



Alliant  
International  
University

IRVINE  
CAMPUS

RELOCATION  
GUIDE



## WELCOME TO ALLIANT!

Hi Everyone! Welcome to the Alliant family! We are excited to assist you in whatever way we can as you enter into the Alliant community. Please email Nicole Camaras, Director of Campus Services at [nicole.camaras@alliant.edu](mailto:nicole.camaras@alliant.edu) with any comments, questions, or concerns about the information below.

## RELOCATION GUIDE | IRVINE

Here is a relocation guide to give you the most current resources for getting around town, finding a place to live, and getting to know and love the sunny Orange County area! 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
- A map of Irvine and the surrounding area, including the names of the different neighborhoods in Orange County
- Driving and public transportation information
- Directions to the Irvine campus and parking instructions
- Suggestions and resources to help you settle in and begin to explore the area when you arrive, including basic necessities, food, and entertainment
- Incoming Student Housing Questionnaire, designed to help incoming students who are looking for roommates connect with each other

## ROOMATE MATCHING

One of the immediate challenges that many new students face is relocation to (or within) the Orange County 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.

**CSPP 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/951936162005142/>

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please contact Nicole Camaras for the International Student guide at 949-812-7464 or [nicole.camaras@alliant.edu](mailto:nicole.camaras@alliant.edu).

## FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

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

**OC REGISTER** <http://www.ocregister.com> is the website associated with our local newspaper. This website is a great resource for information about the Irvine/Orange county area and includes many reference pieces. One of the best parts of this website is their search engine for apartment rentals:

<http://www.ocregister.com/sections/realestate/>

For apartments you can also visit this link:

[www.irvinecompany.com](http://www.irvinecompany.com)

For a breakdown of different neighborhoods in Orange County, please visit this link:

<http://www.socalhomes.online/>

You can also visit <http://www.zillow.com/irvine-ca/apartments/>

For information on apartment complexes and property management companies in the area, please visit:

<http://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/California/Orange-County/>

Also, for more relevant information (demographics, crime rates, cost of living, etc.) on neighborhoods, please visit the following site: <http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/map/PST045214/0636770>

For more information on the city of Irvine visit: <http://www.destinationirvine.com/>

For maps of specific neighborhoods, please visit this website: <http://www.orangecounty.net/html/cities.html>

## 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: <http://www.expedia.com> or <http://www.hotels.com> or <http://www.destinationirvine.com> or <http://www.priceline.com> for the best rates
- Airbnb has several short term listings: <https://www.airbnb.com/>

Alliant's Orange County campus is located in Irvine (red star on map).



## MOVING EXPENSES

Most landlords will ask you to pay the first and last month's rent and a security deposit before you move in. However, some apartment complexes have move-in specials as well. 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.

## TENANT RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

View or download this guide for residential tenants and landlord's rights and responsibilities.

**California Tenant Rights - <http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/landlordbook/catenant.pdf>**

## HAVING A CAR IN ORANGE COUNTY

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.

**<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/newtoca/newtoca>**

## TRANSPORTATION

The Orange County/Irvine area public transportation systems can be found online:

- Orange County Transit: **<http://www.octa.net/>**
- Orange County Metrolink: **<http://www.metrolinktrains.com/>**
- Amtrak: **<http://www.amtrak.com>**
- Step by step transit directions: **<http://www.google.com/intl/en/landing/transit/#mdy>**
- Information can also be found online for **Rideshare** programs and **Para-transit services**:  
**<https://www.ridematch.info/service.asp>**  
**[http://www.asila.org/riding\\_access/access\\_riders\\_guide/socal.html](http://www.asila.org/riding_access/access_riders_guide/socal.html)**

## DIRECTIONS TO THE IRVINE CAMPUS

The Irvine campus is located at:

Jamboree Business Center  
2855 Michelle Drive, Suite 300  
Irvine CA 92606

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

These driving directions lead to the front entrance of the University

### **From I-5 North**

Take the Jamboree Road Exit  
Turn left on Jamboree Road  
Turn right on Michelle Drive

