

Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our website at www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA_Policies.

Description

You will be living in CEA apartments. The apartments are co-ed and are shared with other CEA students. All students will have a single room. All apartments are located within Alicante's city center; however, as the university is located outside of the city, you should be prepared for a 25-30 minute commute to your university classes.

General Rules & Guidelines

1. I agree that I am a guest in my host country and am prepared to learn about and adapt to the cultural differences that I may encounter. I understand that the rules and etiquette in my assigned housing may be different than what I may be accustomed to at my home institution.
2. I agree to be respectful of my roommates and their personal items. I understand that part of my experience is learning to live with others and to respect and appreciate personal differences. I understand that if I am unable to resolve any conflict that may arise between my roommates and me within a reasonable timeframe, that CEA resident staff has the authority to intervene and take appropriate actions, which may include, but may not be limited to, a change of housing. I further understand that I will be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such an event.
3. I agree to be respectful of all residential and building property. This includes all items within my room, shared common areas, and the building. This also includes keeping my room and/or apartment clean throughout the duration of my program. Please see Damages section below for further details regarding cleaning.
4. I agree to be respectful of my neighbors, both within my building and in the surrounding areas. This includes keeping noise levels down and being discreet and quiet in the surrounding streets when coming home late. In many countries, it is against the law to make excessive noise after 10 pm.
5. I understand that as a representative of CEA, my home university, and the US, I am expected to conduct myself in a considerate and respectful manner while in my housing.
6. I agree not to consume any illegal substance in my housing.
7. I agree to thoroughly read the guidelines included below, and I understand that I will be held responsible for adhering to them for the duration of my program.

Meals

Students residing in an apartment do not receive a meal plan. Apartment kitchens are fully equipped with the basic necessities for students to prepare their own meals. There are supermarkets and many different shopping and dining options throughout the city and at the university.

Amenities

All rooms are furnished including a bed, desk, dresser, closet, and shared bathroom. In addition, common areas will be furnished with a TV.

Most apartments are equipped gas tanks in their kitchens. Students will be provided with a full gas tank when they check in. Students will be responsible for buying replacement for gas tanks during their stay.

Utilities

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur in utility charges above and beyond what is deemed reasonable by CEA will be responsible for paying the excessive charges. Please note that electricity and water are more expensive in Spain. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity and water in Spain, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be accustomed to. If students incur in excessive use of electricity and water, they will be responsible for excessive billing.

Central Heating

Apartments in Alicante are not equipped with central heating. However, an oil heater will be provided for the living room. Because Electric heaters present a real hazard and might provoke fires, so students are not allowed to buy and use them in any CEA housing due.

Air Conditioning

Apartments in Alicante are not equipped with Air conditioning devices, so students who want to get these devices, will be responsible for buying their own fans.

Internet

Apartments are equipped with internet access. Internet is provided mainly for academic purposes. In addition, students will have access to computer labs at the University and CEA Resource Center.

Internet connection problems or repairs

Students must fill out an incident report if a technical problem occurs. CEA resident staff will help you contact the company technical services to report the problem. Since these issues are out of the scope of the local resident staff, repairs might take up to a week to get solved.

Damages

All students must respect all furniture, property, and other items provided. All damage, even unintentional, will be billed to the student responsible. If responsibility cannot be determined, the cost will be split equally among all residents. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.

Repairs

Students must fill up an incident report sheet to notify any repairs that need to be done at the apartment. CEA resident staff will contact the technical services to report the problem and arrange a time to visit the apartment.

Guests

CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times. Overnight guests and visitors after 10 pm are not permitted in any housing assignment.

Curfew

There is no curfew in any apartment. However, students should be respectful of their roommates when coming home late.

Keys & Security

Each student will be issued keys to their housing upon check-in. Under no circumstances may students make a copy of their keys. In the event that keys are lost during the program, students will be responsible for the cost of replacement. In addition, students must report it to the resident staff and are required to follow any additional security procedures as dictated by their specific housing assignment/facility.

Linens & blankets

Linens are not provided in the apartments; however, we will leave some basic kit donated by other past students for you to use. Rather than bringing a set from home, we recommend that you wait until you get onsite to buy them. The majority of the beds are twin size.

Phone

The apartments are not equipped with phones. CEA requires that students have a local service phone number available to staff for emergency contact purposes. Relying on Wifi spots for communication is not dependable and will not ensure that CEA staff can reach you in the case of an emergency. Students may choose to acquire a cell phone prior to departure or from a local provider once they arrive in Alicante. During Orientation, CEA program staff will share more information regarding local cell phone options. We encourage our program participants to research their options and choose the best provider to meet their needs. Students must communicate local cell phone numbers to CEA staff within 5 business days.

Laundry

Each flat is equipped with a washing machine. Students are responsible for purchasing their own laundry detergent.

Smoking

Smoking may be permitted in common areas. However, students should be respectful of their roommates.