



LOS ANGELES

HOUSING INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

RESIDENCE LIFE at Semester in Los Angeles

Students enrolled in Columbia College Chicago's Semester in Los Angeles program (SiLA) are offered housing at Park La Brea, a 160-acre gated community in the Miracle Mile district of Los Angeles. It's centrally located, about three miles from the SiLA classrooms and offices at Raleigh Studios, and offers easy access to museums, shopping, entertainment and public transportation.

Typically, students share a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment. That means four students per apartment. Single rooms within the two-bedroom apartment may be available at an additional cost, though may not qualify for financial aid. Check your eligibility with Student Financial Services if you are choosing to reside in a single room.

Housing is offered for a full semester: Fall, Spring and Summer. While building community and full immersion are cornerstones of the SiLA experience, SiLA students are not required to participate in housing.

PARK LA BREA

6200 West Third Street
Los Angeles CA 90036

Park La Brea is a large complex with lush grounds, outdoor cafes, two swimming pools, gym and numerous parks. Unlike a traditional dorm situation, Park La Brea does not have exclusive floors set aside for students. Instead, SiLA students will be living side-by-side with other residents.

Each apartment has a full kitchen, two full bathrooms, two bedrooms, plus living and dining areas. It is fully furnished, including cookware, kitchenware, linens and towels. Utilities, internet and cable television are included, and washers/dryers are located in the basement of each building. Visit www.colum.edu/sila for a list of all amenities.

Reserved parking spaces are provided for students that choose to have a car.

Park La Brea has its own 24-hour security patrol which works hand-in-hand with the full-time SiLA Program Manager who resides at Park La Brea. Each apartment also includes an emergency Earthquake Kit provided by SiLA. This includes water containers and a backpack with the necessary supplies to sustain four people for approximately three days.

COSTS

Housing costs cover a full academic semester. Housing, tuition, and fees will be combined on your Columbia College Chicago account statement. Therefore, you will not receive a separate bill for housing. To read about Columbia College Chicago's payment plan options go to www.colum.edu/paymentplan. Visit www.colum.edu/sila for current prices.

MEALS

There is no meal plan for Park La Brea. You are expected to purchase and/or prepare your own food in your kitchen. All kitchenware, including utensils, are included and apartments have full-size refrigerators, ovens, microwaves, garbage disposals and dishwashers. There are numerous grocery stores including Ralphs, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods within walking distance.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

Renter's insurance is not required, however, Columbia College Chicago strongly suggests all occupants have their own renter's insurance listing their Park La Brea address as their residence. Renter's insurance is not included in the housing cost and would have to be purchased individually through your insurance company of choice. Columbia College Chicago's policy does not cover damage or loss to a student's personal property.

FINES AND FEES

Students may incur additional fines and fees outside of the Columbia College Chicago Housing Contract to cover charges imposed by Park La Brea, including:

Moving activity outside of permitted hours: \$200.00
Lockout fee: \$35
Lost Room key: \$2.50
Garage Key Card (if not returned at check-out): \$5.00
Parking Tickets: \$25-\$35

You may also be charged by Columbia College Chicago for cleaning fees and damages caused to your unit throughout the course of the semester if your unit is not returned in the same condition as when you arrived. Refer to the Housing Contract for more details.

You will be fined \$150 if you miss the mandatory PLB Orientation meeting, as we cover important emergency and safety information.

If you would like access to the pool and/or gym you can sign up at the Pool Office. The cost is approximately \$40/month billed to you individually and you will be required to pay a \$25 deposit for the access card. The deposit will be returned when the card is returned.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COSTS AND PAYMENTS

You have three primary options to cover your tuition and fees and housing costs for your Semester in LA experience:

- Secure adequate financial aid to cover the costs
- Pay your bill in full by the payment deadline for the term
- Sign up for a payment plan through CCCPay (www.colum.edu/paymentplan)

Many students use a combination of these options to cover their expenses. For example, you could secure financial aid for part of the expenses and then sign up for a payment plan to cover the remainder.

If you sign a housing contract for Park La Brea after the payment deadline for the term, you will have seven days to secure additional financial aid to cover the costs, make payment in full for the additional costs, or increase the amount of your payment plan.

Columbia reserves the right to cancel your course schedule and your housing contract at Park La Brea if you fail to comply with the payment policy.

Student Financial Services can assist you in making a plan to cover the full cost of your Semester in LA experience. SFS can be reached at 866-705-0200.

HOUSING ASSISTANT

Semester in LA offers the opportunity for qualified residents to apply to be a Housing Assistant; one resident is selected per semester. This student will receive a partial housing scholarship to offset the cost in exchange for organizing resident activities, assisting with check-in / check-out, and handling minor requests and tasks related to student housing. You must be available 2-3 days before check-in and stay 2-3 days after check-out. This opportunity is supervised by the Program Manager. If you are interested in applying to be a Housing Assistant you must indicate so on your Housing Application.

APPLYING FOR SiLA HOUSING

SiLA students who do not have family in the Los Angeles metro area within a commutable distance are encouraged to live at Park La Brea. It is part of the immersive experience of Semester in LA. However, housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis until full

occupancy is achieved. Although every effort is made to accommodate your requests, the College cannot guarantee building preferences or roommate preferences.

1. Visit the SiLA Student Dashboard and complete the Housing Application.
2. If you are approved for housing, you will receive access to a Housing Contract on your SiLA Student Dashboard. This is a legally binding agreement which must be signed and returned by the due date listed with your \$500 prepayment. Your prepayment is applied toward your semester housing charges.

***Important Note:** Your \$500 prepayment is refundable only if the College is unable to offer a housing assignment to you.

3. If you are approved for housing, you will receive access to a Roommate Questionnaire on your SiLA Student Dashboard. This questionnaire supports us in assigning room placements. This must be filled out and submitted by the due date listed in order for your preferences to be considered. If you are requesting a specific roommate (i.e. you and a friend wish to room together), your requests must be mutual. We cannot guarantee roommate requests.
4. Your room assignment and the name of your roommate will be sent to you as soon as possible, but not later than 1 week before your move-in date. Students are assigned to a specific apartment, not a specific bedroom.

If you have further questions, you can contact Michelle West, Program Manager, at the Semester in LA office at mwest@colum.edu or (323) 960-8020.