



Alliant
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FRESNO
CAMPUS

RELOCATION
GUIDE



WELCOME TO ALLIANT!

Hi Everyone! Welcome to the Alliant family! I am excited to help you in whichever way we can as you enter into the Alliant community. Please email at admissions@alliant.edu with any comments, questions, or concerns about the information below.

RELOCATION GUIDE | FRESNO

This relocation guide has been updated to give you the most current resources for getting around town, finding a place to live, and getting to know and love Fresno! Please understand that this guide is a compilation of recommended resources from students, faculty, and staff, and does not guarantee the service you will receive. Please also keep in mind that there are many great resources that are not mentioned in this guide. We hope you will enjoy these and other places as much as we have!

In the pages that follow you will find:

- Suggestions and resources for finding a place to live
- City and neighborhood information.
- Driving and public transportation information
- Directions to the Fresno campus and parking information
- Suggestions and resources to help you settle in and begin to explore the area when you arrive, including basic necessities, food, and entertainment

ROOMATE MATCHING

One of the immediate challenges that many new students face is relocation to (or within) the Fresno area. There are [Facebook](#) groups where students can communicate and potentially find roommates. Please see the link and information below. **Alliant International University does not match roommates nor does it assume responsibility for matches that are made using Social Media Platforms. Alliant International University's only role is to help facilitate this communication process.**

Students are responsible for contacting one another to discuss housing options. Alliant International University will not serve as an intermediary between students who are seeking housing.

CSPF Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1066564870350489/>

CSOE Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/183212072884669/>

CSML and Online Programs Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/180685553340647/>

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE IN FRESNO

There are a number of other rental listings online, which you can find in the hundreds by searching via search engines, rental listings Fresno or apartments in Fresno.

Visit these sites to find local apartments, sublets and roommate listings.

- Roommates.com <http://www.roommates.com>
- Rentalguidefresno.com <http://www.rentalguidefresno.com>
- Craigslist <http://fresno.craigslist.org>
- Hotpads <http://www.hotpads.com>

Bulletin boards are also a good, free source of housing information. In addition to single apartments and rooms for rent, bulletin boards often include listings for various kinds of sharing arrangements. Campuses in Fresno often have housing bulletin boards in the student union and common areas. Some schools in the area with good bulletin boards are:

- California State University Fresno | 5280 N. Jackson Ave. SU36 Fresno, CA 93740 | (559) 278-6024
- Fresno City College | 1101 E. University Ave. Fresno, CA 93741 | (559) 442-4600
- Fresno Pacific University | 1717 South Chestnut Ave. Fresno, CA 93702-4709 | (559) 453-2000

APARTMENT COMPLEXES | FRESNO

- Crown Point (559) 434-9116
9375 North Saybrook Drive | N of Herndon & E of 41 Fwy / (Allows Pets)
- Lakeside (866) 416-5964
5250 North Brawley Ave | N of Shaw & E of 99 Fwy
- Maroa Park (559) 432-2156
475 West Sierra Ave | N of Bullard & W of Blackstone
- Palm Lakes (559) 292-7676
4083 North Peach Ave | (Closest to campus) N of Airport & S of Ashlan
- Papillion (559) 276-0690
5464 North Fig Garden Drive | N of Shaw & E of 99 Fwy
- Reflections (559) 276-8883
5350 North Brawley | Between Shaw & Herndon W of Valentine
- Sierra Meadows (559) 439-7250
107 E. Sierra Ave | Off Blackstone between Bullard & Herndon
- Broadway Lofts (559) 260- 1625
Broadway St. Downtown Fresno Off of the 180 Fwy

- Tower District Apartments - www.apartmentguide.com
- Fulton Village – (559) 486-3000
1759 Fulton St. Fresno CA 93721
- Valley View Apartments (559) 292-8409
3855 North Peach Ave | Ashlan and Peach, East of HWY 41 and 99
- Le Provence (888) 435-8954
1325 E Foxfill Drive | Corner of Champlain and Perrin

APARTMENT COMPLEXES | CLOVIS

- Coventry Cove (559) 322-1105
190 North Coventry Ave | S of Herndon & E of Temperance
- Scottsman II (559) 297-2297
55 West Bullard Ave | Corner of Bullard & Minnewawa

