



# HOUSING GUIDE 2016

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# DEAR STUDENT,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Musicians Institute. We want to take this opportunity to welcome you to MI and describe the housing services MI has to offer.

We realize that finding a safe, comfortable, and affordable place to live is a concern for many of our students, and it can be an especially daunting task if you are from another state or country and are unfamiliar with the Los Angeles area. That's why we're here – the Housing Department provides a number of resources designed to help you find housing, connect with roommates, and generally get settled in before you begin classes.

Although MI does not operate on-campus housing, there are always plenty of vacancies close to the school as well as private dormitory-style facilities designed to serve the thousands of students attending various schools in Hollywood. The enclosed housing package describes the available options and the different resources we offer.

We look forward to assisting you with any housing-related questions and concerns you may have, so please do not hesitate to contact us at (800) 255-7529 *USA/Canada*, (323) 462-1384 *Local/International* or at [housing@mi.edu](mailto:housing@mi.edu).

Sincerely,

## **MI Housing Department**

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**PHONE** 323-462-1384

**HOURS** M-F 9:00am - 4:45pm

**LOCATED** Student Support Center

*Passage West, First Floor*

# HELLO!

Welcome to Musicians Institute! The Housing Department is committed to providing you with up-to-date information regarding housing and other services that will make your transition to Hollywood as smooth as possible.

## **Finding a Place to Live: How We Can Help**

The Housing Department provides information regarding apartment vacancies, apartment prices, areas to search, and roommate referrals. We are in regular contact with many of the landlords/owners of apartments in the immediate area. In the back of this housing guide you will find a list of these apartments; feel free to contact the managers regarding vacancies, or our Housing Department for a direct connect to vacancies. You can also search the Internet for apartments in Hollywood and other areas of Los Angeles, but keep in mind that it may take two weeks or more to secure an apartment, so be patient.

## **Moving in with Current Students**

The Housing Department keeps lists of current students with rooms for rent. This is an excellent way to get settled fast and save on expenses.

## **Finding Roommates**

Joining up with other new students to rent housing is another great way to meet people while keeping your costs down. The Housing Department maintains a list of new students looking for roommates. To be included on this list, please complete and return the [Roommate Questionnaire](#) to [housing@mi.edu](mailto:housing@mi.edu) to register with our Housing Department (it is your responsibility to contact other students on the list and make arrangements for finding joint housing).

## **Know Your Responsibilities**

A comfortable living situation is a vital part of successful student life. While we will make every effort to assist you, remember that it is ultimately your responsibility to secure housing. The Housing Department is a courtesy service and we do not independently investigate, endorse or guarantee any information provided by third parties. Allow time to choose roommates and apartments carefully and read all agreements and leases before you sign. If you have questions about a lease agreement, we can help you understand it.

All of us in the Housing Department look forward to working with you and we will do our best to help make your M.I. experience the best time of your life!

Keep in mind this is only a guide. Lease rates and guidelines are provided as a suggestion or estimate. Musicians Institute is not liable for any results due to these guidelines.

# MI PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING HOUSING SERVICES:

## **1. Apartment Vacancy Listing Service (MI Housing Department)**

Vacancy listings for areas adjacent to MI (Hollywood, West Hollywood and Hollywood Hills) are available on a daily basis through the Housing Department. Monthly rents range from \$500.00 - \$2,100.00 depending on size, location, amenities and if you're sharing the cost of expenses. Listings for other areas are also available upon request.

## **2. Roommate Referral Service (MI Housing Department)**

This is your first step toward creating your MI network. The Roommate Referral list (exclusive to MI students) includes names, places of origin, arrival dates, phone numbers, email addresses and personal preferences for other incoming MI students seeking roommates. Complete and return the [Roommate Questionnaire](#) and you will be added to the list (NOTE: this list is provided exclusively to those who complete the questionnaire and no information will be shared with any outside individuals or organizations without your specific written consent. Please report any concerns to the Housing Department).

## **3. Student Housing Guide**

This informative guide describes Housing Department services as well as valuable information about settling in and getting around Los Angeles, including hotels and hostels, guidelines for dealing with landlords and rental agreements, and tips for maintaining a budget. The Housing Guide also has a current list of apartment managers and home-stay companies that have worked with MI students in the past and understand your needs.

## **4. Shuttle Service/Transportation**

We provide a free shuttle service within a two-mile radius from the school to your home. Shuttle hours of operation are Monday-Friday 5:00pm-2:00am and Saturday-Sunday 10:00pm-1:00am. The enclosed Housing Guide map borders a 2 mile radius. Many students live within this radius which is walking distance to the campus. As an MI student, you are also entitled to public transportation discounts through the MTA (subway and buses in the greater Los Angeles area). Our Student Affairs department will assist you in applying for a monthly MTA Student TAP card.

We look forward to helping you in any way we can to find a great place to live in Los Angeles. Please call or email us if you have any questions. Welcome to MI!

# BUDGETING FOR YOUR STUDENT LIVING EXPENSES

Each year, the California Student Aid Commission publishes estimated costs of living while attending school in California. These costs are based on maximum estimated living expenses per month, but your actual expenses will vary depending on your style of living (for example, MI students often reduce rental costs to as little as \$400 per month by sharing housing with roommates). The MI Housing Guide provides additional tips for saving money while you're in school.

## Student living at home with parents (per month)

Tuition <sup>1</sup>	(varies by program)
Books and Supplies <sup>2</sup>	\$ 147.00 *
Food/Housing <sup>3</sup>	\$ 530.00
Transportation <sup>4</sup>	\$ 125.00
Personal/Miscellaneous <sup>5</sup>	\$ 351.00
Total per month	\$ 1,153.00 plus tuition

\* Please refer to the course catalog, the application form, or your admissions counselor for complete details.

## Student living Off-Campus (per month)

Tuition <sup>1</sup>	(varies by program)
Books and Supplies <sup>2</sup>	\$ 147.00 **
Food/Housing <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1,330.00
Transportation <sup>4</sup>	\$ 141.00
Personal/Miscellaneous <sup>5</sup>	\$ 322.00
Total per month	\$ 1,940.00 plus tuition

\*\* Please refer to the course catalog, the application form, or your admissions counselor for complete details.

<sup>1</sup> Includes all mandatory fees.

<sup>2</sup> The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$963), educational supplies (\$252), course material fees (\$144), and computer-related expenses (\$405), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

<sup>3</sup> Includes food, snacks, meals on campus, household supplies, dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

<sup>4</sup> Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes and work. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

<sup>5</sup> Includes clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning, personal care, gifts, recreation, medical etc.

