

Miami

Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
Barry University
11300 Northeast Second Avenue
Library Bldg., Room # 109, 1st Floor
Miami Shores, Florida 33161-6695

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Private University location (residential area campus within 15 minutes to Miami downtown)
- Business English Program location
- Convenient to Miami Beaches & Attractions
- Evening Program
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Area Attractions

- Miami's South Beach – Art Deco district with restaurants, nightlife & long beautiful sand beach
- Frequent music, dance, art and culinary festivals.
- Shopping at Bayside Market Place, Aventura Mall & Bal Harbour
- Florida's Everglades National Park, Key West and Orlando are nearby for possible weekend trips

Climate

Miami has hot summers (June, July and August) and mild winters. Students should bring appropriate clothing and prepare for occasional rains.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	16	26
Spring	19	27
Summer	24	31
Autumn	22	28

Host University Information

Visit www.barry.edu to learn more about Barry University and their degree programs. Visit the ELS College Directory at 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:

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
On Campus Dorm:	10	By foot
Homestays:	15 to 45	By foot/bike/bus
Apartments:	15 to 45	By foot/bike/bus

Local Places

Airport:	15	By taxi/ bus (45 mins)
Bank:	5	By car/foot (30 mins)
Downtown Miami:	15	By taxi/bus
Post Office:	1	By foot
Restaurant(s):	1 to 30	By foot/bus
Shopping Mall:	20 to 30	By car/bus
Campus Sports Ctr:	1	By foot
Supermarket:	15	By bus/taxi
Bus Stop/Subway:	1	By foot

Nearby Cities

Fort Lauderdale, FL	30	By car
Key West, FL	4 hours	By car
Orlando, FL (Disney World)	4 hours	By car

Local Transportation

Public transportation is adequate (but not excellent) in Miami. There is bus service to most areas of the city. Standard bus fare from ELS to the most popular city attractions is \$1.50.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or in the hallways, lounge or bathrooms of the campus residence hall. Students in violation of smoking policies are subject to expulsion from the ELS Center and residence hall.

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**

Barry University
11300 Northeast 2nd Ave.
Miami Shores, Florida

Very limited space. ELS suggests booking far in advance.

Rooms (standard option): Doubles

A limited number of rooms are available. Students housed in off campus, Barry University owned apartments. 10 minute walk to classes. Shared bathrooms (summer dorms may differ). Rooms include 2 beds, 2 dressers, 2 desks and 2 chairs. Triples contain 3 of each. Linens are also included.

Meals Included: 19 per week (breakfast, lunch, dinner daily, 2 meals on the weekend.)

Age Minimum: 17+ years old

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available on campus for a small fee.

Security/Resident Assistant: Apartments have a resident assistant. Roving Barry University security.

Check-In: 24-hour (Sunday) check-in

Report to the security booth at 111th street entrance to Barry University. Security guards will provide keys and maps to student housing. DO NOT dismiss taxi cabs until you have reached your rooms. Students are housed about 3 blocks from the main entrance of the university.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$50 key deposit

Checkout Time: 10 am (Saturday)

 **Homestays**

Rooms: Single (1 person)

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

Age Minimum: 16+ 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: Some students travel to the campus in Miami Shores by foot. We have many hosts that provide bikes. Also, the students can take a bus. Some homestays are further and bus will be the only alternative. Some hosts pick up the students after school or drive in the AM, but not everyday.

Check-In: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
 Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 9:30 am (Saturday)

 **Apartment Options in the Area**

Contact ELS/Miami at mia@els.edu or ELS Central Admissions for more details, availability and help with the booking process. Be aware that short term, furnished apartments are expensive due to the high demand in the Miami area.

 **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: Miami International (MIA) – primary, or Ft. Lauderdale (FLL)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Easytours, Inc.
 Tel: 1305 962-0836
 ELS HELP - 1 866 351 8915
 E-mail: easytours@bellsouth.net

The driver will hold a sign with the student's name on it. Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows-

International: Customs Exit
 Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from Miami International Airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$30 plus tip, with a travel time of 30 to 40 minutes. Homestay students arriving after 11:00 PM should plan on hotel accommodation.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 351-8915 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 (+12.5% tax) are subject to change.

Best Western on the Bay Inn	\$80 to \$125 per night
1819 79th Street Causeway	
Miami Beach, FL 33141	Tel: 1(305) 865-7100

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Center library Room 109 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:

- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Proof of vaccinations. [Form enclosed.]
- ☐ Materials contained in the acceptance package