

San Antonio Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
University of the Incarnate Word
4301 Broadway, CPO # 498
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Private University campus location (suburban)
- On campus dormitory housing
- Year-round warm weather
- UIW accepts ELS Intensive level 109+ in place of the TOEFL® for undergraduate & graduate International student admissions
- Concurrent Enrollment available at UIW for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Area Attractions

- San Antonio River Walk - a lovely area offering restaurants, shopping, nightlife and river rides along the San Antonio River
- The Alamo historic site and various other history and art museums
- San Antonio Zoo and botanical gardens, SeaWorld®, Fiesta Texas® and Six Flags® amusement parks and Splashtown® Water Park

Climate

San Antonio enjoys a modified subtropical climate with average temperature of 21 C. Summers are hot, but rarely over 38 C. Winter temperatures only drop below freezing about 20 days each year. The mild climate encourages casual dress. Shorts, sandals and sunglasses are common. Heavier clothing is suggested for classrooms, which are all air-conditioned, and for the moderate winter months.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	5	19
Spring	18	29
Summer	22	34
Autumn	9	22

Host University Information

Visit www.uiw.edu to learn more about University of the Incarnate Word and their degree programs. 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:	1	By foot
Homestays:	45	By bus/car

Local Places

Airport:	10	By shuttle/bus/taxi
Bank:	7	By foot
Downtown:	10	By bus
Post Office:	2	By foot
Restaurant(s):	1	By foot
Shopping Mall:	10	By bus/shuttle
Sports Center:	2	By foot
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

Local Transportation

Easy access public transportation (bus) is available days, evenings and weekend. The nearest bus stop is within a short walk from ELS. The bus to the downtown takes 10-15 minutes and costs only \$0.40 cents with student pass.

Smoking Policy


Smoking is not permitted inside of the ELS Center buildings.

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 – SAN ANTONIO

 **Student Residence / Dorm**
University of the Incarnate Word
Marian Hall, 4301 Broadway
San Antonio, TX

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 persons)
Shared typical on campus dorm room. Shared suite-style bathrooms (4 students use). Rooms include two bunkable beds, chairs, desks, two sets of built-in drawers, and closets. There is 1 data computer jack per student and basic cable TV service. Linens are also included.

Meals Included: None - Can purchase meal card after arrival.

Age Minimum: 18+ years old

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

Security/Resident Assistant (RA): There is one resident assistant for each floor - 2 for approximately 30 students. The residence hall is magnetically locked and is only accessible with a coded student ID, that each student receives from the RA upon arrival. The campus police station is located across from Marian Hall and the ELS center. After 11 pm vehicles entering campus must show student ID.

Check-In: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
All students wishing to stay at a UIW dormitory need to make a check-in reservation via e-mail at sat@els.edu. If e-mail is not possible, please call or fax with arrival information. During standard check-in hours, students need a confirmed reservation to report to the front desk at Marian Hall. The Resident Assistant (RA) will have keys ready for students who had provided flight arrival information. If the front desk is unattended, students should use the phone next to the front desk to page the RA. The number to call is 820-1127. After dialing the number, press #, and then you will hear a beep and should hang up the phone. Make sure the phone ringer is on. If not, you will not hear the RA calling you back.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$50 damage deposit

Checkout Time: 9:30 am (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 Family 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 host family students arrive at the campus by bus or homestay family may drive the student to center. We have no families within walking distance of the Center.

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

Checkout Time: 9:00 am (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: San Antonio International (SAT)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Elegant Transportation Services
Tel: 1(800) 608-5466 toll free / Fax: 1(210) 222-2991

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

International: Outside Customs Area
Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from San Antonio airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$15 plus tip, with a travel time of about 15 to 20 minutes. There is also a SATRANS shuttle service that can go to campus at a cost of \$10 per person plus tip. Total waiting time via SATRANS is one hour.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(888) 476-4423 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 (17% hotel tax not included) are subject to change.

La Quinta Market Square \$90 - \$140 per night
in Downtown Tel: 1(210) 271-0001
900 Dolorosa Street

Travelodge Downtown \$90 - \$150 per night
405 Broadway Tel: 1(210) 222-1000

Days Inn Airport \$90 - \$140 per night
542 NE Loop 410 Tel: 1(210) 930-3300

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS San Antonio 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:

- ☐ 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