NOTE: The expense budgets shown above are based upon average expenses reported by students at the University of California, California State University, California independent institutions, and California Community Colleges in the 2006-07 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS), adjusted for nine years of inflation or deflation. Private career college data are from the 2003-04 SEARS, adjusted for 12 years of inflation or deflation.

# HOUSING TIPS

Just as when you make any purchase, you must do some research in order to find the best housing deals.

## **When To Look For Housing**

Because specific information regarding the availability of apartments is always changing, we strongly recommend that students begin looking for housing no sooner than one month prior to their scheduled enrollment date. Most students choose to live within walking distance to school, and there are many housing opportunities available for incoming students in the surrounding area.

## **Study The Difference In Housing Costs**

The daily apartment listings provided by Musicians Institute, gives you an idea of costs by area, unit, and size. Compare the types of housing available. Also study classified ads. If you are sharing an apartment, expect to spend at least \$500.00 to \$750.00 a month per person for rent (more if you want to live alone).

## **Think Before You Rent!**

If you are sharing housing, compare your budget with that of your roommate(s). Don't get in over your head! Determine your personal need for physical and psychological space. Don't make compromises that you cannot live with.

## **How To Start Looking**

It is extremely helpful to use a checklist or a small notebook to keep track of your listings. Collecting information on separate scraps of paper makes it difficult to compare units you have visited.

## **Make An Appointment**

Landlords can get upset if you just pop in. If you will be late or have to cancel, be sure to call and let the landlord know ahead of time.

## **Look Presentable**

Be clean and neat in your appearance. Often, the manager will judge how well you will take care of your housing by your personal cleanliness.

## **Walk Around The Area**

Walk, rather than drive, to units in a particular area. Walking gives you a much better opportunity to explore the neighborhood. Visit again in the evening or over the weekend for a better picture of the area.

## **Make An Informed Decision**

Make sure you are completely comfortable and informed before you sign a lease. If the landlord makes any oral promise that is not in the agreement, get it in writing! Keep a copy with your lease and give a copy to the landlord.

## **Learn How To Read And Negotiate A Lease With A Landlord**

Most apartments will require you to sign some kind of lease. You will need to understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Carefully review any documents before signing them. You may not be able to back out of a lease after you have signed it. If you need help in understanding your lease, bring the document to the Housing Department and we will generally explain what things mean. M.I. EMPLOYEES ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO OFFER AND DO NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE! Included in this guide is contact information for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, who may assist you if you have a legal problem and cannot afford a private attorney.

# MOVING IN

## **Making Your New Place A Home**

At last, you've found a place to live!! Whether it's a dream house or a simple efficiency apartment, the challenge now is to make these empty rooms your own. The following are some tips on turning your new house or apartment into a home.

## **Utility Hook-Ups**

Most apartments in Hollywood include water usage in the rent. Other utilities vary; your lease agreement should specify what you're responsible for in addition to rent. To turn on utilities after you move in:

*Gas:* Contact the Southern California Gas Company, if you need to turn on gas for cooking or heating. [1-800-427-2200, [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com)]

*Electricity:* Contact the Department of Water and Power. [1-800-342-5397, [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com)]

*Land-line Telephone Service:* Telephone companies are extremely busy just before the beginning of the academic year, so place your request for a phone connection as far in advance of moving in as possible.

## **Furnishings**

The gas and electricity are turned on and the telephone works - now you need to collect some furniture, linens and kitchen utensils. Here's how to do it so without spending a fortune:

*Classified Ads:* the Recycler and Craig's List offer popular online options.

*Garage/Yard sales:* one of the quickest ways to acquire cheap, useable goods. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

*Flea Markets:* where bargaining is still a respected skill. Some of the more popular markets are Pasadena Rose Bowl, Marina Del Rey, and Melrose/Fairfax (Sundays).

*Thrift Stores:* a ready source for used clothing, furniture and house wares. Check the Yellow Pages under "Thrift Shops" or "Second Hand dealers" for a complete list.

You can also consider renting furniture for short or long term periods.

MI Bulletin Boards are also full of things ranging from musical equipment to household appliances. As students graduate and move away they are often anxious to get rid of all that furniture and those pots and pans rather than move them across the country (or world)!

## **Insurance**

We highly recommend that you acquire renters insurance. Most lease agreements will state that in the event of a break-in, fire or other damage to the apartment, the apartment complex is only responsible for damage to the building, and not inside the apartment. Renters insurance is usually an inexpensive way to protect your personal possessions. If you currently have an auto or other insurance policy, you may be able to save by acquiring a renter's insurance policy with the same company.



# MAINTAINING A HOUSHOLD

After moving in and getting set up, you'll need to control your monthly budget and cooperate with your roommates on things like food and other household expenses.

## Here are some tips:

- If you cooperate with your roommates on food purchase and preparation, work out a system in advance to keep things fair.
- Respect your roommates' private space, including shelf space in kitchen and bathroom.
- Clean up after yourself—nothing causes more fights among roommates than different tolerances for sloppiness.
- Make a grocery list in advance to eliminate costly “impulse buying”.
- Eat before you shop. If you are hungry you will end up buying more.
- Avoid buying meat or cheese that has been pre-sliced; it tends to spoil faster than whole pieces.
- Buy supermarket or generic brands rather than “name” brands.
- Avoid buying pre-packaged, ready to use or instant “convenience foods” - they are more expensive and often not as healthy.
- Eggs are an economical, highly nutritious meat substitute. Milk and cheese are inexpensive, nutritious foods.
- Buy in large quantities and take advantage of sales.
- If you have a land-line, check with your telephone service for extended calling privileges. If you call one or more toll areas frequently, rather than being charged per call, you can arrange to have unlimited calling privileges to some areas for a standard charge per month.
- Direct distance dialing is the cheapest way to call long distance.
- Clean your oven, range and refrigerator, and defrost your freezer regularly, at least once a quarter to save on utility bills.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Set thermostats on the furnace and water heaters to lower temperatures.
- Don't over-heat or over-cool your apartment - both can be shockingly expensive.
- Operate dishwasher only when full.
- Be on the lookout for student discounts and use them. These are available for buses, movies, museums and stores.
- Go to matinees and check local papers for discount nights at the movies. The Student Affairs office sells discount movie vouchers for AMC theaters.
- Don't keep a lot of cash on hand - you will spend it.

# MOVING OUT

## **All Things Must Pass**

Moving out can be as complicated and stressful as moving in, but if you approach it the right way you should avoid most problems. If you do not, you may lose money and time. Here are some of the important procedures you should follow when it's time to move:

## **Check For Signed Rental Agreement**

The agreement will specify the terms of your rental, including renewing, extending or terminating the rental. Don't wait until the lease expires to figure it out - staying past the agreed lease period without written consent of the owner makes you a holdover tenant. If you paid last month's rent when you moved in, don't "forget" and pay the last month's rent when you move out - you may have a hard time getting it back.

