

Cost Comparison

LIVING ON CAMPUS VS OFF CAMPUS



University of
La Verne

Housing and
Residential Life

It's not where you live, it's where you belong.

We believe that living on campus offers college students the best possible environment to maximize their collegiate experience and to grow personally, socially, and academically. Being at the center of campus life allows students to build meaningful relationships, participate in events and organizations, and take full advantage of the resources designed to support their success. With classrooms, libraries, dining facilities, and student services just steps away, students can spend less time commuting and more time focusing on their goals and engaging with their community.

Living on campus also encourages personal growth and independence. Sharing space with peers helps students develop important life skills such as communication, responsibility, and time management, while fostering a strong sense of belonging. The following graphics and examples highlight what both on-campus and off-campus living have to offer and demonstrate why choosing to live on campus can enrich the overall college experience.

Cost of Living On Campus vs. an Off Campus Apartment

Expenses (Per Month)	On Campus	Off Campus Apartment in La Verne	Off Campus Apartment in La Verne with Roommate
Rent	\$843 (Citrus Double)	\$2,495 (Apt. 1 Bed)	\$1,248 (Apt. 1 Bed)
Food/ Meals	\$ 595 (10 meal plan)	\$280 (Groceries purchased and cooked at home)	\$280 (Groceries purchased and cooked at home)
Parking/ Gas (Car)	\$0 - \$100 for Gas \$0 for Parking	\$100 - \$150 for Gas \$100 - \$200 for Parking	\$50 - \$75 for Gas (carpool) \$50 - \$100 for Parking (carpool/ share car)
Water	\$0	\$40 - \$100	\$20 - \$50
Garbage	\$0	\$50 - \$75	\$25 - \$38
Electricity	\$0	\$ 150 - \$250	\$75 - \$125
Wi-Fi / Internet	\$0	\$35-\$50	\$18 - \$25
Gas/ Heating	\$0	\$150 -\$300	\$75- \$150
Total Cost per Month (without furniture)	\$1438	\$3,400- 3,900	\$1,841- \$2,091
One-time purchase of furniture (Ikea)	\$0	\$1228 (bedroom set and couch)	\$868 (bedroom set with additional twin bed and couch)
Total Cost per Academic Year (10 months)*	\$14,380	\$35,228 - \$40,228	\$19,278- \$21,778

*In addition students living on campus are eligible for institutional aid (on average between \$2,000 - 4,000 an academic year)

Sources are at the bottom of the following page.

Summary Comparison for Living On Campus vs. Off Campus

Factor to Consider	Living On Campus at the University of La Verne	Living Off Campus
Requirements to Apply	Must be an enrolled student at University of La Verne. Application fee is \$125.	Credit Check, Security Deposit, First Month Rent, and Co-Signer may be needed.
Leases	Leases are over 10-month period. Students are able to cancel lease if: a) no longer attending school; b) gets married or has a child; c) has a documented personal hardship (health or financial). If one student cancels, no one else in their room/ suite is affected.	Leasing terms vary from month-to-month to 12-months. Very difficult to break leases (regardless of student's status changes) and consequences are financially severe. Group of individuals rent the apartment. If one student leaves, remaining students are responsible to cover the rent and lease.
Financial Aid	Students Living on Campus will have Institutional Aid.	Students Living Off Campus may need to consider Credit Check and Cosigner Approval for Application Approval, furniture costs, apartment deposit, etc.
Interpersonal Conflict	Professional housing and campus security staff are available to help students resolve conflicts.	Student must resolve conflict on their own. If they can't resolve conflict, may need to cancel lease and face penalties.
Safety	Professional live-in staff available 24/7: 365 days. Campus Safety Officers available 24/7: 365 days. La Verne Police Station located next to campus	Possible security guard
Repairs/Cleaning	Custodial staff clean public areas and shared restrooms everyday. Maintenance staff available to assist students with basic needs.	Students are responsible for cleaning apartment/ living area. If something in the apartment breaks, student may need to pay for fixing.
Convenience	Closer to classes, library, and activities in residential halls and dining hall.	Additional time spent parking and walking to class/ activities.

Living On Campus at ULV vs. Other Universities

University	Cost of Living On Campus and Dining Per Year
University of La Verne *	\$12,380*
Private University in Orange County	\$18,898
Private University in Los Angeles County	\$21,145
Private University in San Bernardino County	\$19,317
Private University in Los Angeles County	\$22,099
Public University in Los Angeles County	\$19,488
Public University in Orange County	\$20,148
Public University in Los Angeles County	\$20,896
Public University in Orange County	\$20,242
Public University in San Bernardino County	\$15,916

*Students who live on-campus are eligible for a Community Engagement Grant in the amount of \$2,000-\$4,000 for the academic year to help offset on-campus housing costs. Your specific amount awarded to you will be based upon your financial need, which is determined by the Office of Financial Aid.

Data comes from Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and is increased 3% per academic year

Living On Campus at ULV vs. Other Universities

University	Cost of Living On Campus and Dining Per Year
Average Cost of Private University in Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino County	\$20,365
Average Cost of Public University in Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino County	\$19,338
University of La Verne	\$12,380*

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