Finding a Roommate

The first and best place to begin your search is the UCSB Community Housing listings website at www.housing.ucsb.edu. You can advertise yourself as a roommate available or advertise vacant space in your rental unit. You can also visit our office personally, call 893-4371 or e-mail us at ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu.

Discussion Topics

How much can each of you afford to pay for an apartment? Don’t forget to include the cost of monthly utilities in this amount.

How will deposits and monthly joint bills be paid? These include security and utility deposits, internet, cable television, gas, and electric bills. You will need to determine how to split the utility bills.

How will you handle the general cleaning responsibilities? It is important to agree upon who will clean what and how often. Also discuss what “clean” means to each of you to make sure your expectations are in agreement.

How do you feel about overnight guests? Consider both the dating type of guest and the little sister/high school friend type of guest.

Do you like to cook? Do you prefer to eat together or separately? Do you want to share food expenses or shop separately?

How much privacy do you need? Do you need a private bedroom?