## **Notify Your Landlord/Manager In Writing**

This must be done at least 30 days (or more - check your lease agreement) in advance of your moving date or you may still be held liable for rent. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself.

## **Have Your Landlord/Manager Inspect The Apartment**

If the landlord/manager refuses to inspect the premises in person in your presence or if you feel there may be a future dispute regarding the condition of your apartment, take pictures of the entire apartment after you have cleaned it.

## **Settle All Balances**

There may be miscellaneous charges due at the beginning of the last rental period.

## **Notify All Utility Companies**

Provide at least one week's notice to allow them to discontinue service and stop billing.

## **Remove All Trash And Personal Belongings**

Leave it the way you found it. Place furnishings in their original position. Clean all floors, bathrooms, closets, fixtures, kitchen utensils, etc. Your security deposit must be refunded to you within 21 days after you move out, but in order to get your full security deposit back it is your responsibility to leave the apartment in the same condition as when you moved in. The landlord may make deductions from your security deposit for unpaid rent, damages, and cleaning that is required.

## **Return All Keys**

If you don't, you may be assessed a key replacement charge which can be expensive.

## **Leave A Forwarding Address**

Notify the Post Office and the landlord to enable prompt return of your deposit.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Is Hollywood safe?**

The police and Hollywood security firms have improved overall security in the area, but Hollywood is still a BIG city so keep your eyes open and exercise common sense regarding when and where you walk, particularly when you are alone. If in doubt, spend the money on a cab or call a friend for a ride.

## **Where do I purchase home furnishings?**

Garage sales, MI advertisement boards, IKEA, Target, used furniture stores, Craig's List.

## **What kind of clothes should I bring?**

LA has a moderate climate, but it can get surprisingly chilly in the winter and the temperature can drop quickly at night. In the winter (Dec-April), a medium jacket, long pants (and occasionally an umbrella) will be enough. Summer can be quite hot, but shorts and t-shirts are acceptable attire for almost any occasion.

## **How close are shopping centers?**

There are numerous grocery stores within a one-mile radius of MI and larger stores such as Kmart and Target are a short bus ride away.

## **How and where do I open a bank account?**

There are several local branches of nationwide banks. An account representative from Wells Fargo will be on campus during registration to help you open a bank account.

## **What's the difference between a single/studio apartment and a one-bedroom apartment?**

A studio apartment has a living space, kitchen, and a bathroom. A one-bedroom apartment has a bedroom, a living space, kitchen, and a bathroom.

## **What's the difference between a "studio" and a "bachelor" apartment?**

A studio apartment has a full kitchen while a bachelor has limited kitchen facilities.

## **How much do utilities cost?**

Some apartments include all utilities in the rent; most will include at least water and garbage. You can expect to pay for cable and telephone at all apartments. An average electric bill will be around \$50/mo. and an average gas bill will be around \$20/mo. Obviously, this is just an estimate and will vary depending on usage.

## **Where do I live if I'm joining the three-month Encore program?**

Most apartments require at least a six-month lease. Occasionally you can find a month-to-month lease. Keep an eye on the rooms/ apartments available list. This list is composed of current students (with apartments) looking for roommates. Other options are longterm stays at area hotels and hostels, and homestays. SUBLETTING.

## **Does MI provide temporary housing?**

No, but we provide referrals and discounts to local hotels, hostels and homestay companies.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *(continued)*

## **How do I get from the airport to Hollywood?**

Various shuttle companies offer one-way service to Hollywood for around \$50. If you are staying at local hostels they may reimburse you for your shuttle fee.

## **How much is a typical rental deposit?**

You can expect to pay at least two months' rent (first and last) to get into an apartment; often a security/cleaning deposit is also required. Sometimes, if your credit is bad or you're an international student, apartment managers will require three month's rent up-front.

## **Where do I store my stuff while looking for an apartment?**

There are many storage facilities in Los Angeles. We would recommend looking at some of the storage facilities in the San Fernando Valley; they are significantly cheaper than Hollywood (check the yellow pages or internet).

## **Do I need a co-signer on my leases?**

If you are under 21 years of age, you will probably need a co-signer on your apartment lease. If this is your first apartment, it is a good idea for your parents to help you out in your search.

## **Can International Students lease apartments?**

Yes, but you may be required to pay a slightly higher deposit. You will usually also need to provide copies of your passport, I-20 and proof of enrollment together with a financial statement proving that you have sufficient funds to pay rent.

## **How much is an apartment going to cost me?**

On average, a single room apartment or bachelor apartment will be about \$800 to \$1100 a month. One-bedrooms are about \$900 to \$1400, and two bedrooms range from \$1400 to \$2100. In most buildings water, septic, and trash removal are paid for by the apartment building. You will usually only have to pay for gas and electricity, which is billed every other month. Most students average about \$40-\$60 per month for their utility bill. Don't forget to figure food costs into your budget.

## **How do I find a roommate?**

Finding a roommate is easier than you think. Much like choosing an apartment, you should always meet someone before deciding to live with him or her. Your next question is probably, "How do I meet a potential roommate?" During Registration (the two weeks before school begins), the Housing Department conducts Roommate and Housing meetings. At these meetings, you can meet other students looking for roommates. You can also ask questions about housing and much more.

## **Can I find a roommate before I get to LA?**

Of course you can! When you receive your acceptance package, you will find a "[Roommate Questionnaire](#)" enclosed. Fill it out, return it to the Housing Department, and your name will be placed on the "Roommate List." You will receive a copy of this list by email. You can use both Roommate lists as a means of finding potential roommates that may be from your hometown, nearby or other parts of the world. This way you won't have to do the "Big Move" alone. Both referral services are great resources for finding a suitable roommate but MI maintains the lists as a courtesy and does not investigate or guarantee the accuracy of the posted information. You should always meet a potential roommate in person before you decide to live with them.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *(continued)*

## **Can I live outside the Hollywood area?**

Sure! The San Fernando Valley is located just north of Hollywood, and is only a short car or bus ride from MI. It can be less expensive and more suburban in atmosphere and Metro service is available. If you have a car, keep in mind that traffic can be bad and parking in Hollywood is very expensive.

## **What features do the buildings have?**

Many of the buildings in Hollywood have swimming pools, Jacuzzis, gyms or workout rooms, and saunas. Also, laundry facilities are usually available in most buildings. As for security, almost every building in Hollywood has a security entry system. Most of these are telephone system devices, so visitors must punch in a security code that either rings the telephone or security phone in your apartment so you can let them in. It's very efficient and convenient.

