



# CAL POLY

Educated Renter Certificate Program

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Student Affairs  
*Off Campus Programs*

- Off-Campus Student Conduct
- Community Relations
- Transition off-campus housing
- Inclusion of transfer and commuter students

## Community Partnerships

- SLO Police Department



- Neighborhood Groups



Student-Community  
Liaison Committee

Cal Poly - Cuesta College - City of San Luis Obispo - County of San Luis Obispo

- Landlord/property Management Committees

## Educated Renter Certificate Program

- Response to SLO housing market
- Empower students
- Ease transition from on to off-campus living
- Give students a “one-up” on competition

# ERCP Process

***ercp.calpoly.edu***

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Educated Renter Certificate Program (ERCP) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Skip to Content', 'Current Students', 'Prospective Students', 'Parents', 'Business Community', 'Faculty & Staff', and 'Alumni'. Below this is a 'my CalPoly login' link and a search bar. The main header features the 'CAL POLY' logo and the title 'Educated Renter Certificate Program' with the tagline 'Happy house hunting!'. A horizontal menu below the header contains four items: 'Enrollment', 'Resources', 'For Parents', and 'Contact Us'. The 'Enrollment' item is circled in red. The main content area begins with a welcome message, followed by a paragraph about finding housing in San Luis Obispo and the goal of helping students become ideal rental applicants. Another paragraph explains the importance of a successful transition from on-campus to off-campus living and provides instructions on how to become certified, including a link to an assessment. On the right side, there is a 'MAIN MENU' section with links to 'Enrollment', 'Home', 'Resources', 'For Parents', 'Noise', and 'Good Neighbor Stories'.

Skip to Content ?

Current Students Prospective Students Parents Business Community Faculty & Staff Alumni

my CalPoly login

Search

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*Happy house hunting!*

Enrollment Resources For Parents Contact Us

***Welcome to the Educated Renter Certificate Program!***

Finding housing in the city of San Luis Obispo can be difficult. It is our goal to help educate students on ways to become an ideal rental applicant. While property management companies make decisions based on income, credit, and rental history, Educated Renter Certification will set you apart from other applicants.

It is also important that you make a successful transition from living on-campus to off-campus in the San Luis Obispo community. This site will be useful in making the transition to off-campus living. To become certified, you must enroll [\[click here\]](#) to take the assessment. Within 48 hours after you have enrolled you will notice that you have a new PolyLearn class on your portal. At this time you may log

**MAIN MENU**

- Enrollment
- Home
- Resources
- For Parents
- Noise
- Good Neighbor Stories

# ERCP Process

General

## CAL POLY Student Affairs *Off Campus Programs*


Thank you for participating in the Educated Renters Certification Program. To complete the program please open the guidebook below and read through the material. There will be a short exam at the end based on the material from the guidebook. Once you have read the guidebook and completed the exam, please email our office to set up a time to meet with a representative from our department and pick up your certificate.

If you have any question, comments, or concerns, please email our office and let us know.


Email: [offcampusprograms@calpoly.edu](mailto:offcampusprograms@calpoly.edu)

Office: Building 81 (Hillcrest)


Hours: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday

 [Educated Renter Certificate Guidebook](#)

### Resources

 [Housing Resource Guide](#)

 [SLO Noise Ordinance](#)

 [SLO Party Registration Application](#)

Hosting an event on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday prior to a holiday? You may now register your event with the Police Department and it's FREE. Party registration is 100% voluntary and not required.

Why register an event? If a noise complaint is received and the party is registered, Dispatch will give you a courtesy call to end the noise within 20 minutes. Failure to end the noise will result in a noise citation (fines start at \$350.)

Applications may be submitted a week in advance, in person at the Police Department, 1042 Walnut Street (corner of Santa Rose & Walnut, one block up from Taco Bell) and **photo ID is required**.

Lobby Hours: Monday 12 noon to 4:45pm, Tuesday - Friday 10:00am to 4:45pm

# ERCP Process

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## Educated Renter Certificate Guidebook

### 1. Before Renting

This section covers the information you need to know as you begin your rental search. You will gain information on how to find a roommate, what to look for in a rental property, and how to make sure the rental is not a scam.



I called a company that I thought was legitimate, but they told me I could only see the property after I mailed them a non-refundable deposit. I knew something was wrong, and it turns out the company was a fraud and there was no property!

- Student

## Program Topics

- Search Process
- Application Process
- Basic Legal Rights
- Neighborhood Wellness
- Noise
- Citations
- Crime Prevention
- City-Wide Resources



# Educated Renter's Guide



# ERCP Process



## Where/When to Start Looking

- Don't wait, start now!
- Look **everywhere**
  - Cal Poly (CP) Housing, Sublets & Roommates
  - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – Housing / Rooms / Apartments by HousingAnywhere
- PolyRents

craigslist

facebook



Apartments.com™

## Not So Fast..

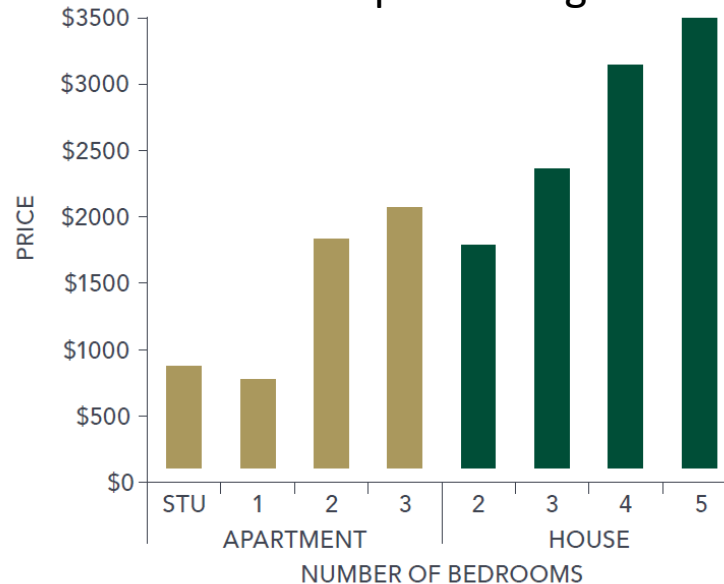
- **Not a guarantee of housing**
- **Cal Poly has not vetted properties**

# On-Campus VS Off-Campus

Housing Payment Schedule & Dates 2018-19

|                                      | APARTMENT SINGLE BEDROOM | APARTMENT DOUBLE BEDROOM |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Housing Cost for Academic Year | \$9,747                  | \$9,229                  |
| Non-Refundable Initial Payment       | \$500                    | \$500                    |
| Balance Due                          | \$9,247                  | \$8,729                  |

Off-Campus Averages



## Contact Information

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