



Relocation Guide

Welcome to Argosy University! This relocation guide will make it easier for you to begin your studies at Argosy by providing information on topics such as housing search resources, getting around in the bay area and more.

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Getting Around

DIRECTIONS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CAMPUS:

**1005 Atlantic Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501**

BY CAR

HWY 80

Traveling south on Hwy 80, as you approach the Bay Bridge/Hwy 880 split in Emeryville, stay in the lanes for I-880 South/Alameda. Take 880 South to the Broadway Exit. Turn right at the end of the Broadway exit ramp onto 5th Street. Proceed for several long blocks in the left lane until you see the signs for Alameda, Webster Street Tube (tunnel). Go through the Webster Tube heading into Alameda. Stay in the left lane of the tube and as you exit the tube, veer all the way to your left. This puts you on Constitution Way. Make a left at the second light, which is Atlantic Avenue and go 2 ½ blocks (through one stoplight) to 1005 Atlantic, which is on your left.

NORTHBOUND HWY 880

Take Broadway exit in Oakland and turn right onto Broadway. Make a right at the first light (7th Street) and go 2 blocks to Webster. Make a right on Webster and follow the Alameda signs into the Webster Tube (Tunnel). Stay in the left lane of the tube and as you exit the tube, veer all the way to your left. This puts you on Constitution Way. Make a left at the second light, which is Atlantic Avenue and go 2 ½ blocks (through one stoplight) to 1005 Atlantic, which is on your left.

WESTBOUND HWY 24 AND 980

Take Oakland 11th/12th Street exit and go straight off the off ramp which puts you on Brush Street. Stay on Brush Street: just after you go under an overpass, turn left onto 5th Street. Stay in the left lane and follow the signs to Alameda, bearing left at the corner of 5th and Broadway into the Webster Tube. Stay in the left lane of the tube and as you exit the tube, veer all the way to your left. This puts you on Constitution Way. Make a left at the second light, which is Atlantic Avenue and go 2 ½ blocks (through one stoplight) to 1005 Atlantic, which is on your left.

FROM OAKLAND

Drive south on Broadway to 5th Street and then take a hard left into the Webster Tube. College Avenue, Telegraph Avenue, and San Pablo Avenue all end at Broadway southbound in Oakland. The San Pablo route requires a ½ block jog to the left where it ends at 14th Street in Oakland. Once you reach the Webster Tube, stay in the left lane of the tube and as you exit the tube, veer all the way to your left. This puts you on Constitution Way. Make a left at the second light, which is Atlantic Avenue and go 2 ½ blocks (through one stoplight) to 1005 Atlantic, which is on your left.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO

When you arrive on the East Bay side of the Bay Bridge, stay in one of the two far right lanes and follow the signs to Alameda and San Jose (I-880 South). Take 880 South to the Broadway Exit. Go right at the end of the Broadway exit ramp onto 5th Street. Proceed for several long blocks in the left lane until you see the signs for Alameda, Webster Street Tube (tunnel). Go through the Webster Tube heading into Alameda. Stay in the left lane of the tube and as you exit the tube, veer all the way to your left. This puts you on Constitution Way. Make a left at the second light, which is Atlantic Avenue and go 2 ½ blocks (through one stoplight) to 1005 Atlantic, which is on your left.

VIA BART AND BUS

If riding BART exit at the 12th Street City Center station. Pick up a BART-to bus transfer from the machine just before the exit turnstiles.

At 13th and Broadway you can also catch the 51 bus or catch the 19 bus at 9th and Broadway, they will take you down Webster Street and through the Webster Tube in Alameda. If taking the 51 bus get off at the first stoplight after exiting the tunnel (Atlantic Ave.) and take a left (away from the College of Alameda). Walk 2 ½ blocks to 1005 Atlantic Avenue. If taking the 19 bus you will exit in front of the campus.

From San Francisco, you can catch the O or W (W bus is commute hours only) at the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco, or at the 12th Street City Center station in Oakland, and get off at Atlantic street in Alameda (the first stoplight).

For the most up to date public transportation instructions and route help visit:

<http://transit.511.org/tripplanner/index.asp>

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

Bay Area Limousine and Bus Service

This service runs every hour on the hour to downtown Oakland's Park Oakland Hotel (near the 12th Street BART station). There is a booth at the Oakland International Airport which can provide you with more detailed information.

SAM TRANS Shuttle Buses: (800) 660-4287; www.samtrans.com

Air-Transit Shuttle (510) 568-3434

This is a private company that provides door-to-door service from airport to home. It services both the San Francisco and Oakland airports. This service must be reserved ahead of time, and there are many other companies like this, so shop around!

