

San Diego Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
110 West A Street, Suite 275
San Diego, California 92101

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Downtown location
- BUSINESS ENGLISH PROGRAM available
- Convenient to Beaches & Attractions
- Single and Married Student Residence Hotel housing available (walking-distance) at great rates
- Executive Programs location

Area Attractions

- Local Beaches
- San Diego Zoo & Wild Animal Park
- Gaslamp Quarter – nearby entertainment district with restaurants, cafes, clubs and theaters (walking distance)
- La Jolla, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Los Angeles, CA and Mexico convenient for possible weekend trips

Climate

The San Diego area has moderate weather all year long with warm sunny days and cool nights. Students should bring sweaters or jackets for the evenings. It rains during the “rainy season” - December through April, and almost never rains from May through November.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	8	17
Spring	12	19
Summer	17	23
Autumn	14	22

Cooperative Colleges & Universities in Area

Visit www.collegedirectory.els.edu to learn more about 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>
Residence Hotels:	10	By foot
Homestays:	40	By bus/trolley

Local Places

Airport:	10	By bus
Bank:	5	By foot
Downtown:	5	By foot
Post Office:	6	By foot
Restaurant(s):	1 to 10	By foot
Shopping Mall:	6	By foot
Fitness Center:	6	By foot
Supermarket:	10	By foot
Sports Stadium:	20	By foot
Bus Stops	4	By foot

Nearby Places

Mexico border	45	By trolley
La Jolla, CA	40	By bus

Local Transportation

Frequent and convenient public transportation is within a 5-minute walk from the Center. In general, San Diego's public transportation is adequate but not excellent. The average bus fare is \$2.25 per ride. Monthly bus/trolley passes are available for \$60.

California Driver License

ELS Students are eligible to obtain a California Drivers License. You must pass a written test, a vision test and driving test. You must provide the DMV with your passport, I-94, I-20, proof of residency in San Diego, student ID card, and proof of car insurance. You must provide your own car for the test.

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.

Student Residence Hotels

Residence hotels and floors (but not rooms) are coed. Residence Hotels also house some American students, many of which are law school students (particularly at J Street Inn and Island Inn). [Please see Student Residence Hotel sheet.]

Rooms (standard option): Single (1 person)

This location does not offer typical student residence options but recommends local Residence Hotel options. Special booking procedures are required but ELS can assist with the reservation upon special request. Please see the next page for details on Residence Hotel options and booking procedures.

Rooms (other): Doubles (2 person); Married Couple Rooms

Shared rooms or married couple accommodations are available in some residence hotels. See the next page.

Meals Included: **None** - Students can buy microwavable food at the downtown supermarket or eat at one of the countless nearby restaurants and fast food outlets. No meal plans available.

Age Minimum: **18+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available in all the residences for a small fee.

Security: Student Residence Hotels have 24-hour Security with each room having its own key.

Check-In: **24 hours (Sunday) check-in**

Report directly to the relevant Residence Hotel (see the next page for full details).

Damage/Key Deposit: \$100 (other fees may apply)

Checkout Time: Varies by Residence Hotel

Homestays

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

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 use public buses or the trolley to come to school.

Check-In: **8:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

Studio Apartment Option in the Area

See Residence Hotel options for details on studio room accommodations with mini refrigerator and microwave.

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 Diego Lindberg Field (SAN)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Home Placement Services, Inc.
Tel: 1(866) 731-7204 toll free / 1(619) 423-1449
Fax: 1(619) 423-1480

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

International: Lounge Area
Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from San Diego Int'l airport to downtown San Diego residence hotels will cost approximately \$10 plus tip, with a travel time of only 5 to 10 minutes. Taxis to homestays range from \$10 - \$30 plus tip with travel time between 10 – 20 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(877) 479-5989 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 (10.5% hotel tax not included) are subject to change.

Note: The ELS Center in San Diego will make reservations for students in response to a written request. Students may arrive anytime before the session begins if there is space. A credit card is required to guarantee the reservation.

Vantaggio State Street 1736 State Street	\$460 - \$890 per month Tel: 1(619) 595-0111
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Island Inn 202 Island Avenue	\$229 - \$249 per week Tel: 1(619) 232-4138
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The J Street Inn 222 J Street	\$209 - \$229 per week Tel: 1(619) 696-6922
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Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to ELS San Diego **between 8:30 am and 8:50 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)