



# International Living Center



## The ILC experience...



"When I found out about the ILC on a campus tour I knew I wanted to live there, and living here now is far better than anything I could have imagined. I love having arguments with my British flatmate about the proper spelling of "color" and sitting at the dining hall for hours with a continuous flow of ILC people. It sounds cheesy but living here means being part of a family, a very big, international family."

Lauren Jaffe O'Malley  
US Student

"As an international student, I applied to the ILC because I wanted my year to be a time of confrontation between my and other people's cultures. I was hoping this time to be filled with new experiences and discussions. After 6 months spent at the ILC, my expectations are more than fulfilled. I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. The focus on community here allows to get to know people and to make friends quickly. I travelled with them and experienced the campus life that was totally new to me. The ILC so far has been an amazing experience."



Léo Epstein  
International EAP Student (France)

"Living at the ILC is very nerve racking to start with. It starts on a beautiful day when everyone is anxious and a bit nervous, but as soon as you throw yourself into it everything is new, exciting and a lot of fun! That's why I love living at the ILC."



Sameer Saleh  
Transfer Student

## How to apply to live at the ILC

### International Students

You must first request an affiliation with College Nine or College Ten through the Admissions Office. Once you have been affiliated with College Nine or College Ten, you will receive information from the Campus Housing Office that will direct you to complete your online housing application and supplemental ILC questions. After you complete your application, you will receive an email from the ILC Staff letting you know whether you have been placed into the ILC.

### Current UCSC Students

You must complete a housing application for either College Nine or College Ten. Be sure to fill out the accompanying supplemental ILC questions. After you complete your application, you will receive an email from the ILC Staff letting you know whether you have been placed into the ILC. Space in the ILC is limited, so first-year students are not accepted.

### Contact Us

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# ILC



## A Unique Lifestyle

Located in the College Nine and College Ten Apartments, the ILC houses approximately 100 students, half of whom are US students seeking a degree from UCSC, and half of whom are international exchange students. Each apartment houses between four and six students in a mixture of singles and triples.

The ILC offers a unique living and learning environment that fosters understanding, cooperation, and friendship among people from different nations, cultures, and backgrounds. During the recent academic year, we had students from 30 different countries living in the ILC.

A strong community of lifetime friendships forms quickly among residents living and learning together.



## More than just a place to live...

There is a wide range of activities at the ILC and never a shortage of things to do. Some of the activities include:

- **Culture Nights** – a chance for residents of a particular nationality, religion, culture, background, tribe, or identity to share a small piece of their culture with the rest of the ILC community.
- **International Affairs Group** – a student-run group that looks at political and social issues from around the world.
- **Off-Campus Adventures** – includes camping, amusement parks, historical sites, shopping areas, professional sport events, local attractions, surf lessons, etc.
- **Activities and Social Opportunities** – includes ping-pong tournaments, potlucks, movie-nights, trivia contests, BBQs, soccer games, world-cup and super bowl parties, art nights – and much much more.
- **Intercultural Understanding Course** – is a 2-unit course offered through the ILC, which provides an opportunity to enhance the intercultural experience, increase cultural competency, promote further understanding, and examine the various trends facing a uniquely diverse community.

## Facilities & Services

Each fully furnished smoke-free apartment includes a kitchen, living room, bathroom and either a private balcony or a patio space. Apartments typically hold four to six students, and those students can either have their own single-occupancy room or share a triple-occupancy room with two other students.



## Located in or near the ILC for resident use are:

- Recreation lounges with large-screen television, DVD players, pool tables, ping-pong tables, air hockey tables
- Study lounges and meeting rooms equipped with wireless internet
- Classrooms, campus bookstore, libraries, and mailrooms
- Dining centers and university restaurants
- Laundry facilities
- Miles of hiking trails through a redwood nature preserve
- Easy access to the campus shuttle system and to Santa Cruz Metro

## Benefits for international students:

- Share a fully furnished flat with US students.
- Orientation and welcome activities to assist with transition to the University and United States.
- Special access to College Nine and College Ten academic advisers for assistance with academic schedules or other course-related issues.
- Support from International Peer Advisors (IPAs), who are UCSC students living in the ILC and who have been specially trained in cross-cultural communication and community development.
- Special ILC-Only programs, such as excursions, cultural nights, language nights, social activities, etc.