SUGGESTIONS: If you are new to the area, ask the apartment personnel if you can rent month by month when you decide on an apartment complex. This will give you the option of moving without paying additional fees if you decide the apartment complex is not the right fit. When selecting a place to live check reviews and drive by day and night and on weekends to get a feel for the environment.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS

If you need a place to stay just for a few days while looking for an apartment. Hotels near campus – use internet sites like www.expedia.com or www.hotels.com or www.priceline.com for the best rates. Some suggestions are:

- Courtyard by Marriott Airport | (559) 251-5200 | 1551 N. Peach Avenue | Fresno, CA 93727
- Wyndham Garden Fresno Airport | (559) 363-0755 | 5090 E. Clinton Way | Fresno, CA 93727
- Quality Inn | (559) 375-7720 | 5113 E. McKinley Ave (located adjacent to Alliant) | Fresno, CA 93727
- Piccadilly Inn Hotel - Airport | (559) 375-7760 | 5115 E. McKinley Ave | Fresno, CA 93727

Other options include [Airbnb https://www.airbnb.com/](https://www.airbnb.com/).

* All sites provide free shuttles service from the airport.

MOVING EXPENSES

Most landlords will ask you to pay the first and last month's rent and a security deposit before you move in. According to state law, any payment beyond the first month's rent, no matter what the landlord calls it, is a "security" deposit and is refundable if, when you leave, the place is clean and undamaged and the rent is all paid. California state law also limits the amount of advance money your landlord can require. Total advance money cannot

be more than twice your rent for unfurnished places, and three times your rent for furnished. You may need to use a cashier's check as landlords may not accept an out of town check. Helpful questions to ask:

When moving in—Ask landlord about paying utilities. When moving out—What fees will be required.

Do not forget to update your contact information with Alliant-Fresno. We want to be able to contact you and get mail to you if possible.

- U-haul - <http://www.uhaul.com>

Public Transportation

Detailed information on all Fresno Area public transportation systems can be found online:

Fresno Area Express (FAX): <https://www.fresno.gov/transportation/fax/> | FAX information: 559. 621-7433

For other transportation services go to:

- Uber: <http://www.uber.com>
- Lyft: <http://www.Lyftdriverusa.com>

DMV INFORMATION

If you plan on having a car in CA, you should know some basic information about registering your car and getting a California driver's license, as well as some tips for parking in the city. The California Department of Motor Vehicles has a great section of their website dedicated to information for new California residents. Appointments can be made on-line. <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/newtoca/newtoca>

AUTO RENTALS

(In Airport Terminal)

- Avis: 5101 E. Clinton Way (559) 454-5029 / (800) 331-1212 | [<http://www.avis.com>
- Budget: 5175 E. Clinton Way (559) 253-4100 | <http://www.budget.com>
- Alamo: 5175 E. Clinton Way (855) 237-8179 | <http://www.alamo.com>
- Enterprise (1/2 mile away) 2834 N. Clovis Ave (559) 347-6924 | <http://www.enterprise.com>

