

Boston

Center Profile



MASSACHUSETTS



ELS Language Centers
Mount Ida College
777 Dedham Street - Miller Hall
Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)
 Closed on weekends and holidays

Key Location Features

- Private College campus location
- Executive Programs location
- On campus dormitory housing
- Free access to many campus recreational facilities
- Safe upscale suburban environment within ½ hour of Boston downtown by train and bus
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Area Attractions

- Boston museums and historic and cultural attractions
- Beaches on Cape Cod; skiing in New England

Climate

The Boston area has warm summers (June, July and August) and cold winters (November through February). Students should bring appropriate clothing.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	-7	2
Spring	7	17
Summer	12	32
Autumn	8	17

Host College Information

Visit www.mountida.edu to learn more about Mount Ida College and their degree programs. Also visit the ELS College directory www.collegedirectory.els.edu to learn about other local colleges & universities that accept ELS completion in place of the TOEFL®.

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
On Campus Dorm:	2	By foot
Homestays:	40 to 50	By bus / "T" train

Local Places

Airport:	45	By taxi
Bank:	10	By shuttle bus
Downtown Boston:	30	By shuttle bus & subway
Post Office:	10	By shuttle bus
Restaurant(s):	10	By shuttle bus
Shopping Mall:	15	By bus
Sports Center:	1	By foot
Supermarket:	10	By shuttle bus
Bus Stop	10	By foot
Subway	10	By shuttle bus

Nearby Cities

Providence, RI	60	By Commuter Rail
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Local Transportation

Public transportation in the Boston area is excellent and from the Mount Ida College campus students can take the college shuttle to the train (The "T") and buses. Some train lines to the suburbs have limited service at night and on weekends so students must check schedules carefully. One trip to Boston inbound costs \$3 – return costs \$1.25. One way bus cost is between \$0.90 and \$1.55 depending on destination. "Monthly Combo" passes are available for unlimited bus and subway travel for \$71 (covering about 17 round trips on bus and subway). Nearest bus stop is at the corner of Dedham and Carlson Ave. Nearest "T" stop is Newton Center (D branch of the Green line).

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center. Smoking is permitted outdoors.

Housing Check-in and Departure

Students with confirmed ELS housing reservations should go directly to their assigned housing upon arrival (not to the ELS Center) on the Sunday before their course begins. Checkout is the Saturday after the program ends. Arrivals and departures on dates/times other than those listed require special approval.

Please see "Check-in" instructions in the following sections for exact arrival details and times.

 **Student Residence / Dorm**

Mount Ida College
Wingate Residence Hall
777 Dedham Street
Newton, MA

Rooms (standard option): **Double (2 person) or Quadruples (4 person)**

Students live in double or quad rooms in typical dormitory building with shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include a bed, dresser, desk and chair for each resident. Phone, cable and internet connections are available in each room. Students must provide their own equipment. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms during their stay.

Meals Included: **19 per week** (breakfast, lunch, dinner daily)

Age Minimum: **17+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available in the same dormitory building for a small fee.

Security/Resident Assistant: There is one resident assistant for each floor or wing (1 RA per 40 students).

Check-In: **9:00 am to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**
 During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations need to announce their arrival at the campus security checkpoint at the entrance to campus. They then go as directed to Wingate Hall. A Residence Assistant will provide a key to the dorm room. A damage deposit will be requested. Students arriving later than noted check in hours should plan to stay in a hotel unless other arrangements were confirmed.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$100 damage deposit

Checkout Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (Saturday)

 **Homestays**

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

Meals Included: **14 per week** (daily continental breakfast & dinner)

Age Minimum: **17+ years old**

Flight Information: Homestay students should notify their Host Families or ELS of their arrival times so that families will know to be home when they arrive.

Transportation to ELS: Host family students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most students use the train or bus to come to the campus.

Check-In: **8:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**
 Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

 **Airport Arrival Information**

ELS Language Centers recommends that students choose the ELS Airport Pickup Service for arrivals (booked through ELS Central Admissions), however other transportation options are also available.

Area Airport: Boston Logan International (BOS)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

T&L Limousine Service
 Tel: 1(800) 338-1512 toll free / 1(617) 296-1512
 Fax: 1(617) 296-4998

The driver will hold a sign with the student's name on it. Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows (by arrival type):

International: Customs Exit Terminal "E"
 (MASSPORT Info Booth)

Domestic: Baggage Claim area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$55 to \$60 plus tip, with a travel time of 30 to 40 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 351-8917 for Arrival Weekend emergencies. For other emergencies requiring immediate attention outside of business hours, call the ELS Help Line 1(800) 435-7357 (1-800-HELP-ELS).

Recommended Hotels

If hotel accommodations are needed before the housing check-in date, we recommend the following hotels. Advance reservations are recommended. Prices (tax not included) are subject to change.

*Sheraton Needham Hotel \$119 – \$149 per night
 100 Cabot Street Tel: 1(781) 444-1110
 Needham, MA

Sheraton Newton Hotel \$119 – \$149 per night
 320 Washington Street Tel: 1(617) 969-3010
 Newton, MA

* Ask for ELS Language Centers or Mount Ida College rate. Recommended.

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Boston Center at **8:30 am on the first Monday** of their program for registration, the ELS placement test and orientation. New students need to bring the following items:

- ☐ Passport (plus I-94 card & I-20 form - if applicable)
- ☐ Funds to pay tuition and housing and other relevant fees (or receipt showing pre-payment)
- ☐ Proof of medical insurance (or funds to purchase ELS insurance)
- ☐ Other materials in the acceptance package
- ☐ *All Students:* Completed & Signed, Health Forms - included in the acceptance package.