## **When should I arrive in LA?**

You should really arrive in LA no later than the beginning of registration, but no earlier than four weeks before your scheduled start date. If you arrive too early, you may have some difficulty finding a place to live due to the fact that the previous class has not graduated yet. Keep in mind that there are plenty of apartments in Hollywood, but many will not have vacancies until the current class leaves. Arriving two weeks prior to the start of school is usually your best bet!

## **Should I bring a car to LA?**

Unless you already have a car and plan on driving it to California as your means of getting here, it's not vital to have a car while you're at school. Contrary to popular myth, you can survive in LA without a car - you can go almost anywhere you want to go either by bus, taxi, or subway. Having a car can be nice, but insurance rates in LA are high and parking can be very expensive.

## **If I do have a car, where can I park?**

A majority of apartment buildings have gated parking for tenants. Street parking is usually hard to come by, but you may be able to find that as well as metered parking, however parking enforcement is strict and fines are steep. There are several parking lots in the neighborhood and most of them sell a monthly parking pass for around \$90-\$100 per month.

# HOTELS AND HOSTELS

To be utilized mainly for **short-term lodging in Hollywood**. Please contact Hotel or Hostel directly for pricing and booking. If more information is needed please contact MI at **323-255-7529**.

## HILTON GARDEN INN

2005 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, CA 90068  
(323) 876-8600  
[www.losangeleshollywood.hgi.com](http://www.losangeleshollywood.hgi.com)

### Ask for MI special rate

\$199 / night  
*Must be 18 or over to check in*

## BEST WESTERN HOLLYWOOD PLAZA INN

2011 N Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068  
Reservations: (800) 445-4353

### Ask for MI Special rate

From \$129 / night  
*Must be 21 or over to check in*

## BLVD HOTEL & SUITES

2010 N. Highland Ave. Hollywood, CA 90068  
(323) 874-4300  
[info@blvdhotels.com](mailto:info@blvdhotels.com)  
[www.blvdhotels.com/hollywood/](http://www.blvdhotels.com/hollywood/)

From \$299 / night  
*Must be 21 or over to check in*

## LOEWS HOLLYWOOD HOTEL

1755 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028  
Reservations: (855) 563-9749  
(323) 856-1200  
[www.loewshotels.com/Hollywood-Hotel](http://www.loewshotels.com/Hollywood-Hotel)

From \$209 / night  
AAA Discount  
*Must be 18 or over to check in*

## HOLLYWOOD ROOSEVELT

7000 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028  
(800) 950-7667  
(323) 466-7000  
[www.hollywoodroosevelt.com](http://www.hollywoodroosevelt.com)

From \$300 / night  
*Must be 21 or over to check in*

## MAGIC CASTLE HOTEL

7025 Franklin Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028  
(800) 741-4915  
(323) 851-0800

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

From \$188-\$300 / night  
*Must be 18 or over to check in*

## HIGHLAND GARDENS HOTEL

7047 Franklin Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028  
(323) 850-0536

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

### Ask for MI special rates

\$119+tax per night for 1 person  
\$129+tax per night for 2 people  
Monthly rates starting at \$1,350  
*Under 18 allowed with parents authorization*

## SAMESUN BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

6820 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028  
(800) 557-7038  
(323) 463-2770

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

Dorm-style housing from \$30 / night  
From \$69 / night (single)  
*Reserve online for discount*  
*Under 18 allowed*

## HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITY HOTEL

1775 Orchid Ave., Hollywood, CA  
(323) 850-6464

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

From \$129 / night  
*Internet and breakfast (AAA Discount)*  
*Must be 21 or over to check in*

Prices are subject to change without notice.

Musicians Institute does not own or operate student housing and has no affiliation with any landlord or property owner. Housing information is provided for reference only and MI does not guarantee its accuracy. All agreements or contractual arrangements related to housing rental or lease are strictly between the student or other responsible party and the property owner or landlord.

# HOTELS AND HOSTELS *(continued)*

## **HOLLYWOOD ORCHID SUITES**

1753 Orchid Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028

(800) 537-3052

(323) 874-9678

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

From \$119-\$209 / night

*Depending on availability*

*Must be 18 or over to check in*

## **MOTEL 6**

1738 N. Whitley Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028

(323) 464-6006

[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

\$99-\$129 / night

*Must be 18 or over to check in*

## **BANANA BUNGALOW**

5920 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028

(877) 977-5077

(323) 469-2500

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

\$89-99 / night (private room)

*Dorm-style options available*

*Must be 18 or over to check in*

## **BEST INN**

1822 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028

(323) 467-2252

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

\$675 / week

*Free parking*

*Under 18 allowed with parent authorization*

## **VIBE HOTEL**

5920 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028

(866) 751-8600

(323) 469-8600

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

\$99 / night

*Free parking*

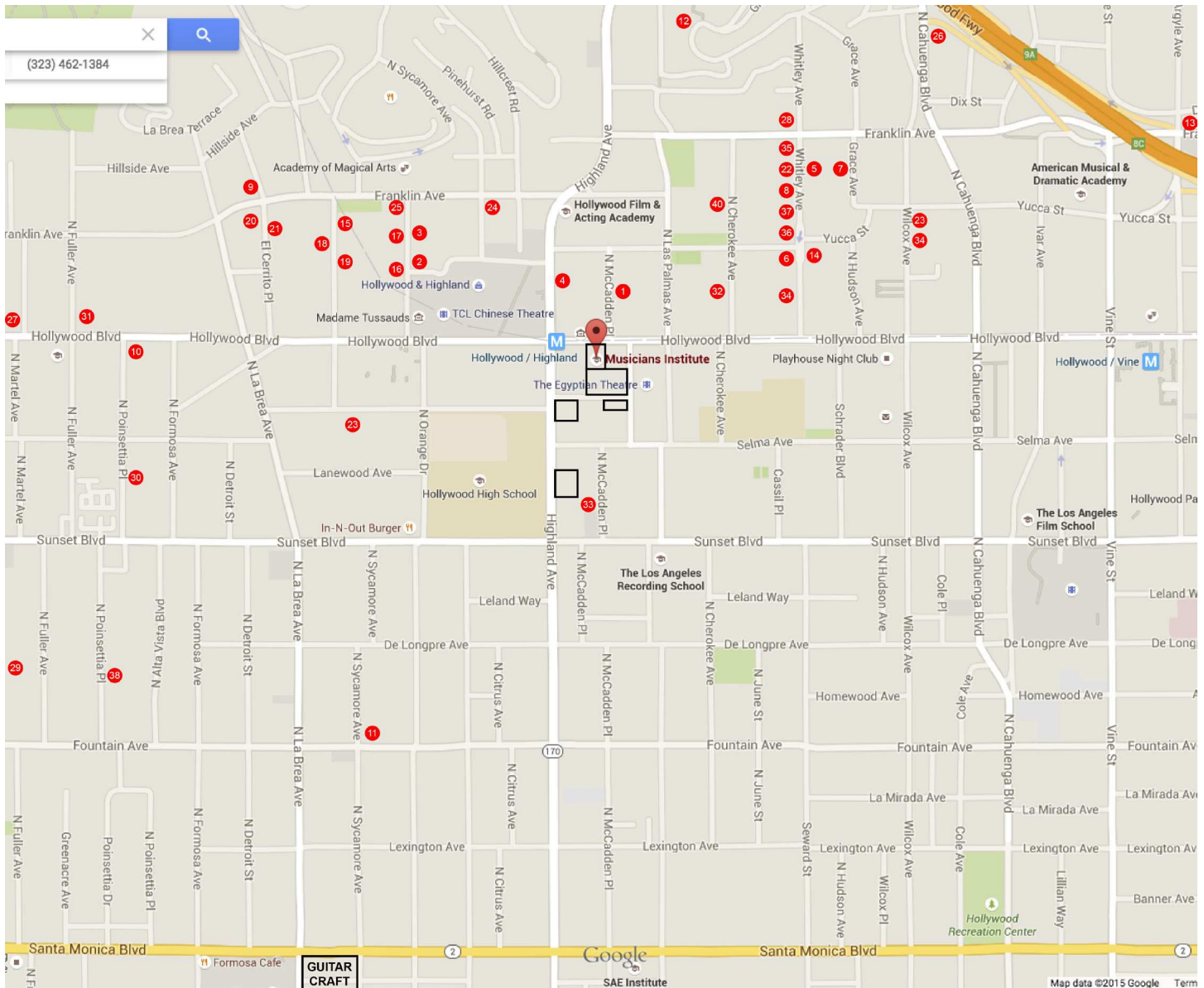
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# MUSICIANS INSTITUTE PREFERRED HOUSING RADIUS

