



**ELS Language Centers
at University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL)
ELS Building
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63121**

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Public state university with modern facilities
- Great transportation via the light rail, MetroLink
- Single room dorms on-campus, with Internet and phone connections
- Free access to many campus facilities, including computer labs, fitness center & health clinic
- Concurrent Enrollment available at UMSL for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Area Attractions

- St. Louis' Gateway Arch and numerous cultural attractions (music, museums, theaters & galleries)
- Major international corporations: Anheuser-Busch, Nestle, Ralston, Monsanto, Boeing
- Local parks and forests (for hiking, camping)
- St. Louis Cardinals baseball & Rams football
- The Saint Louis Zoo & Science Center

Climate

Missouri has four distinct seasons with varying weather conditions. Summers are hot and humid. Spring days are warm and comfortable. Fall brings cool evenings. Winters are cold.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	-4	6
Spring	8	19
Summer	21	33
Autumn	9	21

Host University Information

Visit www.umsml.edu to learn more about UMSL and their degree programs. You can also visit 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:	10	By foot
Homestays:	20 to 40	By bus or MetroLink

Local Places

Airport:	10	By MetroLink or taxi
Bank:	12	By UMSL shuttle
Downtown:	24	By MetroLink light rail
Post Office:	10	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5 - 10	By car
Shopping Mall:	25	By MetroLink
Athletic Center:	12	By UMSL shuttle
Supermarket:	10	By car
Bus Stop:	10	By foot

Nearby Cities

Chicago, IL	5 hours	By car or bus
Springfield, IL	90	By car

Local Transportation

The light rail, MetroLink, is a 10-minute walk from the Center. MetroLink and Metro buses connect ELS with the airport, downtown, and many popular sites.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS 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.

HOUSING & ARRIVAL DETAILS – ST. LOUIS

Student Residence / Dorm

Legras Hall / Provincial House
7800 Natural Bridge Rd
St. Louis, MO 63121

Rooms (standard option): Singles (1 person)

Typical single dorm room. Shared bathrooms on each floor. Rooms have a bed, bed linens, desk with chair, dresser, microwave, refrigerator, phone jack and Internet connection (Ethernet).

Meals Not Included: Optional \$200 meal cards

Meals are not included in the dormitory price. However, students can add \$200 to their cards for use at the student cafeteria.

Age Minimum: 18 years old

Laundry Facilities: Coin-operated washers & dryers in residence hall. \$1 per load.

Security/Resident Assistant A Resident Assistant (RA) is available to help students with housing. University Police provide 24-hour security through frequent bike patrols and automobile patrols. Escort service is also available at any time by calling (314) 516-5155.

Check-In: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Sunday) check-in

During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations report to the main door of the Provincial House. An RA or other staff member will have keys and door card ready. Early or late arrivers should call for the RA at (314) 245-1705. Or call the ELS center director at 1-800-805-2139.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$100 damage deposit required on the first Monday of the session.

Checkout Time: 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Saturday)

Homestays

Rooms: Single (1 person)

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

Age Minimum: 18 years old

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

Transportation to ELS: Students will take public transportation to school, either the light rail train or a bus.

Check-In: 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(800) 805-2139 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).

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: St. Louis International Airport (STL)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Best Transportation

Tel: 1 866 272-1200 toll free / Fax: 1(314) 991-4811

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

International: Not Applicable

Domestic: Baggage Claim Area - Go to Baggage Claim # M1 and look for the ELS sign

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the Lambert St. Louis airport to the dormitory will cost about \$15, and a tip should be given. Taxi rides to a homestay address vary by distance, probably \$35 or more.

Recommended Hotels

If hotel accommodations are needed before the housing check-in date, we recommend the following hotels.

Advance reservations are recommended. Prices are subject to change. Most prices range from \$79 - \$130 per night, depending on the season.

Drury Inn
10490 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, MO 63134
Tel: 1(314) 423-7700
Fax: 1(314) 423-7700

Pear Tree Inn
10810 Pear Tree Lane
St. Louis, MO 63074
Tel: 1(314) 427-3400
Fax: 1(314) 427-3400

Hampton Inn
10820 Pear Tree Lane
St. Louis, MO 63074
Tel: 1(314) 429-2000
Fax: 1(314) 423-7765

The above hotels can help you to and from the airport as well as getting from the hotel to UMSL using the MetroLink.

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS St. Louis Center at the ELS Building 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)
- ☐ Materials contained in the acceptance package