Bay Porter (415) 467-1800

For transport from San Francisco Airports. Call ahead with your arrival time; **reservations are required**. Prices may vary depending on your final destination.

The Airport Connection (415) 401-8300

24hr. Door-to-door service from Oakland and San Francisco Airports.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE OAKLAND AIRPORT

Oakland Airport is closer to Argosy University San Francisco Bay Area campus than the San Francisco Airport. Unless you plan to stay on the San Francisco side of the bay, it is more convenient to fly into Oakland.

AIR-BART

Shuttles run 7 days a week, every 10 minutes (6 a.m. to midnight) to the Oakland Coliseum BART station. To get to Alameda by BART take a RICHMOND bound train and get off at the 12th Street station. You can catch an A.C. Transit (see BART to Bus Directions) from here to Alameda.

Again, there are many door-to-door shuttle services available as well, so check some out!

ARRIVING BY AMTRAK OR GREYHOUND-TRAILWAYS

AMTRAK (800) 872-7245

There are three Amtrak Stations within close range of Alameda (Oakland, Richmond, and San Francisco). Daily trains come from various areas of the United States. Amtrak's Richmond Stations is right next to the Richmond BART. The Oakland Amtrak, located at 16th and Wood, is reportedly in a rough neighborhood. Cab service is available. The nearest BART is 10 blocks away but there is an A.C. Transit bus stop one block away. The San Francisco Amtrak connects with the Transbay terminal, a hub of public transportation to the entire Bay Area.

GREYHOUND-TRAILWAYS (415) 834-3070

Greyhound-Trailways has depots in Oakland and San Francisco. A.C. Transit buses have stops near these stations.

Temporary Accommodations

ALAMEDA:

The Marina Village Inn

1151 Pacific Marina
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 523-9450

Hawthorn Suites

1628 Webster St.
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 522-1000

Days Inn

1925 Webster Street
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 521-8400

Coral Reef Motel

400 Park Street
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 521-2330

BERKELEY:

Ramada Inn

920 University Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 849-1121

Golden Bear

1620 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 525-6770

Shattuck Hotel

2086 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 845-7300

OAKLAND:

Waterfront Plaza Hotel

8465 Enterprise Way
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 632-8900

Jack London Square

444 Embarcadero West
Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 444-2032

Hampton Inn

8465 Enterprise Way
Oakland, CA 94621
(800) 950-1191, (510) 632-8900

Places to Live

ALAMEDA An island city situated immediately offshore from Oakland, Alameda has much of the feel of a small town. The island has a variety of neighborhoods ranging from hundred-year-old Victorians and small bungalows to modern town houses and apartment complexes. Tree-lined streets, views of San Francisco, and beautiful beaches add to its charm.

BERKELEY AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS Berkeley is a campus town which extends from the hills to the San Francisco Bay. It has a large, diverse population, many of whom are students of the University of California at Berkeley. Locating housing here can be difficult due to the large numbers of UCB students also looking and Berkeley's rent control laws.

SOUTH CAMPUS (South of UC Berkeley) It is close to UC and convenient to grocery stores, book stores, shops, restaurants, and public transportation. The area closest to the UC campus is rather noisy and overcrowded, but the activity and convenience can be a plus. Other areas of South Campus are quiet, residential, modest neighborhoods. There are bicycle paths along many streets. Houses tend to be less expensive here than in other areas.

NORTH BERKELEY This quiet, scenic, residential area offers beautiful views, but is more expensive than other areas. Houses are sometimes available for rent to a group of individuals, and students can often find rooms to rent in private homes.

WEST OF CAMPUS Beginning at the west end of UC campus and extending down towards the Bay; offices, banks, shops, restaurants, and businesses abound. Public transportation is very good in this area. Beyond the commercial zones are many moderately priced houses, apartments, and duplexes. Crime tends to be higher west of San Pablo Avenue.

OAKLAND AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS Oakland has a good public transportation system (except for areas in the hills which are less accessible). It is the largest East Bay city, with an ethnically diverse population of over 380,000. It is generally less expensive than Berkeley with old houses and tree-lined streets. While some parts of Oakland are very nice places to live, other areas may not be as safe. The housing situation is very mixed in Oakland. Hunt around—you may find a bargain. Some of the neighborhoods are:

ROCKRIDGE AREA (North Oakland on the Berkeley border) has a large student population and nice, older homes. It is walking distance from great stores, restaurants, and the Rockridge BART. The demand for housing in this area can be strong.

ADAMS POINT near Lake Merritt, is an ethnically diverse neighborhood. There are many apartment complexes in this area. It is near shopping and the Grand Lake Theater. This area is about 10 minutes from ARGOSY UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.

MONTCLAIR AND PIEDMONT These are small communities in the hill area with homes and some apartments. These areas tend to be quite expensive.