### **From I-5 South**

Take the Jamboree Road  
Turn right on Jamboree Road  
Turn right on Michelle Drive

### **From I-405 South**

Take the Jamboree Road exit  
Turn left on Jamboree Road  
Turn left on Michelle Drive

### **From I-405 North**

Take the Jamboree Road exit  
Turn right on Jamboree Road  
Turn left on Michelle Drive

### **From I-55**

Take I-5 south toward San Diego  
Take Jamboree Road Exit  
Turn right on Jamboree Road  
Right onto Michelle Drive

## STUDENT PARKING

Student parking at the Irvine campus is FREE!!! No parking permit is required. All students are able to park in any spot that is not marked reserved or visitor parking.

## LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY

### Grocery shopping

You will find that there are many places to buy groceries in Orange County, from farmers markets, to big grocery chain stores. There are also a few unique (and really cool) places that we want to make sure you know about.

- Trader Joe's – various locations - <http://www.traderjoes.com>
- Whole Foods – various locations - <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com>
- Gelson's Super Market- various locations - <http://www.gelsons.com/>
- Wholesome Choice- <http://www.wholesomechoice.com/>
- Bristol Farms- various locations - <http://www.bristolfarms.com/>
- Sprouts Farmers Market – <http://www.sprouts.com>
- Mother's Market – <http://www.mothersmarket.com>

### Restaurants

Orange County offers a variety of options when you're dining out. The websites below are great restaurant guides and allow you to refine your search by location, cuisine, and price.

- <http://www.ocweekly.com/restaurants/search/>
- <http://www.ocstandard.com/fine-dining.html>
- <http://www.urbanspoon.com/c/20/Orange-County-restaurants.html>
- [https://www.yelp.com/search?find\\_desc=&find\\_loc=Orange+County%2C+CA&ns=1](https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=&find_loc=Orange+County%2C+CA&ns=1)

There are a variety of restaurants really close to campus in the Irvine/Tustin Marketplace. For a listing of shops and restaurants please visit the following link:<http://www.shopthemarketplace.com>

### Entertainment

There is so much to do to entertain one's self in Orange County! With an hour drive to both San Diego and LA, there are always events within reach! Below we have listed some of our favorite things to do and places to go, but we encourage you to explore the area and use the internet and your fellow students to discover fun things to do – the possibilities are endless!

- Orange County Tourism: <http://orangetourism.org/>
- Farmers Markets: <http://www.orangecounty.net/html/farmersmarkets.html>
- OC Parks/Hiking Trails: <http://www.ocparks.com/amenities/default.asp?Show=HikingTrails>
- OC Zoo- <http://www.ocparks.com/>
- Beach guide: <http://www.orange-county-beaches.com/>



- Catalina Island: <http://www.catalinaexpress.com/>
- Fashion Island: <http://www.shopfashionisland.com/>
- Shopping Malls: [https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=shoppingcenters&find\\_loc=Orange+County%2C+CA](https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=shoppingcenters&find_loc=Orange+County%2C+CA)
- Mission San Juan Capistrano Museums: <http://www.missionsjc.com/>
- Disneyland: <https://disneyland.disney.go.com/>



Concerts: <http://www.livenation.com/venue/verizon-wireless-amphitheater-tickets>

- Bowling/Mini Golf: <http://www.boomersparks.com/site/irvine/>
- Local festivals/events: <http://www.orangecounty.net/html/fests.html>
- Anaheim Angels: [http://losangeles.angels.mlb.com/index.jsp?c\\_id=ana](http://losangeles.angels.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=ana)
- Anaheim Ducks: <http://ducks.nhl.com/>
- Irvine Spectrum Center: <http://www.shopirvinespectrumcenter.com/>
- Gyms/Sports Clubs: <http://oc.cityvoter.com/best/gym/fitness/orange-county>
- California Winter Recreation and Sports: <http://www.visitcalifornia.com/california-outdoor>

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