Hello and welcome to the Symbiosis School of International Studies!

The Symbiosis School of International Studies (SSIS) campus is located in Pune which is one of the safest cities in India.

And as you start a new phase of your life with us in this beautiful city, it is important that you take all necessary precautions to make it as great and memorable as possible.

Living out of campus can be fun. It means more freedom than you would find in the hostels. However, with freedom comes responsibility and it can be challenging to find the perfect apartment which you can call your home for the next two years of your programme duration at the SSIS.

But worry not because this guide will help you through the process, and will cover all the necessary questions that you and your parents might have before they let you soar high and free.

Good luck!
Decision #1

for noobs

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION?

There are various types of accommodations that are available near the campus. These range from Paying Guests (PGs), private hostels, and independent leasing.

The first and foremost thing is to decide which kind of accommodation you and your parents think will be best of you.

COSTS

Rent

One can easily find PGs, private hostels and apartments based on one’s budget in the city. It is advisable that students make a short trip to the city before the official commencement of the course as most students hunt for accommodations around May-June.
Additional Costs

Factor in costs like Wi-Fi or internet connectivity, food, cleaning services and electricity with your rent. For more information regarding the cost of living in Pune you can visit our website www.ssispune.edu.in

Travel

Travelling costs are unavoidable (lucky you, if you get the apartment next to the campus) and will likely hover around INR 150- 200 per month (in an auto rickshaw) if you decide to stay closer to the institute. However, the weather in Pune is pleasant throughout the year which makes it perfect for long walks. Alternatively, you can also enquire about Symbi buses that ply on certain routes.
Decision #2

choose an area

The campus is surrounded by good living options with a huge student population from the schools of Law, Media Studies, Management Studies and Liberal Arts.

You can refer to google map by typing ‘Viman Nagar, Pune’.

- New airport road- Mhada Colony
- New airport road- Clover Park
- Viman nagar road
- Konark Nagar
- Sakore Nagar
- Shashtri Nagar
- Kalyani Nagar
- Koregaon Park

You can also google various property websites for trends and average rent estimates.
Decision #3

look for houses

Apartments, PGs, and private guest houses fly off the market very quickly during the admissions season. But worry not as a lot of students also graduate leaving behind homes of great legacy.

It will be in your best interest that you take at least a week before the start of the academic year to look for the accommodation that suits your requirements.

SECURITY DEPOSIT
Most apartment owners will charge a security deposit for the duration of your stay.

BROKERAGE
If an agent is involved, your likely cost of brokerage will be a month or one and a half month’s rent.
RENT AGREEMENT

The rent agreement will be initiated by the landlord or broker, and will generally include paying a small fee for getting approval and signature of a notary. Please carry a residential proof and a photo ID like your passport or adhar card, and passport size photographs as multiple photocopies might be required.

POLICE VERIFICATION

This is now mandatory as per law and will require a quick trip to the nearest police office with all your documents. You will be accompanied by your landlord and broker.
CHECKLIST

1. Ask and question students from previous batches or current batches of Law and Liberal Arts before you begin house hunting. They might be graduating. This will mean fewer headaches.
2. Put posters up on college bulletin boards for potential roommates and flatmates.
3. Carry all necessary documents and their multiple photocopies when you come to Pune like passport, aadhar card, driving license, passport size photographs.
4. Give yourself at least a week to search for houses, getting your basic amenities, and settling in.
5. Please carry at least two pairs of formal wear with you, as a lot of seminars and conferences have to be attended. This also means no flip-flops on campus.
6. Pune gets chilly during monsoons and winter, carry few light winter wear too.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. If your parents are worried about your safety, just remember, Pune is a very safe city to live in.
2. Calculate all the costs before making a final decision.
3. The school of International Studies does not provide accommodation in hostels.
4. With freedom comes responsibility.
5. An internet connection will come in handy.
For any information please feel free to contact us via our website [www.ssispune.edu.in](http://www.ssispune.edu.in)

See you soon!

Regards
Team SSIS