

# Bristol

## Center Profile



**ELS Language Centers**  
**Roger Williams University**  
**One Old Ferry Rd**  
**Bristol, Rhode Island 02809**

### Center Hours

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

### Key Location Features

- Private University campus location
- On campus dormitory housing
- Beautiful waterfront campus near beaches, harbors and historical attractions
- Free access to many campus facilities
- Convenient transportation to several nearby cities of interest
- Concurrent Enrollment available at RWU for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

### Area Attractions

- Outdoor recreational sports (biking, windsurfing, kayaking and running) in local parks and bay area
- Local historic museums and attractions in Bristol and nearby Newport and Providence, RI
- Weekend trips to Boston or New York City or local area cities

### Climate

The Bristol, RI 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	-5	4
Spring	4	13
Summer	17	26
Autumn	8	17

### Host University Information

Visit [www.rwu.edu](http://www.rwu.edu) to learn more about Roger Williams University and their degree programs. You can also visit the ELS College directory at [www.collegedirectory.els.edu](http://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:	5	By foot
Homestays:	20 to 30	By foot/bus/bike

#### Local Places

Airport:	50	By taxi
Bank:	15	By free shuttle
Downtown Bristol:	15	By free shuttle
Post Office:	15	By free shuttle
Restaurant(s):	15	By free shuttle
Shopping Mall:	20	By Bus
Sports Center:	5	By foot
Supermarket:	15	By free shuttle
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

#### Nearby Cities of Interest

Newport, RI	20	By bus
Providence, RI	30	By bus
Boston, MA	75	By bus and train

### Local Transportation

Bristol is accessible by public bus or by walking. The nearest bus stop is at the main entrance of the campus. Buses can take students to nearby Newport and Providence for \$1.75 each way. Students can purchase monthly passes at discounted rates. Trains or buses from Providence can take students to several other cities including Boston and New York City. For more information, please visit the following websites, [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or [www.ripta.com](http://www.ripta.com).

F-1 students can obtain a RI State Driver's License, however, it is only recommended for those students intended to stay in the U.S. for long term studies. Please visit the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles at [www.dmv.ri.gov](http://www.dmv.ri.gov) for more information. The center staff are also ready to assist you with this request upon arrival.

### Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in any building on the campus, including the ELS Center. Smoking is permitted 50 feet from the main entrance of the ELS Building in clearly designated area. Students may smoke on campus, but must respect the designated areas.

## 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 Roger Williams University Maple Hall, Bristol, RI

**Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person)**  
Shared typical on campus dorm rooms. Shared bathrooms (1 "male or female only" shared bathroom per 6 to 8 students within a pod). "Pods" contain a mix of male and female rooms. Rooms include a bed, wardrobe, desk, chair and dressing area. Telephones are provided, along with cable and DSL access. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms during their stay.

**Meals Included: 19 per week** (student's choice of meals)

**Age Minimum: 16+ years old**

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

**Security/Resident Assistant:** Each student is provided with their own set of keys for their dorm rooms, and access to the building. Only students living in Maple Hall have keys that will allow them access to the residence hall. There are also "Call Boxes" located outside most entrances to the buildings on campus. These "Call Boxes" would immediately connect the caller to the police. There is one resident assistant for each floor or wing (1 per approx. 40 students).

**Check-In: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Students with confirmed reservations report directly to Public Safety for check-in assistance into the residence hall. Students arriving later than noted check-hours should plan to stay in a hotel unless other arrangements were confirmed.

**Damage/Key Deposit:** Each student must complete a credit card authorization form in order to cover any incurred expenses in the event of damage or lost key at the time of check-out.

**Checkout Time:** 11:00 am (Saturday)

### Homestays

**Rooms: Single (1 person)**

**Meals Included: 16 per week** (daily continental breakfasts/dinners with lunches added on weekends)

**Age Minimum: 14+ 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 arrive at the campus by bus. Some families are close and provide bicycles.

**Check-In: 12 noon to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Students go directly to homestay address.

**Checkout Time:** 1:00 pm (Saturday)

## Q 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 Airports:** T.F. Green Airport (PVD) or Boston Logan Int'l (BOS)

### ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Sentinel Limousine  
Tel: 1(866) 925-5466 toll free / 1(401) 765-5595

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

International (BOS only): Customs Exit Terminal "E"  
Domestic (BOS): Baggage Claim Area  
Domestic (PDV): Baggage Claim Area (at the bottom of the escalators)

### Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from Providence airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$90 - \$100, with a travel time of 40 minutes.

## Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(888) 324-4645 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.

Bristol Harbor Inn 259 Thames Street Bristol, RI 02809	\$110 - \$170 per night Tel: 1(401) 254-1444
Bay Willows Inn 1225 Aquidneck Avenue Middletown, RI 02842	\$69 - \$139 per night Tel: 1(401) 847-8400
Courtyard Newport Marriott 9 Commerce Drive Middletown, RI 02842	\$135 - \$175 per night Tel: 1(401) 849-8000

## Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Bristol 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:

- q Passport (plus I-94 card & I-20 form, if applicable)
- q Funds to pay tuition and housing and other relevant fees (or receipt showing pre-payment)
- q Proof of medical insurance (or funds to purchase ELS insurance)
- q Materials contained in the acceptance package
- q *All Students:* Completed & Signed Health Form & Immunization Record. These forms are included in the acceptance package.