The map below indicates a section of a two mile radius which is suggested for locating local housing at Musicians Institute. The nightly MI shuttle bus will also return students to any Apartment located within the vicinity of this map and within 2 miles of the school\*.



LEGEND

MI Campus

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**Apartment Listings**  
*(Refer to listings beginning on page 18)*

\*To confirm if you are within the 2 mile radius of the school please refer to Google Maps for exact distances.

Please contact the MI Housing Department for further info:

**MI Housing Department**

**EMAIL** [housing@mi.edu](mailto:housing@mi.edu)

**PHONE** 323-462-1384

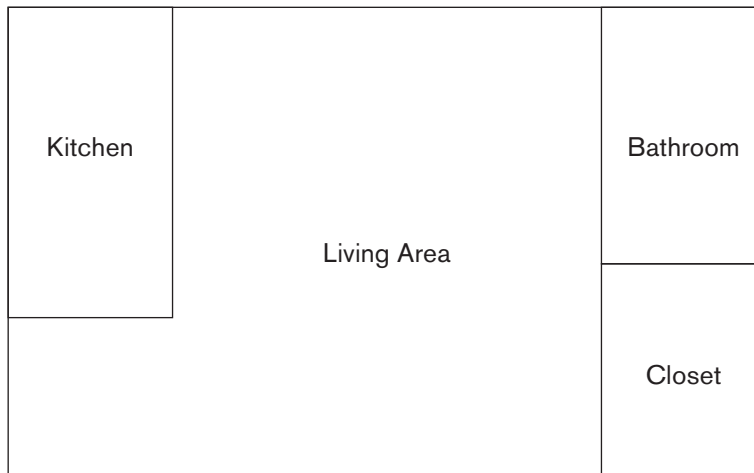
**LOCATED** Student Support Center (*Passage West, First Floor*)



# TYPES OF UNITS IN APARTMENTS

There are sometimes questions about the difference between a studio and a one-bedroom apartment. Here is a diagram describing both...

## STUDIO



## ONE BEDROOM



# APARTMENT LISTINGS

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## 1. RUBIX HOLLYWOOD

1714 N. McCadden Pl.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-871-4041  
Lease Terms: 6 -12 months  
Studio: \$2360  
One bd: \$2320-\$2470  
Two bd: \$2730-\$2930  
Two bd + Loft: \$3925

## 2. THE MADISON

1746 N. Orange Dr.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-876-2006  
Lease Term: 6 months (w/10% fee) - 12 months  
Studio: \$1525 - \$1665  
One Bdrm: \$2115 - \$2400  
Two Bdrm: \$2460 - \$3000

## 3. HOLLYWOOD PLAZA APARTMENTS

1758 N. Orange Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
323-874-2973  
Lease Term: 6 months - 12 months  
Furnished  
Single: \$1150  
One Bdrm: \$1350

## 4. THE JEFFERSON AT HOLLYWOOD

1724 N. Highland Ave  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-469-4000  
Lease Terms Available: 3 - 13 months  
One Bedroom: \$2043-\$2162 (up to 3 occupants)  
Two Bedroom: \$2815-\$2900 (up to 5 occupants)

## 5. 1820 WHITLEY AVE.

Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(Redwood Urban)  
323-467-9000  
Lease Term: 3 months - 12 months  
(\*Lease terms shorter than 12 months are subject to fees)  
Studio: \$1486 - \$1496  
One Bdrm: \$1741 - \$1841  
Two Bdrm: \$2250 - 2395  
Loft: \$1695

## 6. 6600 YUCCA ST.

Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(Redwood Urban)  
323-467-9000  
Lease Term: 3 months - 12 months  
(\*Lease terms shorter than 12 months are subject to fees)  
Studio: \$1486 - \$1496  
One Bdrm: \$1741 - \$1841  
Two Bdrm: \$2250 - 2395  
Loft: \$1695

## 7. 1823 N. GRACE AVE.

Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(Redwood Urban)  
323-467-9000  
Lease Term: 3 months - 12 months  
(\*Lease terms shorter than 12 months are subject to fees)  
Studio: \$1486 - \$1496  
One Bdrm: \$1741 - \$1841  
Two Bdrm: \$2250 - 2395  
Loft: \$1695

## 8. 1837 N. WHITLEY AVE.

Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(Redwood Urban) 323-467-9000  
Lease Term: 3 months - 12 months  
(\*Lease terms shorter than 12 months are subject to fees)  
Studio: \$1486 - \$1496  
One Bdrm: \$1741 - \$1841  
Two Bdrm: \$2250 - 2395  
Loft: \$1695

## 9. EL CERRITO APARTMENTS

1805 N. El Cerrito Pl.  
Hollywood, CA 90068  
323-969-0429  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$1000.00  
One Bdrm: \$1450  
Two Bdrm: \$1850 - \$1900

