100 E. Tujunga Ave.
Burbank, CA 91502

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818.333.3558

Emergency Services

In an emergency, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately from any wired or wireless phone.

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime, especially if in progress
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
- A medical emergency, such as someone who is unconscious, gasping for air or not breathing, experiencing an allergic reaction, having chest pain, having uncontrollable bleeding, or any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention

IMPORTANT: If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 911 and letting the call-taker determine whether you need emergency help.

When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the call-taker's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly.

Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives you. Many 911 centers can tell you exactly what to do to help in an emergency until help arrives, such as providing step-by-step instructions to aid someone who is choking or needs first aid or CPR.

Finally, do not hang up until the call-taker instructs you to.

If you dial 911 by mistake, or if a child in your home dials 911 when no emergency exists, do not hang up—that could make 911 officials think that an emergency exists, and possibly send responders to your location. Instead, simply explain to the call-taker what happened.

Hospitals / Medical Services

Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center

501 S. Buena Vista St.
Burbank, CA

PHONE: 818-843-5111

Hours: Open 24 hours

EMERGENCY ROOM & SERVICES

RapidCare Urgent Care Center

1130 West Olive Ave.
Burbank, CA 91506

PHONE: 818-843-8555

www.rapidcaregroup.com

Non-emergency services

Hollywood Community Hospital

6245 De Longpre Ave.
Los Angeles, CA

PHONE: 323-462-2271

www.hollywoodcommunityhospital.org

EMERGENCY ROOM & SERVICES

Hollywood Walk-in Clinic

6430 Selma Ave.

Hollywood, CA 90028

PHONE: 323-848-4522

www.hollywoodclinic.net

Non-emergency services

Los Angeles Free Clinic

6043 Hollywood Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90028

PHONE: 323-653-1990

www.thesabanfreeclinic.org

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