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**HOUSING  
GUIDE**

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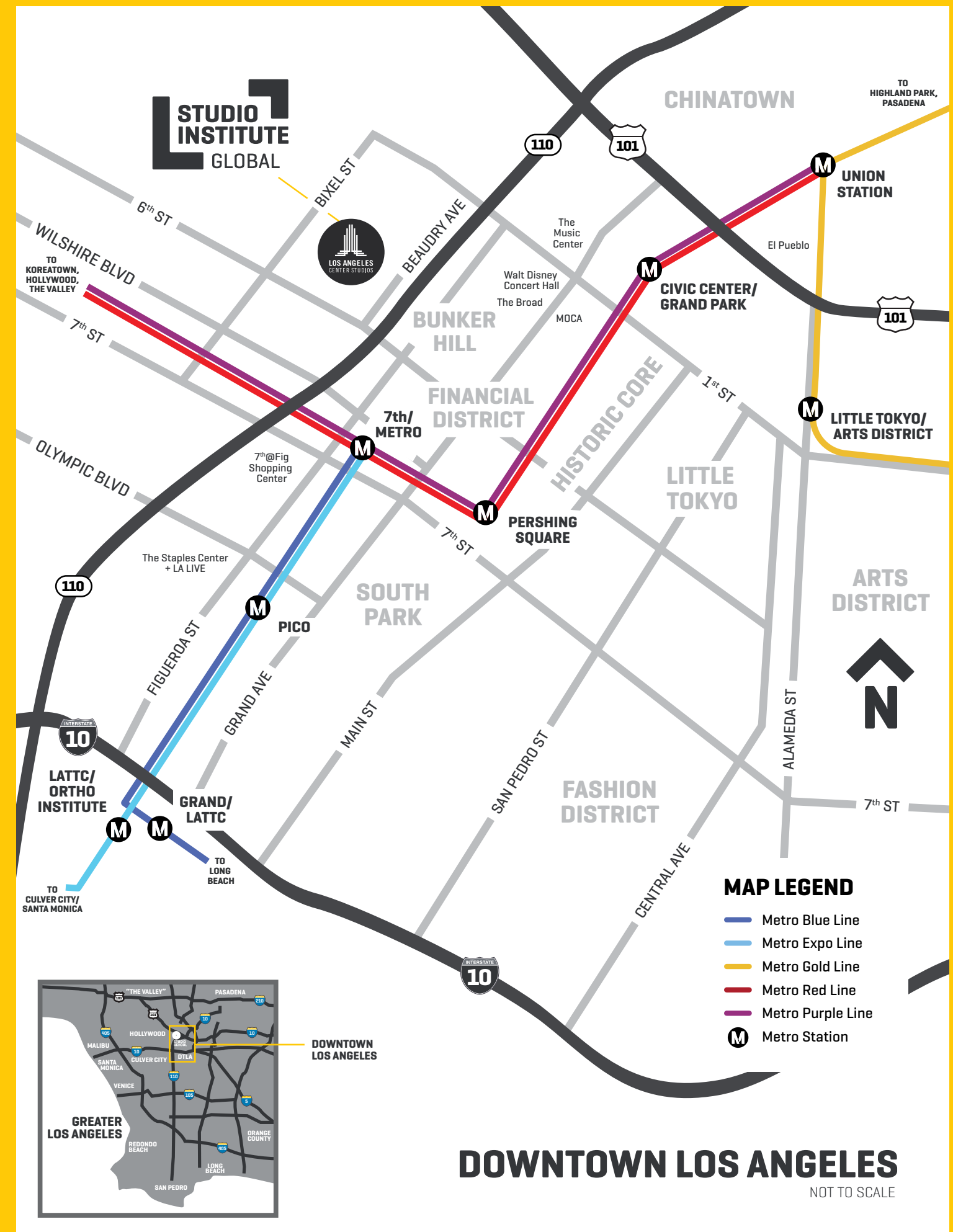
Located within walking distance or a short shuttle-ride to Los Angeles Center Studios are many options for downtown housing near Studio Institute Global. Modern, fully furnished or unfurnished housing is available in amenity-rich complexes offering add-ons from fitness centers and swimming pools to residence lounges and study halls. Downtown Los Angeles is a thriving scene that includes LA LIVE, entertainment venues, movie theaters, farmers markets, specialty retailers, supermarkets, unique cafés, and more.

## Parking On And Off Campus

Parking at LA Center Studios lot is available for ~\$125/mo. through Student Services. Off-campus parking is not recommended, but [bestparking.com](http://bestparking.com) maintains a database with listings of local parking lots and garages

## Disclaimer

All information regarding off-campus housing should be assessed carefully before making any commitments. All information provided by Studio Institute Global does not constitute a recommendation and is subject to change.



