Who is eligible to live in on-campus housing?
California Baptist University generally requires single students less than twenty-one (21) years of age, or who receive institutional scholarship in excess of $5,000 per academic year, to live on campus. Exceptions are made for those living with parents, a legal guardian(s), or approved relatives. Resident students must be PRE-ENROLLED in a minimum of twelve (12) undergraduate units to be eligible to live in on-campus housing. Housing Exemption Request Forms are available in the Residence Life Office.

In order to be eligible to apply for traditional student housing, students must be a single, undergraduate student enrolled at California Baptist University in twelve (12) units or more.

Every current resident who wishes to live on campus for the fall 2008 semester must complete the Online Housing Application process in its entirety.

What is the housing deposit?
All on-campus residents are required to have a housing deposit on file. Housing deposit amounts are based on the amounts listed in the university catalogue for the time of admission or re-admission. Most residents currently living on-campus already have a housing deposit on file. If you do not, you will need to pay the deposit before you can live on campus. Any student desiring to live on campus for the first time will need to stop by the Residence Life Office to complete a housing application, pay the deposit and sign a Student Housing Agreement.

How much does it cost?
The costs for housing are the same regardless of the residential area that you live in. Specific costs associated with on-campus housing offered by California Baptist University for 2008-2009 can be found online at www.calbaptist.edu/newfees. All on-campus, single, traditional residents are required to have a minimum meal plan of 10 meals per week. It is the residents’ responsibility to understand the costs associated with living on-campus.

Will I use the online process again?
Yes, this year, like last year, all housing assignments will be made by way of the online Housing Reservation System. You will be able to access the Housing Reservation System from any computer with a working Internet connection. All information will be sent to your LancerMail account.

How do I use the online reservation system?
See the Online Housing Sign-Up Information Sheet, which contains more information regarding the online system. You can find this information on InsideCBU or in the Residence Life Office.

How will I learn what is going on?
All correspondence relating to the Housing Reservation System will be sent your LancerMail account. All website links will be listed in the appropriate emails. In preparation for this, each student should be able to access their LancerMail account and ensure that their account has not exceeded its limit. Contact IT at ext 4444 or in James room 150 with problems. There will also be a few Housing Information Meetings that you can attend in order to get your questions answered. Check with your RD for the times and dates of these meetings.

When can I reserve a room?
The online Housing Reservation System will be open April 2-18. Current resident students who have pre-registered as single, undergraduate students for the fall 2008 semester can log into the Housing Reservation System from any active Internet connection. Your login date and access code will be sent to your LancerMail account once you have electronically signed the 2008-2009 Student Housing Agreement. The reservation system closes at 11:59 PM on Friday, April 18, 2008.

How many are living in each apartment?
The occupancy for apartments is 5 students for a two-bedroom apartment, 3 students for a one-bedroom apartment and 2 students for a junior one-bedroom apartment or studio apartment.

What if I am or my prospective roommate is a graduate or DCP student?
All on campus housing at California Baptist University is reserved for single, traditional undergraduate students. Graduate and DCP students are not permitted to apply for a traditional assignment.
What if I want to live with a group of friends?
The online Housing Reservation System allows a group of students (up to 5 total) to select a room/apartment. Group members may sign up individually for the same room/apartment or may choose to give their access codes to one student in the group and that student, acting as the group leader, may select a room/apartment for the group. Using the “Group Leader” method is recommended. Once a room/apartment has been selected, an email will be sent to each member of the group.

What if I can’t find a roommate for next fall?
You may choose to go through the online Housing Reservation System as an individual. You will be able to reserve a space for yourself in any vacant room or apartment.

I want to live in the Cottages, how does that work?
Next year the Cottages will house primarily freshman and transfers. There will be a limited number of spaces for returning students in the cottages, and those spaces will be available on a first come basis. Returning students who wish to live in the cottages will need to sign up in groups of 2.

What if I want to room with a new or transfer student?
Applicants may request to live with a specific new or transfer student, providing the new or transfer student meets all admissions and housing eligibility requirements. Any new student or transfer student must be officially accepted to the university and have a housing application and housing deposit on file before they will be eligible to receive a housing assignment. Specific names must be given and requests must be mutual. Assignments for new or transfer students who have not registered by July 1, 2008 will be dropped and vacancies will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Residents are advised to choose their roommates wisely.

What if my roommate does not return next semester?
In the event that your roommate does not return for the fall semester, Residence Life staff will fill the vacancy with any eligible resident. Residents are advised to choose their roommates wisely.

There are no more apartments available for my group!
If there are no apartments available for you or your group then you may choose to resize your group or be placed on a Waiting List. Residence Life staff will then attempt to place your group as a whole in a room/apartment. If no space is available to accommodate your group size, you may be split up in order to make an assignment. You will receive a confirmation email once an assignment has been made.

What if I want to change my assignment?
Students have the ability to remove themselves from an assignment/group. This feature allows a student to go through the assignment process again to select another assignment or to be part of another group. A group leader also has the ability to remove their entire group from an assignment or to remove members of their group. Simply re-login to the housing reservation system and follow the instructions. Please note that once you remove yourself or your group from an assignment, there is no guarantee that same space or any space will be available for you.

How will I know if someone leaves our group/assignment or if I have been removed from a group?
Once a student removes himself/herself from an assignment or group, all group members, current and former, will receive an email indicating a student has removed themselves from their assignment/group. If the group leader removes a student from the group or assignment, all members of the group will receive an email indicating the change.

What if I am not returning for the fall semester?
First of all, DON’T SIGN UP! You only harm those you sign up with! If, however, you do sign up for housing but later find you will not return for the fall semester you must notify the Residence Life, in writing, no later than June 30, 2008. Assigned residents who fail to notify the Campus Life Office by this date forfeit their Housing Deposit.

Are private rooms available?
At this time we do not anticipate offering private rooms for 2008-2009.

I have a question that wasn’t answered!
Stop by the Residence Life Office, call us at (951) 552-8000, or email housing@calbaptist.edu if you have questions.