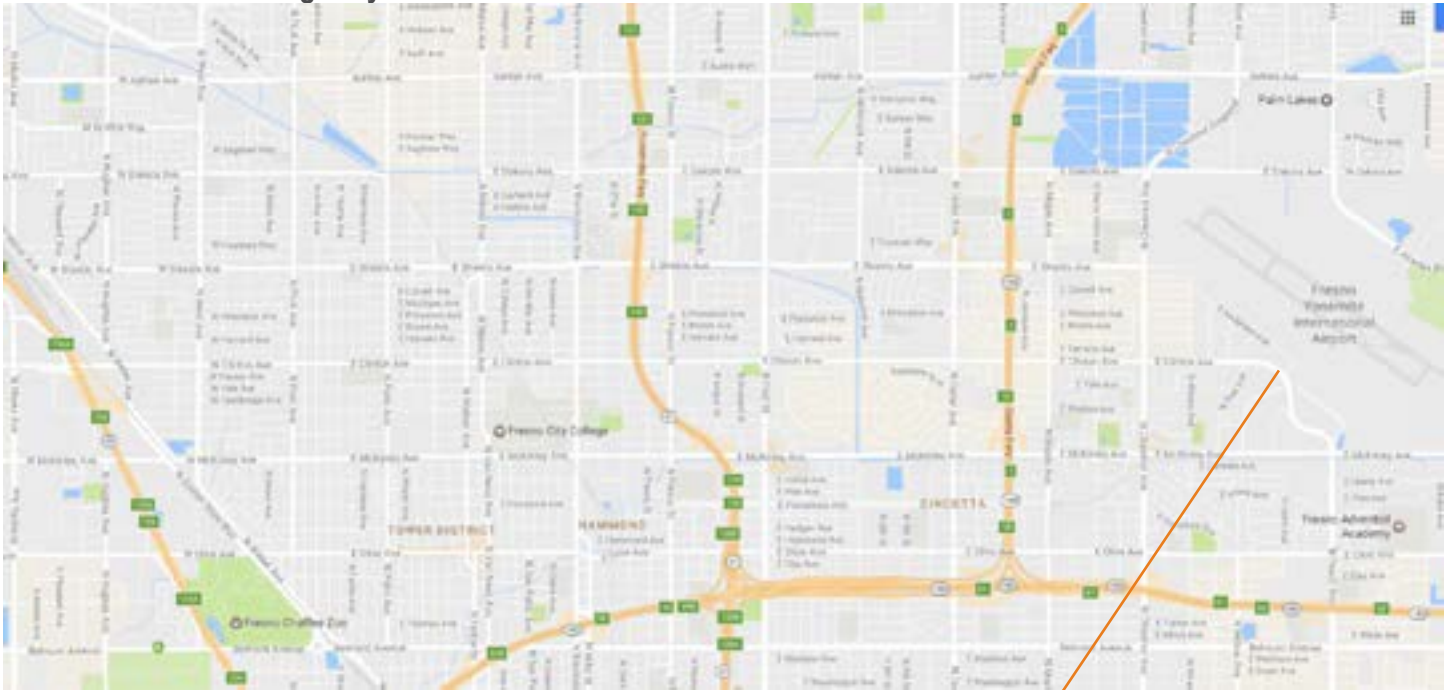
Directions to the Fresno Campus

From Highway 99

- Take Highway 180 east.
- Exit Peach Avenue and make a left.

- Continue on Peach Avenue and go past McKinley Avenue. When you pass McKinley the street changes name to E. Clinton Way. The airport is on your right and Alliant is on your left. Make a U-turn at the first left turn lane going back towards McKinley. Enter the driveway next to the mailboxes and go to your left to the campus parking area. The main campus door is located on the left. The Alliant campus is next door to the Piccadilly Hotel and across the street from the main entrance to the Fresno Yosemite International Airport.

From Central Coast - Highway 101



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- Take the 46 East to the 41 North to the 180 East (continue as specified above)

From Southern California – Highway 5

- Take 5 North to Highway 99 North to Highway 180 East (continue as specified above)

From Northern California – Highway 101

- Take Highway 101 South to Highway 152 East (Pacheco Pass) to Highway 99 South to Highway 180 (continue as specified above)

LOCAL PAPER

The Fresno Bee – daily newspaper – <http://www.fresnobee.com>

This website is a great resource for information about the Fresno area and includes many reference pieces and available rentals/homes.

Use this in conjunction with <http://www.rentalguidefresno.com> & <http://www.forrent.com> when looking for an

apartment and you will feel like you already know the city like a local!

211 HOTLINE | GET CONNECTED GET ANSWERS

Dial 211 or visit <http://www.valley211.org/>

2-1-1 Fresno County is an Information and Referral Helpline that gets people connected with agencies and/or organizations that can help them in their time of need. 2-1-1 Fresno County is supported by United Way Fresno and Madera Counties, The County of Fresno, Kaiser Permanente, and your generous donations.