## 10. THE SANDS APARTMENTS

7220 Hollywood Blvd.  
Hollywood, CA 90046  
323-874-6186  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
Studio: \$1050  
One Bdrm: \$1300

## 11. SYCAMORE VILLA APARTMENTS

1320 N. Sycamore Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-466-9173  
Lease Term: 6 months  
Studio: \$1600 - \$1650  
One Bdrm: \$1800 - \$1900  
Two Bdrm: \$2400 - \$2500

## 12. LAS PALMAS VILLA APARTMENTS

2039 N. Las Palmas Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-969-0722  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$1430  
Small One Bdrm: \$1535  
Regular One Bdrm: \$1675  
Two Bdrm: \$1900

## 13. HOLLYWOOD TOWERS

6200 Franklin Ave. Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-466-4339  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
Studio: \$1640  
One Bdrm: \$2090  
Two Bdrm: \$2228

## 14. HOLLYWOOD TERRACE APARTMENTS

6550 Yucca St.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-469-5782  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Two Bdrm: \$1850

## 15. MEDITERRANEAN APARTMENTS

1776 N. Sycamore Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-874-5140  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
Bachelor: \$900  
Studio: \$1200  
One Bdrm: \$1450 - \$1500  
Two Bdrm: \$1800

# APARTMENT LISTINGS *(continued)*

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## **16. HOLLYVIEW APARTMENTS**

1737 N. Orange Dr.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-874-4578  
Lease Term: 1 year  
One Bdrm: \$1600

## **17. HOLLYWOOD BILTMORE**

1745 N. Orange Dr.  
Hollywood, CA 90029  
323-512-8891  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Utilities included  
Studio: \$1400 - \$1600  
One Bdrm: \$1895  
+\$100.00 per added occupant  
Parking: \$75.00 / month  
Wifi Available

## **18. WESTBURY APARTMENTS**

1765 Sycamore Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-874-9909  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$1250  
One Bdrm: \$1525  
Two Bdrm: \$1975

## **19. SYCAMORE TERRACE**

1750 Sycamore Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-969-8877  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$1550  
One Bdrm: \$1750  
Two Bdrm: \$2500

## **20. FRANKLIN MANOR APARTMENTS**

7104 Franklin Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90046  
323-850-3282  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$895  
One Bdrm: \$1095

## **21. EL CERRITO PLACE APTS.**

1780 El Cerrito Pl.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-850-3282  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$945  
One Bdrm: \$1150

## **22. WHITLEY LOFTS APARTMENTS**

1853 Whitley Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-461-3253  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$1425 - \$1500  
One Bdrm: \$1600 - \$1800  
Two Bdrm: \$2200 - \$2500  
\$25 for refrigerator

## **23. HOLLYWOOD ARMS APARTMENTS**

6434 Yucca St.  
Hollywood, CA 90029  
213-399-7788  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
Bachelor: \$1095  
Studio: \$1195  
One Bdrm: From \$1600

## **24. ORCHID PROPERTIES**

1772 N. Orchid St.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-465-7680  
Lease Term: Monthly - 6 months - 1 year  
Utilities included  
Bachelor: \$900 - 1050  
Studio: \$1150  
One Bdrm: \$1450

## **25. ORANGE APARTMENTS**

1769 N. Orange Dr.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-855-2705  
Lease Term: 3 months - 1 year  
Studio: \$1100

## **26. CAHUENGA LUXURY APARTMENTS**

2104 N. Cahuenga Blvd.  
Hollywood, CA 90046  
323-871-0454  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
Two Bdrm: \$2200 - \$2500

## **27. HACIENDA APARTMENTS**

7367 Hollywood Blvd. #104  
Los Angeles, CA 90046  
323-895-2186  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$975  
One Bdrm: \$1285

## **28. FRANKLIN PARK APARTMENTS**

6615 Franklin Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-851-1398  
Lease Term: 6 months  
Studio: \$1050 - \$1150  
One Bdrm: \$1500 - \$1595  
Two Bdrm: \$1950 - \$1995

## **29. JOSHUA APARTMENTS**

1353 N. Martel Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-851-4141  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
One Bdrm: \$1250 - \$1495  
Two Bdrm: \$1795 - \$1995

## **30. POINSETTIA APARTMENTS**

1530 N. Poinsettia Pl.  
Los Angeles, CA 90046  
323-851-3212  
Lease Term: 6 months - 9 months - 1 year  
Studio: \$1925  
One Bdrm: \$2200  
One Bdrm + Loft: \$2550  
Two Bdrm: \$2900

## **31. VANTAGE APARTMENTS**

1710 N. Fuller Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-850-1710  
Lease Term: 3 months - 1 year  
Studio: \$1681 - \$1999  
One Bdrm: \$1899 - \$2224  
Two Bdrm: \$3024 - \$3092

## **32. CHEROKEE APARTMENTS**

1733 N. Cherokee Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-525-8817  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Studio: \$1100 - \$1300

## **33. MCCADDEN APARTMENTS**

1523 N. McCadden Pl.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-871-0206  
Lease Term: 6 months - 1 year  
Utilities included  
Studio: \$950  
One Bdrm: \$1150 - \$1250

# APARTMENT LISTINGS *(continued)*

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## **34. MAYFAIR APARTMENTS**

1760 N. Wilcox Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
206-335-0801  
Lease Term: 6 months – 1 year  
Studio: \$1050  
One Bdrm: \$1200  
Two Bdrm: \$1495

## **35. THE HAVENHURST**

1861 N. Whitley Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
323-465-4723  
Lease Term: 6 months – 1 year  
Bachelor: \$1135  
Single: \$1495  
One Bdrm: \$1695

## **36. THE FONTENOY**

1811 N. Whitley Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-957-5679  
Lease Term: 1 year  
Single: \$1095

## **37. THE FLEUR DE LIS**

1825 N. Whitley Ave.  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-466-2749  
Lease Term: 1 Year  
Bachelor: \$1105  
Studio: \$1595.00 - \$1620  
One Bdrm: \$1795

## **38. KAITLIN COURT**

1340 N. Poinsettia Place  
Hollywood, CA 90028  
323-851-9453  
Lease Term: 6 months – 1 year  
Studio: \$1095  
One Bdrm: \$1195 - \$1300  
Two Bdrm: \$1750

# HOMESTAYS FOR STUDENTS

The below companies offer homestay with an American family and is a great option for international students or anyone who would like to stay with a host family.

## **Universal Student Housing**

Universal Student Housing is dedicated to providing economical homestays for international and domestic students. Visit [www.usaish.com](http://www.usaish.com) for more info.

## **Global Student Services**

GLOBAL STUDENT SERVICES, USA has been dedicated to providing a home away from home' to international (as well as national) students staying in the Los Angeles area while attending school. For more information, please go to [www.global-student-service.com](http://www.global-student-service.com).

