What to do for housing during orientation:

**Residence Halls**

If you will be living in a Residence Hall during your first year, you can get Break Housing for $20 a night during Orientation. After you have signed up for your hall online you can contact [reslife@txstate.edu](mailto:reslife@txstate.edu) to sign up for Break Housing to live in during orientation.

More information about temporary “Break Housing” and which halls provide continued housing during the breaks and holidays can be found at <http://www.reslife.txstate.edu/Living-Options/break-housing.html>

**Off-Campus Housing:** Generally Graduate Students and Undergraduate students over 20, do not choose to live in the Residence Halls. When seeking off-campus housing in apartments or rental houses, **look for places that are walking distance to campus or at the very least on the Bobcat Tram route.**

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| **Apartment locators** will be able to show you apartments in the area that meet your criteria. They are paid by the apartment which you choose to stay at after you sign your lease, and do not require any money from you. There are many apartment locators in the area. |

**Housing comparison**

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| **OPTION** | **Good** | **Bad** | **Ask, will it be available when I arrive for orientation?** |
| **Residence Halls**  Freshman students and students under 20 years of age are required to live in an on-campus residence hall, others may choose.  Residence Life: (512) 245-2930 | On campus, meal plans included, safe, easy to make friends with other undergraduates, have a common experience. | Small space, no kitchen, shared bedrooms, mandatory for some Undergraduate students | Res Halls do not officially open until about a week before classes. They may not be open during the days of orientation so you will need to find temporary housing when you arrive.  *Best temporary housing option*: **If you have a contract with Residence Life already,** you may request *temporary* housing in one of the halls that stay open during the breaks, for just $20 per night by emailing[Gabi@txstate.edu](mailto:Gabi@txstate.edu) |
| **Off-Campus Apartments**  You may live at any apartment complex or house that you wish however you should be careful to make sure it is on a bus route or walking distance to campus. | Opportunity to choose between many local apartments and some homes, kitchens, private rooms, shared living space to be expected, some are more affordable, some are furnished | May not be near campus, may be more expensive than you expect after utilities are included, may be on a bus route but not near a grocery store. | Most apartments will do roommate-matching if you do not know who you prefer to live with and will be available soon after your arrival.  Some apartments may be ready the day you arrive, however some may take a few more days to be made ready. Ask the apartment complex that you’re interested in if you can move into your room the day you arrive to keep you from having to stay in a hotel. |