

Off-Campus Living 101

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Off- Campus Living & Neighborhood Relations

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Length of Presentation 50 minutes

Presenter Information ☒ Professional Staff

☒ Graduate Students

☒ Undergraduate Students

UNIV 101 Learning Outcomes IIb, IIIc

Abstract

With the majority of students moving off-campus after their first year, it is imperative that they have the information necessary to make an informed decision regarding where to live their sophomore year and throughout the remainder of their USC experience. Most students begin the process of exploring housing options for the coming year during the fall semester. “Off-Campus Living 101” provides a comprehensive overview of the off-campus housing search process, cost considerations, lease terminology, campus resources to support off-campus students, and the importance of practicing civility off-campus.

Presentation Learning Outcomes

As a result of this presentation, students will be able to:

- Be more prepared to select and secure off-campus housing.
- Understand the importance of building positive relationships with roommates and neighbors by practicing civility and abiding by the code of conduct off campus.
- Have an increased awareness of resources available for off-campus students.

Outline of Presentation

I. Introduction & information gathering about the class

II. On-Campus Housing deadlines & notification schedule

III. Off-campus living cost considerations, paying for off-campus housing, & budgeting

a. Lease terms, types of leases, subleasing/transferring leases, & Student Legal Services

b. Student Code of Conduct extends off-campus & why it’s important to practice civility off-campus

IV. Activity - Students will identify what’s wrong with the picture (pictures will showcase common bad neighbor behaviors/mistakes)

V. Activity - Students will fill out a checklist about their off-campus priorities

VI. Activity - Mock Housing Search

VII. Key takeaways & upcoming events to find off-campus housing for next year

a. Assessment