## **IHPS**

Economical homestays available in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas for international travelers and students. To learn more, please visit [IHPSLA.com](http://IHPSLA.com).

## **Sara's Homestay**

For international students, visitors, interns & executives who come to Los Angeles for a short period of time (1 week to 12 months). Go to [www.sarahomestay.com](http://www.sarahomestay.com) to learn more.

## **Homestay Web**

Homestay Web has registered host families worldwide waiting for you. You can search for a homestay family and send e-mails to your potential host family. Visit [www.homestayweb.com](http://www.homestayweb.com).

# PHONE LISTINGS

## **LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES**

[www.lafla.org](http://www.lafla.org)  
1102 S. Crenshaw Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90019-3111  
(800) 399-4529

## **LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPT.**

[lahd.lacity.org](http://lahd.lacity.org)  
3550 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1500  
Los Angeles, CA 90010  
(866) 557-RENT

## **HOUSING/EVICTION DEFENSE**

1 East Regent St. Room 107  
Inglewood, CA 90301  
(213) 385-1719  
1725 Main St. Room 210  
Santa Monica, CA 9040  
(310) 899-6200

## **HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER**

[www.hrc-la.org](http://www.hrc-la.org)  
520 S. Virgil Ave. Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
(800) 477-5977

# MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

You should first contact the numbers listed in the Apartment Listings section. Only contact the management companies if you cannot find an apartment.

## **MGGS PROPERTIES**

4107 Los Feliz Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Ca 90028  
(323) 661-1752

## **HILDER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

7805 W. Sunset Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 850-5755

## **LAS PALMAS MANAGEMENT**

1210 N. Las Palmas Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca 90038  
(323) 461-9199

## **RAFORD MANAGEMENT**

5858 Hollywood Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 466-7111

## **LEEDS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

3385 Overland Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
(310) 815-9015  
[www.leedspm.com](http://www.leedspm.com)

## **CIM HOLLYWOOD**

6922 Hollywood Blvd. 9th floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 860-4900  
[www.cimgroup.com](http://www.cimgroup.com)

## **TROCADERO MANAGEMENT**

6700 Franklin Pl.  
Los Angeles, CA 90028  
(323) 462-6227

## **LB PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

4370 Woodman Ave Suite 200  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423  
(818) 981-1802  
[www.lbprop.com](http://www.lbprop.com)

## **LOS FELIZ LTD.**

3949 Los Feliz Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90078  
(323) 660-9115

## **MAY HANE GROUP**

4141 Santa Monica Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
(323) 668-9119

## **ARTISTE APARTMENTS**

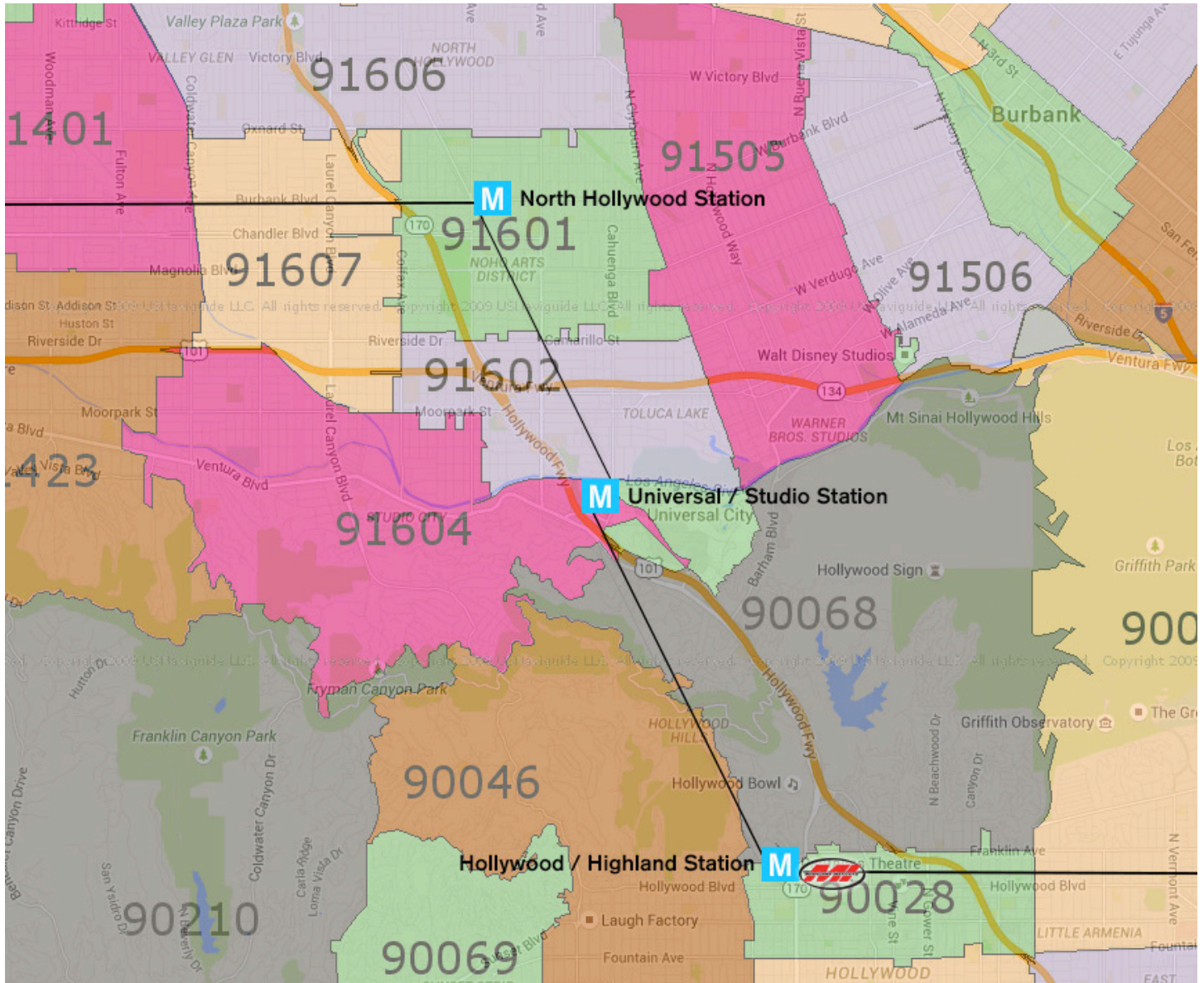
PO Box 2109  
Hollywood, CA 90078  
(323) 692-5736  
[www.artisteapartments.com](http://www.artisteapartments.com)

## **ALLIANCE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

10810 W. Washington Blvd.  
Culver City, CA 90232  
(310) 837-2500  
[www.alliancela.com](http://www.alliancela.com)

# ZIP CODE MAP & METRO ROUTE

The map below indicates the zip codes of the neighborhoods surrounding Musicians Institute.