# LA NEIGHBORHOOD OPTIONS



## DOWNTOWN / KOREATOWN

The close proximity to school can't be beat. An exciting arts area with a strong sense of community. Much of it accessible on foot—which many attendees of the monthly Downtown Art Walk can attest to, bike friendly and contains several Metro stops that can take you all over LA. Koreatown is located just west of Downtown and south of Hollywood. "K-town" is also known for having one of the largest concentration of nightclubs, 24-hour businesses, restaurants and karaoke bars in the country. **Landmarks:** Museum of Contemporary Art, Natural History Museum, 7th and Fig Shopping Center, Grammy Museum, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Ahmanson Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, California African American Museum, Korean American Museum, The Wiltern



## SILVERLAKE / ECHO PARK / LOS FELIZ

High population of hip and trendy people, cool culinary scene including vegan cafes, taco trucks, artisan cheese and sandwich shops and more. There are numerous live music venues and record stores. Largely accessible by foot/bike. Rent prices here are on the rise but you can still find some good deals. This area is adjacent to Downtown. An easy highway-less car ride from campus. Also right off the LA Metro Red Line (which stops walking distance to LACS.) **Landmarks:** Griffith Park, Griffith Park Observatory, Echo Park Lake, Silverlake Reservoir, Dodger Stadium, Greek Theatre



## ATWATER / HIGHLAND PARK / GLENDALE / PASADENA

This area has a good mix of younger families and artsy singles. Very well connected to all major freeways. Offers gorgeous views of local mountains and wilderness. A good mix of local businesses in Atwater and big shopping centers in Glendale. **Landmarks:** Americana Shopping Center, Brand Park, Glendale Galleria, Forest Lawn Memorial Park



## HOLLYWOOD / WEST HOLLYWOOD

Great old houses, bungalows and guest cottages, rich with LA history, fairly central and packed with restaurants, nightlife, etc. Metro Red Line goes directly to Hollywood & Highland. No real freeway access between West Hollywood and the school. Commute will be through all city streets, which can be slow moving at times. However, Hollywood has easy access to the 101 freeway. **Landmarks:** The Grove, Hollywood Sign, Walk of Fame on Hollywood Blvd, Chinese Theatre, LACMA, La Brea Tar Pits, Pantages Theatre, Hollywood Bowl



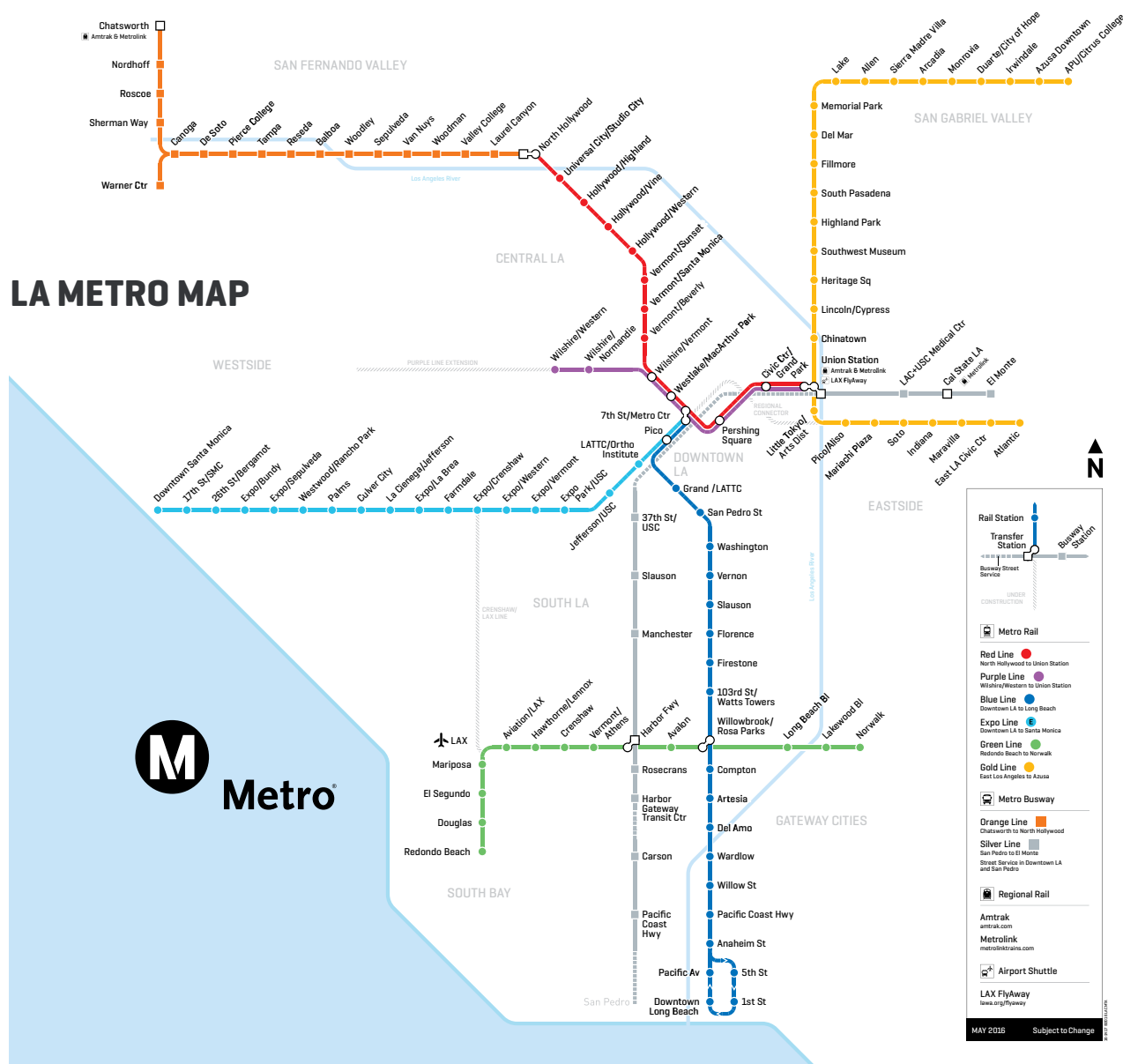
## THE VALLEY (SHERMAN OAKS / VAN NUYS / ENCINO / NOHO / TOLUCA LAKE / BURBANK)

