

# College success: Independent living resources

*Need resources on how to transition to living independently? Use this toolkit to explore various systems of support on-campus and in the community.*

## Housing

Need support with finding off-campus housing? Have general questions about signing a lease, being a good neighbor, or making the most of your off-campus living experience? [Fresno State's Student Involvement](#) is here to support you! Use the following website to get your questions answered:  
<https://studentaffairs.fresnostate.edu/studentinvolvement/programs/commuter-nontraditional-students/livingoffcampus.html>.



## Transportation

Living off-campus and needing support getting to school? Explore Fresno County's various public transportation options:

### Fresno

FAX: Fresno State has a unique partnership with Fresno Area Express (FAX). With your Fresno State student ID, you are able to receive free bus rides to get you around Fresno and to campus. For route information please visit: [fresno.gov/transportation/fax/routes/](https://fresno.gov/transportation/fax/routes/).

FresnoHOP: FresnoHOP is a new, free transportation available for exploring Fresno's vibrant nightlife. Operation hours are Thursdays from 5 PM to 12 AM and Friday through Saturday from 5 PM to 1 AM. This new route connects Fresno States' Campus Pointe to the Brewery District, Cultural Arts District, Tower District and Fresno City College. For more information please visit: [fresno.gov/transportation/fresnohop/](https://fresno.gov/transportation/fresnohop/).

### Clovis

If you are a Clovis resident and complete the Round Up Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) application, you may be eligible to use the Clovis RoundUp transportation bus service. For more information please visit: <https://clovistransit.com/paratransit/>.

### Visalia

If you are a Visalia resident, you are eligible to use the V-Line to get to campus for a small fee. For more information, and to see a bus schedule, please visit: <https://ridevline.com/schedule/>.

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## **Budgeting**

Fresno State's Money Management Center is a great, free resource that helps students understand budgeting, credit, and debt management. You can reach them at [moneycenter@csufresno.edu](mailto:moneycenter@csufresno.edu) or 559-278-1222.

## **Food**

### *University Dining Hall*

The University Dining Hall (UDH) has a variety of daily meal options with breakfast, lunch and dinner offered during the week, with brunch and dinner on the weekends. Commuter Meal Plans are designed for students that want the convenience of having a meal plan similar to students who live on campus. There are three (3) meal plans that range from 10 to 50 meals per semester.

### *Student Cupboard*

The Fresno State Student Cupboard is a free food and hygiene pantry for current Fresno State students, located in the Industrial Technology building, room 144. The Student Cupboard is open 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday. They can also help you create an application for CalFresh, a nutrition assistance program that helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need.

## **On-Campus**

### *Study Areas and Computer Labs*

Across the campus, there are a variety of different study areas to provide students with quiet spaces to do their scholarly work. A few indoor options include the Henry Madden Library, Resnick Student Union, and Student Rec Center 2nd Floor Lounge. A few outdoor options include the Conley Art Patio, Science II Courtyard, and Peters Business Courtyard.

In addition, the Library offers computers for use as well as study areas that can be reserved. For more information about the Library's resources, visit their website at <https://library.fresnostate.edu/>.

### *Safety Escorts and SCOUT Program*

Call 559-278-8400 or locate an emergency phone to request a safety escort. Radio-equipped, uniformed, and trained safety escorts will accompany persons to their destinations on campus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Traffic Operations, in conjunction with Services for Students with Disabilities, operates a program similar to a bus system for students with disabilities on campus. Please sign up for the Scout Program with Services for Students with Disabilities, located in the Library, 1st floor, South Wing, Suite 1202.

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