ALBANY AND EL CERRITO are about 30-40 minutes from ARGOSY UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, depending on the traffic. Older family homes, some apartments, and shopping centers are characteristic of this area. The neighborhoods are nice and it tends to be quiet. There is good public transportation (BART and A.C. Transit) from these towns.

RICHMOND AND SAN PABLO are about a 40-50 minute drive on the freeway to Alameda. The BART line ends in Richmond. The area is largely residential with much industry. The area is ethnically diverse and has a wide range of affordable rentals. Parts of Richmond may not be safe.

PINOLE, RODEO, AND HERCULES are around 50-60 minutes by freeway from Alameda. Located close to Hilltop Mall, these areas tend to be more suburban than nearby Richmond and San Pablo. Pinole tends to have the least ethnic diversity of these areas.

ORINDA, MORAGA AND LAFAYETTE are at least a 30-40 minute commute to ARGOSY UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. These towns consist primarily of private homes, as well as some apartment developments with pools and golf courses. BART stations are available. These towns are more affluent and less ethnically diverse than other areas in Contra Costa County.

WALNUT CREEK, PLEASANT HILL AND CONCORD are heavily populated towns with mostly private homes. The BART line terminates in Concord. Commute times to Alameda are 30 to 45 minutes by car. The climate is colder in winter and warmer in the summer than in Alameda. There are some apartment complexes, including some very expensive ones with pools. Concord and Pleasant Hill are generally less expensive than Walnut Creek.

SAN LEANDRO, HAYWARD, AND FREMONT around 20-30 minutes South of Alameda by freeway. These areas are largely middle class suburban areas with family homes, although more and more apartments can be found. These cities offer ethnic diversity as well.

PLEASANTON, DUBLIN, AND LIVERMORE are around 40-45 minutes from Alameda. These areas offer a secluded suburban lifestyle. The weather tends to be colder in winter and hotter in summer than in Alameda. This area is more affluent and less ethnically diverse than other areas in Alameda County.

SAN FRANCISCO AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS San Francisco is between a 25 to 45 minute commute (depending on traffic, it could be worse!). There is good public transportation in and out of the city. Housing in the city tends to be quite expensive and very difficult to find (there is a 1% vacancy rate). However, you can occasionally find a good bargain, depending both on the neighborhood and the quality of the living space.

EXPENSIVE DISTRICTS The Marina, Pacific Heights, Presidio Terrace and Heights, Park Merced, West Portal, the Parnassus Area (near the Medical Center), Russian Hill, and Telegraph Hill are all on the expensive side.

FAMILY DISTRICTS The outer Richmond and outer Sunset-Parkside tend to be middle-class, quiet, and on the expensive side. There are many single-family dwellings, flats, and some apartment buildings. This is probably one of the easier areas to find places where kids are okay. The inner Richmond and inner Sunset districts, which can be more interesting, also tend to be more expensive.

HAIGHT-ASHBURY AKA "THE HAIGHT" This lively area varies from block to block. Many run-down houses alternate with beautifully restored Victorians. Rents vary accordingly. Close to Golden Gate Park, and centrally located, the area still sports some fringe leftovers from the 1960's, but is quickly becoming "yuppified".

NORTH BEACH Another colorful area of the city, North Beach tends to be a mix of cheap and expensive housing. A large Chinese and Italian heritage flavor this community. Great coffee shops. Parking, however, is a terrible problem here and tourists flood this area in the summer.

MISSION, POTRERO HILL, BERNAL HEIGHTS, NOE VALLEY, DIAMOND HEIGHTS, GLEN PARK, OUTER MISSION These areas still have some good values to be found, but those deals are quickly disappearing as more and more people look to move here. One of the best things about these areas is persistent sunshine, even when the rest of the city is fogged in.

THE CASTRO has a large gay community, as well as many families. Hilly and sunny, this area has many beautifully restored Victorians.

Housing Search Resources

Free website that lists apartments, jobs, etc:

www.craigslist.org

Great Resource for Rentals! FREE. Some apartments have pictures.

NEWSPAPERS

EAST BAY (Area code for all telephone numbers is 510)

Alameda Sun
www.alamedasun.com

Locally run and operated.

Alameda Times Star
& Oakland Tribune
Insidebayarea.com

Published daily. Saturday and Sunday have the best listings.

Daily Californian
Dailycal.org

U.C. Berkeley student newspaper (free). Published Monday-Friday when school is in session.

SAN FRANCISCO (Area code for all telephone numbers is 415)

Chronicle
Sfgate.com

Published daily-the Sunday edition is best for rental listings.

Examiner
Sfexaminer.com

Published daily-you can buy the want-ad section Friday night or Saturday morning.