BANKING

Some of the Banks available in Fresno:

- Bank of America | 8971 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno
- Chase | 4848 E Kings Canyon Rd, Ste 103 Fresno, CA 93727
- United Security Bank | 2126 Inyo, Downtown Fresno
- Central Valley Community Bank | 2404 Tulare, downtown Fresno
- Premier Valley Bank | 255 E. River Park Circle, #180, Fresno
- California Bank & Trust | 7060 N. Fresno Street, Fresno
- Bank of the Sierra | 636 E. Shaw, Fresno
- Bank of the West | 2035 Fresno Street, Fresno
- Educational Employees Credit Union | 430 Pollasky, Clovis
- First California Federal Credit Union | 2525 E. Shields Avenue, Fresno
- Citibank | 3141 N. Cedar, Fresno

HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE

- Clovis Community Center / 2755 Herndon Ave, Clovis | (559)324-4000
- Community Regional Medical Center, downtown Fresno | 2823 Fresno St. | (559) 459-6000
- Fresno Heart & Surgical Hospital | 15 E. Audubon Drive, Fresno | (559) 433-8000
- University Medical Center | 2823 Fresno St., Fresno | (559)459-6000
- Children's Hospital Central California / 9300 Valley Children's Place, Madera (559) 353-3000
- St Agnes Medical Center: 1303 E. Herndon, Fresno | (559)450-3000
- Kaiser Permanente: 7300 N. Fresno St., Fresno | (559)448-4500

Urgent Care

- Peachwood Medical Group / 275 W. Herndon Avenue, Clovis | (559) 324-6200
- Willow Urgent Care / 6721 N. Willow, # 101, Fresno | (559)324-0911
- Clovis Urgent Care / 1555 Shaw Avenue, #101, Clovis | (559) 324-7001

FITNESS

- Fitness Evolution – <http://fitnessevolution.com/clubs/clovis-ca/>
- Fort Washington Fitness – <http://www.fwfgym.com>
- GB3 – <http://www.gb3clubs.com/>
- Bally Total Fitness – <http://www.ballyfitness.com>
- Coil Yoga – <http://www.coilyoga.com>

DAYCARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE INFRESNO

- Kinder Care: Various locations | [<http://www.kindercare.com>]
- Child Time Learning Center | <https://www.childtime.com/>
214 North Clark, Fresno, CA 93701 | (559) 445-0216
School Hours: 6:30 am-6:00 pm | Ages Served: 6 weeks - 6 years
2091 Sierra Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611 | (559) 297-5013
School Hours: 6:30 am-6:00 pm | Ages Served: 6 weeks - 10 years
- Head Start
1920 Mariposa Mall, Suite 200, downtown Fresno | (559) 263-1200

GROCERY SHOPPING

You will find that there are many places to buy groceries in the city, from fresh produce sections at corner stores, to big grocery chain stores. There are also a few unique places that we want to make sure you know about:

- Vons/Albertsons – <http://www.albertsons.com>
- Farmer's Markets – See vegetarian Guide below
- Costco - <http://www.costco.com>
- Sam's Club – <http://www.samsclub.com>
- Save Mart – <http://www.savemart.com>
- Smart and Final – <http://www.smartandfinal.com/>
- Trader Joe's – various locations - <http://www.traderjoes.com>
- Whole Foods – various locations - <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com>
- WinCo Foods – <http://www.wincofoods.com>

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- Sunrise Health Food Store: 3071 W. Shaw Ave. Ste. 104, Fresno
- B-Alive Health Food Store: 6757 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno
- Kristina's (Natural Ranch Market): 761 E. Barstow, Fresno

Farmer's Markets (Fresno & Clovis)

- Clovis Farmer's Markets - Pollasky
Saturdays 8-11:30am (subject to change during seasons) please visit website:
<http://oldtownclovis.org/farmers-market>
- Fulton Mall - Downtown Fresno
Please visit website for time and day: <http://www.downtownfresno.org/event/market-on-kern/>
- The Vineyard: Shaw & Blackstone, Fresno - Wednesdays 3pm-6pm & Saturdays 7am-12pm
<http://www.vineyardfarmersmarket.com/>
- River Park, Fresno - Tuesday evenings http://www.gofresnocounty.com/farm_markets

EATERIES NEAR ALLIANT - FRESNO

There are several fast food restaurants located on McKinley Avenue:

McKinley & Peach Avenues

- Quiznos
- Little Caesars
- Starbucks

McKinley Avenue going west

- Subway (McKinley & Chestnut Avenues)
- McDonalds (McKinley & Chestnut Avenues)
- Taco Bell (McKinley & Chestnut Avenues)
- Me & Ed's (McKinley & Chestnut Avenues)
- KFC / 4909 E. McKinley
- The Sandwich Shop 1939 N. Fine Ste 102 (North of McKinley)
- Churrasco Grill (Greek, Mediterranean) 1901 N. Gateway Avenue (North of McKinley)

Piccadilly Hotel (next to campus)

- Steak & Anchor Restaurant

THINGS TO DO INFRESNO

Taking the time for self-care is extremely important especially when you begin or continue your graduate studies. Here is an idea of the entertainment available in the city of Fresno.

