



**ELS Language Centers**  
**Louisiana Tech University**  
**Student Center 213**  
**PO Box 3006**  
**Ruston, Louisiana 71272**

**Center Hours**

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

**Key Location Features**

- Public Technical University campus location (major research university)
- Variety of economical on campus student residence housing
- Mild winter weather
- Free access to many campus recreational facilities
- In a small, safe and friendly southern town
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

**Area Attractions**

- Area lakes and parks (swimming, hiking, mountain biking, picnics and fishing)
- Shreveport, LA - resorts, casinos and historic sites
- Vicksburg, MS - Mississippi River boat rides, Civil war battlefield and attractions
- Area festivals and events including the Squire Creek Louisiana Peach Festival (in June) and the XTERRA Gator Triathlon (in early Spring)

**Climate**

Northern Louisiana has cool winters (rarely cold enough for snow) and comfortable autumn and spring season. Summers are hot and somewhat humid.

**Average Temperatures (Celsius)**

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	1	13
Spring	11	24
Summer	21	34
Autumn	11	26

**Host University Information**

Visit [www.latech.edu](http://www.latech.edu) to learn more about Louisiana Tech University and their degree programs. You can also visit the ELS College & University 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 Apartments:	5	By foot
Homestays:	15	By foot/bike/car

**Local Places**

Airport:	45	By car/taxi
Bank:	15	By foot
Downtown:	15	By foot
Post Office:	5	By foot (on-campus)
Restaurant(s):	10	By foot
Shopping Mall:	15	By car/taxi
Sports Center:	5	By foot (on-campus)
Supermarket:	20	By foot

**Closest Major Cities**

Monroe, LA	30	By car
Shreveport, LA	65	By car
Vicksburg, MS	90	By car
Little Rock, AR	180	By car
Dallas, Texas	240	By car
New Orleans, LA	300	By car

**Local Transportation**

There is no regularly scheduled public transportation system in Ruston; however, students can walk almost everywhere they need to go on campus and in the downtown area. Other local transportation available is scheduled public transportation pick-up or by taxi. Students can participate in ELS organized weekend trips or share the cost of a car rental with a friend.

**Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not permitted in any university buildings, including the Center, but students may smoke 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.

## University Park Apartments

### **Rooms: Single (1 person)**

Private bedroom within a shared 2 to 4 bedroom campus apartment with shared bathrooms. Each apartment has a furnished kitchen and living room. Rooms include bed, desk, closet, and chest of drawers. Linens are also included. Students share responsibility for cleaning the apartment during the stay. Subject to availability.

Students may also choose to stay in either a single or shared double room with a communal bath in a campus dormitory.

**Meals (all 3 options): Price includes \$100 cafeteria credit plus \$60 "express" money per 4 weeks** to use in various on campus food establishments and shops. Express money can be spent on non-food items.

**Age Minimum (all 3 options): 16+ years old**

**Laundry Facilities:** Self-service machines are available within walking-distance of rooms. Students can pay laundry machine fees using the "express" money allotment on their LTU student card.

**Security:** All university housing is staffed by live-in resident assistants. University Police provide campus walkers to escort students upon request and to check buildings for security. All buildings require special key entry and all doors and windows have locks.

**Check-In: 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations report to the Campus Police Station, which is located on the corner of Tech Drive and Hergot Ave. The campus security officer will contact the RA on duty to assist with check in to the dorms or University Park apartments.

**Damage/Key Deposit:** None

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

## Homestays

### **Rooms: Single (1 person)**

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

**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 homestays are walking or biking-distance to campus. In other cases, homestay families will drive them back and forth.

**Check-In: 1:00 pm 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:** Monroe Airport (MLU)

**ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:**

A & A Cab / Twin City Yellow Cab

Tel: 1(318) 322-3113 / Toll free (877) 204-5146

Fax: 1(318) 322-6426

The driver will hold a sign with the student's name on it and wait for the student in the Main Arrival Area or the Pickup Area outside the terminal.

**Other Transportation Options From the Airport:**

Other taxis from Monroe Regional airport to the LTU campus or homestays will cost approximately \$50 plus tip, with a travel time of 45 minutes. Dorm students taking a taxi should ask to be dropped off at the Louisiana Tech University Campus Police Station (corner of Tech Dr. and Hergot Ave.) for check-in.

## **Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers**

1(866) 348-5202 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 (hotel tax included) are subject to change.

Hampton Inn 1315 N Trenton Street	\$108 per night Tel: 1(318) 251-3090
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Comfort Inn 1951 N Service Road East	\$82 per night Tel: 1(318) 242-0070
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Super 8 Motel 1101 Cooktown Road	\$60 per night Tel: 1(318) 255-0588
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## **Center Arrival Information**

New Students should report to the ELS Ruston Center at **8:00 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)
- ☐ Materials contained in the acceptance package
- ☐ Completed & Signed Health Form. This form is included in the acceptance package.