Bay Guardian
Sfbg.com

Published weekly on Wednesday. Free. Excellent source for share rentals in SF and the East Bay.

HOME FINDING AGENCIES

Free website with listings for apartments, jobs, etc.

www.craigslist.org

Great Resource For Rentals! FREE

GALLAGHER AND LINDSEY REALTY WEST OFFICE 1410 Webster St. (510) 523-1010
Rentals in Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, etc.

OMM INC./MASON MANAGEMENT 2514 Santa Clara Ave. (510) 522-8074
Rentals in Alameda.

METRO RENTALS-2021 Filmore Street, San Francisco; (415) 563-7368; www.metrorent.com
There is no charge for discussing possibilities with the real estate agent.

SAN FRANCISCO ROOMMATE REFERRAL-610A Cole St., San Francisco; (415) 626-0606
www.roomatelink.com

You get access to a listing of over 300 vacancies in shared living situations throughout San Francisco. Good until you find a place. Each listing is a one-page description of the household and the type of person being sought.

Includes both straight and gay households. 200 new listings come in each week, and listings are updated on a weekly basis.

DAVIS RENTALS-5000 Geary Blvd, San Francisco; (415) 668-5600

A residential leasing broker will search for suitable housing throughout the city for those interested in renting a house in SF. There is no fee.

RENT TECH- (415) 863-7368; www.renttech.com

Rentals and roommates. Hourly updates. This service is for a fee.

The Alameda apartments listed below are said to have openings on a fairly regular basis:

MARINA VIEW TOWERS-1100 Pacific Marina, is situated within sight of the ARGOSY UNIVERSITY, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA/ SF Bay campus (in Alameda). It offers 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments. These apartments, although on the pricey side, offer beautiful views of the Oakland Hills and the Oakland estuary. Water and garbage are included, cats and small dogs ok. 510-521-3600

SOUTH SHORE BEACH AND TENNIS CLUB-901 Shorepoint Court, is located 4 miles from campus. Studios, 1 and 2 bedrooms. Rent includes water, garbage, and parking space. It is close to the beach and public parks, and some of the apartments offer views of the bay. They have four pools, tennis courts, sauna, gym, and a clubroom. 510-521-2801.

SHORELINE APARTMENTS-1801 Shoreline Drive (about 4 miles from campus) has studios, 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Apartments overlook the beach, a courtyard or the parking lot. 2 pools, cable TV, and a recreation room are available. 510-522-3869.

A Sampling of Restaurants Close to the Campus:

India Palace
737 Buena Vista Ave
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 814-8778

Otaez Mexican Restaurant
1619 Webster St
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 521-9090

Round Table Pizza
901 Marina Village Pkwy
Alameda, CA
(510) 748-8600

360 Degree Gourmet Burrito
853 Marina Village Pkwy
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 814-9003

Starbucks – 2 locations
1. 700 Atlantic Ave, Alameda - (510) 337-1580
2. 815 Marina Village Pkwy, Alameda - (510) 521-9113 (Inside the Lucky's)

East Ocean Seafood Restaurant
1713 Webster St
Alameda, CA, 94501
(510) 865-3381

L&L Hawaiian BBQ
845 Marina Village Parkway
Alameda, CA, 94501
(510) 814-3726

Quiznos Sandwiches/Subs
951 Marina Village Pkwy
Alameda, CA
(510) 865-1507

For more restaurants, reviews other services and establishments visit www.yelp.com

Alameda Hospitals

Alameda Hospital
2070 Clinton Ave,
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 522-3700
(510) 523-4357 Emergency Room

Alameda Schools

Visit <http://www.alameda.k12.ca.us/education/> for more information

Elementary:

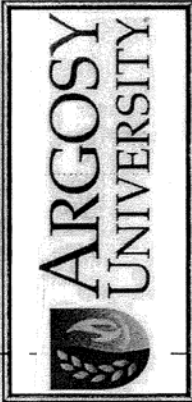
- Bay Farm
- Earhart
- Edison
- Franklin
- Henry
- Lum
- Otis
- Paden
- Ruby Bridges
- Washington

Middle School:

- Chipman
- Lincoln
- Wood

High School:

- Alameda
- Alameda Community Learning Center
- Alameda Science and Technology Institute
- Encinal
- Island



- Class I Bike Path / other Multi-Use Trails
- Class II Bike Lanes
- Class III Bike Route

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We want the Relocation Guide to be the best possible resource for students moving to the Bay Area or just relocating within the area. Please take a moment to answer a couple of questions and return this page to the Student Services.

1. How helpful is the Relocation Guide?
2. What information did you feel was missing from this guide?
3. What information did not seem necessary in this guide?
4. Any other comments?