This area is very residential and has a suburban feel. Much more relaxed in terms of parking and noise, lots of restaurants and shopping, close proximity to many film/television studios. Rent in The Valley tends to be on the cheaper side. Must take the 101 or 5 freeways south to get the school from The Valley. You can also take the LA Metro Orange or Red Line to school. Gets hot, especially in the summer and can feel a bit separate from the rest of LA as it's "over the hill." **Landmarks:** Universal Studios, City Walk, Warner Brother Studios, NoHo Arts District, Bob Hope Airport



## SANTA MONICA / VENICE

Fairly close to the beach, not far from Malibu beaches, mostly good for walking and biking, lots of retail spaces around and restaurants. Although this side of town is beautiful and usually has a cooler temperature than the rest of LA, this distance between the beach and campus is significant. Traffic is heavy and it can be difficult to get Downtown. **Landmarks:** Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Promenade, LAX





# CHOOSING WHERE TO LIVE IN LA

Here are some things to consider when choosing which neighborhood you want to live in Los Angeles:

What is the parking situation? As the city fills up, free parking spots become increasingly difficult to find. Great parking is a major plus.

Be sure to visit the neighborhood you're planning to move into at night as well as during the daytime. Some areas have a totally different feeling when the sun goes down.

Is this an area that lends itself to walking or jogging? Are there well-paved sidewalks and is the terrain easy to cover on foot?

Is the price to space ratio decent? Do most of the apartments (or homes) have enough outdoor space? Is outdoor space important to you?

Where do most of the people you know live? It's nice to make new friends, of course, but if you're new in town it's always nice to have someone you know close.

Do neighbors seem friendly and social? Is there a sense of community (like a neighborhood watch association or a local hub where everyone hangs out)? What are the crime statistics in the neighborhood?

#### Helpful articles:

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/neighborhoods-in-los-angeles-2230209>

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

Use this list to find out what options are available for your budget, timeline and flexibility.

### **AIRBNB - [AIRBNB.COM](https://www.airbnb.com)**

Airbnb is an online service where guests can book spaces from hosts. There are numerous filters so a potential tenant can search for specific rental dates, room type or price range.

### **CRAIGSLIST [LOSANGELES.CRAIGSLIST.ORG](https://www.craigslist.org)**

Craigslist is a classified advertisements website with a large section devoted to housing.

### **HOTPADS (ZILLOW) - [HOTPADS.COM](https://www.hotpads.com)**

HotPads is a map-based apartment and rental home search engine. The site adds plenty of information such as how much more (or less) the rent is versus the area average, if parking is included, what year the property was built and what are the included amenities.

### **PADMAPPER - [PADMAPPER.COM](https://www.padmapper.com)**

PadMapper is a map-based rental search engine that updates in real time. Assists in finding a rental home, apartment or sublet.

### **RENT.COM**

Rent.com is an online source of rental information. Most of the listings are for apartment complexes.

### **ROOMSTER - [ROOMSTER.COM](https://www.roomster.com)**

Roomster is an online roommate search tool and matching service.

### **SUBLET.COM**

Sublet.com pairs interested tenants to listings for both sublets and rentals.

### **WALK SCORE**

Walkscore.com calculates an area's walkability based on its proximity to numerous types of basic services.

### **APARTMENTS.COM**

Apartments.com is the leading online apartment listing website, offering renters access to information on more than 500,000 available units for rent.





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