## Approximate Trip Times:

Hollywood/Highland Station ... Universal/Studio Station: **~5 minutes**

Universal/Studio Station ... North Hollywood Station: **~7 minutes**

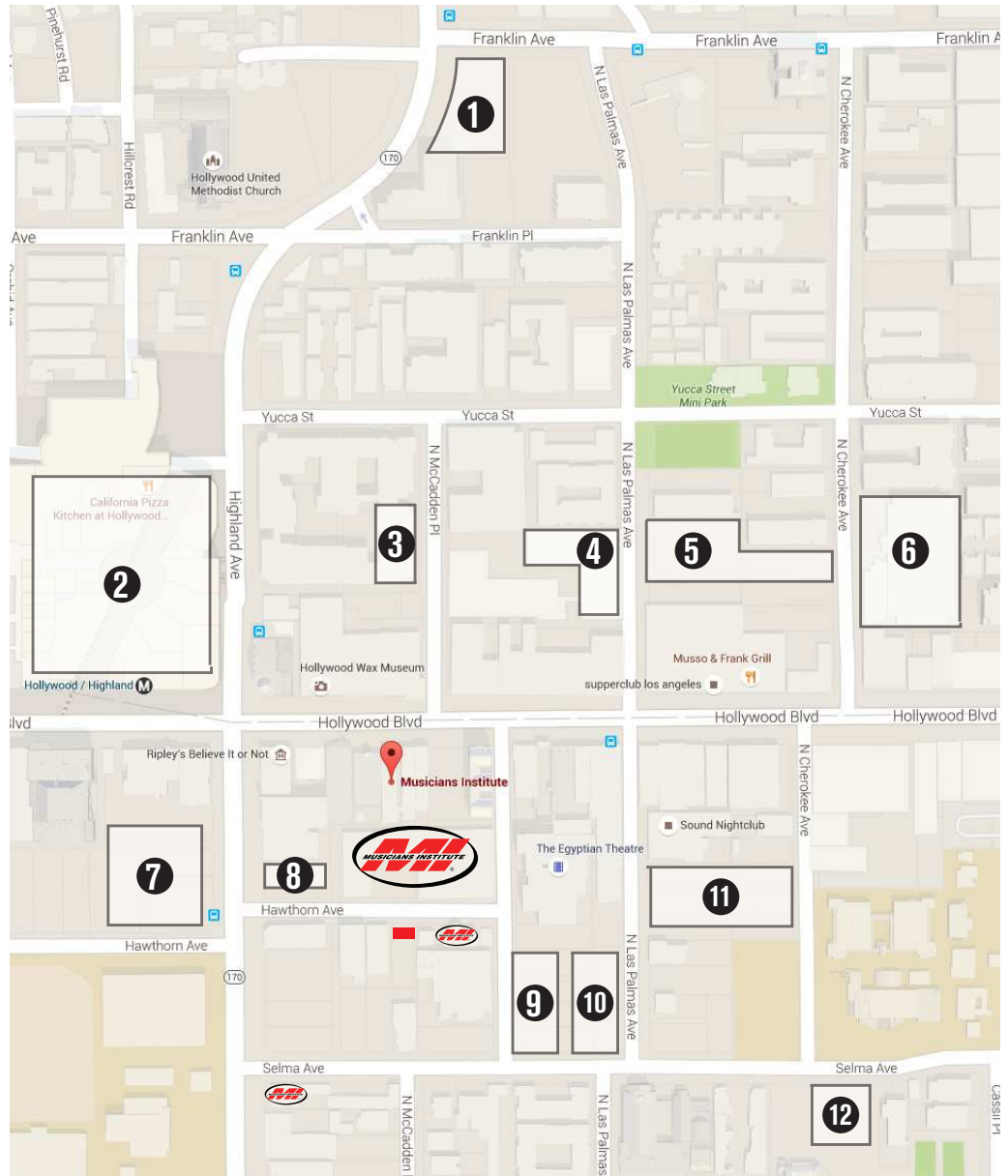
-Total Trip:

Hollywood/Highland Station ... North Hollywood Station: **~12 minutes**

# PARKING AROUND MI

Metered and unmetered street parking is also available on the streets surrounding MI. *Free* street parking can be found on Mansfield, Orange, De Longpre, Cassil, and parts of Selma. **Pay attention to street signs!** Time limits, prices, and availability can change from hour to hour.

- 1 Proper Parking**  
No Overnight Parking  
\$5 / day for MI Students
- 2 Hollywood & Highland Center**  
2 hr Free w/ Validation  
\$15 max / day  
\$125 / month
- 3 First Class Parking**  
\$10-12 / day  
Around \$95-120 / month  
*Student Discount Available*
- 4 First Class Parking**  
Around \$10-20 / day
- 5 Grant Parking**  
\$10-20 / day 8am - 6pm  
Around \$100 / month
- 6 Modern Parking**  
\$16 / day 6pm - 6am  
\$144 / month + \$25 key card
- 7 California Parking Systems**  
\$15-25 / day  
\$150 / month
- 8 Coast Parking**  
\$10 / day 9am-5pm  
Students \$120 / month
- 9 Coast Parking**  
\$10-15 / day  
\$140 / month
- 10 Classic Parking**  
\$10-15 / day  
\$100 / month
- 11 Classic Parking**  
\$10-15 / day  
\$100 / month
- 12 First Class Parking**  
\$8-10 / day  
\$90 / month



■ Campus Tour Reserved Parking



# ROOMMATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Housing Department maintains a list of new students looking for roommates. To be included on this list, please complete and return the [Roommate Questionnaire](#) to [housing@mi.edu](mailto:housing@mi.edu) to register with our Housing Department (it is your responsibility to contact other students on the list and make arrangements for finding joint housing).

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email/Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program:**

- Bass                       Drum                       Guitar                       Keyboard Technology
- Vocal                       Audio Engineering                       Independent Artist                       Music Business
- Guitar Craft

**Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly Rental Budget** (*Be Realistic*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate Preferences:**     Male                       Female                       Non-Smoking

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Housing Preferences:**     Private Room                       Shared Room

**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*\* Remember:* Musicians Institute Housing Dept. does NOT make housing arrangements for students. Returning this completed questionnaire to us means that your name will be placed on a "ROOMMATE WANTED" list. The list will be sent to you prior to your arrival in Hollywood. It will enable you to contact other students looking for roommates. All final decisions regarding roommates or apartments are YOUR responsibility.

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**  
**Musicians Institute Housing Department**  
Student Support Center, *Passage West, First Floor*



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