- Woodward Park, scenic walk, bike & run trails in the park and above the bluffs. Dog friendly with dog park also available—7775 Friant Road, Fresno
- Tower District - <http://www.towerdistrict.org/>
- Fresno / Clovis Trail that connects both cities. You can walk, bike or run on the trail.
- Fresno Art Museum—2233 N. First Street, Fresno | (559)441-4221
- Madera Wine Trail <http://www.maderawinetrail.com/>

- Arte Americas-Casa de la Cultura— 1630 Van Ness Avenue, Downtown Fresno | (559) 266-2623
- African American Historical & Cultural Museum—1857 Fulton Street, Fresno | (559) 268-7102
- Fresno Art Council (Fresno Art Hop), <http://fresnoartscouncil.org/arthop/>
- Fresno Chaffee Zoo— 894 W. Belmont, Fresno | (559) 498-5910
- Fresno Grizzlies Baseball— 559.320-4487 Chukchansi Park, 1800 Tulare Street, downtown Fresno
- Forestiere Underground Gardens—5021 W. Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93722 | (559) 271-0734
- Island Watterpark- 6099 W. Barstow Ave., Fresno, 93723 | (559) 277-6800
- Yosemite National Park www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm take a daytrip

Fresno is centrally located and day trips are excellent to discover the National Parks; Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks are in our back yard.

FRESNO / CLOVIS SHOPPING

Stop by **Fashion Fair Mall** any day of the week for Fresno's top shopping and great dining. This one story mall offers a wide variety of shopping venues, for everything from clothing and beauty to gag gifts and electronics. After your shopping excursion, stop by the food court or one of the restaurants for a bite to eat. If the little ones aren't up for shopping, there is a play area and a kids club.

Address: 645 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702 | (559) 224-1591 | <http://www.fashionfairmall.com>

Shop at Fresno's premier lifestyle shopping center. The **Fig Garden Village** is an outdoors shopping center filled with popular national and local stores, such as Banana Republic, Tassels, and Pottery Barn. You can find shopping for every occasion at this center, whether you are looking for clothes, furniture, pet supplies or a certain brand of paper.

Address: 5082 North Palm Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704 | <http://www.shopfiggardenvillage.com>

Located just minutes outside of Fresno in the city of Clovis, the **Sierra Vista Mall** offers a variety of activities for shoppers of all ages. This mid-sized shopping mall hosts 82 retailers and restaurants as well as a theater in its 78-acres. Major anchors are Target, Kohl's, Sears and the Sierra Vista 16 Theater.

Address: 1050 Shaw Avenue, Clovis, CA 93612 | (559) 299-0660 | <http://www.sierravistamall.com>

Get some fresh air and exercise while you visit the shops at **River Park**. This outdoor mall is designed to be aesthetically pleasing and easily walkable. Enjoy shopping at popular chain stores as well as smaller, regional stores. Grab a light snack or some fast food grub, or sit down to a nice meal at one of the many restaurants in the area. You can also see a movie at the Edwards 21 Cine-mas and IMAX.

Address: 7600 North Blackstone Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720 | <http://www.shopriverpark.com>

- Old Towne Clovis 456 Clovis Ave. Clovis, CA 93613 - <http://www.oldtownclovis.org/>
- Loft Thrift Store – 2240 E McKinley Ave. Fresno, CA 93703
- Tower District - <http://www.towerdistrict.org/>
- Campus Pointe - <http://www.campuspointe.com>

QUESTIONS?

We are happy to know that you chose Alliant International University - Fresno Campus as your graduate school. We look forward to meeting you! If you need further information please feel free to contact our Campus Director at (559) 253-2227 or Admissions at admissions@alliant.edu or (559) 253-2243.

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