

Santa Monica

Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
1413 Second Street
Santa Monica, California 90401

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Downtown location in private building near popular 3rd Street Promenade shopping district
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Executive Programs location
- Residence Hostel within walking-distance
- Walking distance to Santa Monica Pier and beach
- “Hollywood” elective
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Area Attractions

- Beaches and surfing at Santa Monica beach
- Shopping and people watching (occasional glimpses of movie stars)
- Hollywood & Beverly Hills (Rodeo Drive) tours
- Disneyland and Universal Studios

Climate

Southern California has a year round mild climate with very pleasant summers. Winter evenings are cool but most days tend to be sunny and warm.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	8	18
Spring	10	21
Summer	16	27
Autumn	12	24

Local Partner Colleges & Universities

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 Hostel:	2	By foot
Homestays:	30-45	By bus
Area Apartments:	20-30	By car

Local Places

Airport:	25	By car
Bank:	5	By foot
Downtown Santa Monica:	0	By foot
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	1	By foot
Shopping Mall:	1	By foot
Sports Center:	45	By car
Supermarket:	10	By foot
Bus Stop:	5	By foot

Nearby Cities/Towns

Los Angeles, CA	15	By bus
Malibu, CA	15	By car
Beverly Hills, CA	30	By car
Hollywood, CA	45	By car

Local Transportation

Public transportation includes buses and taxis. The average round trip bus fare from the outskirts of Santa Monica is .75 cents or \$1.35 to Los Angeles. Many students choose to rent automobiles and divide the expenses.

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 Santa Monica, student ID card, and proof of car insurance. You must provide your own car for the test.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in, or in front of, the ELS Center or in the Santa Monica Residence Hostel. The city of Santa Monica has strict smoking policies outlined in your welcome manual.

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 – SANTA MONICA

Student Residence Hostel

Santa Monica Hostelling International
1436 2nd Street
Santa Monica, CA
Ph: 1(310) 393-9913
www.hilosangeles.org

Coed hostel with males & females in separate rooms. ELS students share hostel with Americans and other foreign visitors.

Rooms (standard option): Quadruple (4 person)

Shared quadruple rooms in private student hostel. Shared central bathrooms (1 per floor). Community kitchen, lounge and internet kiosks. Linens are included.

Rooms (other): Doubles (2 person)

A limited number of double-occupancy rooms may be available at special request for an additional cost. These are not guaranteed.

Meals Included: Continental Breakfast daily. Most students purchase lunch at the Tudor House (downstairs from ELS), which offers ELS students a 10% discount. Students may also go to the SM Place Mall where they can find various meals for \$5 to \$6.

Age Minimum: 18+ years old

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available in the Hostel (small fee).

Security: There is a front desk with security open 24 hours per day. There are no resident assistants.

Check-In: Any time after 2 pm (Sunday) check-in

Students with confirmed reservations report to the front desk at Hostelling International-Los Angeles (residence hostel). The front desk at the residence hostel will have keys ready. If a student arrives before 2 pm they may leave luggage in a locked room at the front desk while waiting for their room to open up.

Damage/Key Deposit: None

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

Homestays

Most homestays are located within 30 minutes of the center. In summer months this may increase to 45 min.

Rooms: ELS will place students in either a single or double-occupancy room based on availability (same price). Most students are placed in a double room.

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

Age Minimum: 15+ years old

Flight Information: Homestay students must 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 commute to ELS by bus, although there are a few families within walking distance.

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

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

Apartment Options in the Area

Contact ELS/Santa Monica for more details and availability. Also available are the Oakwood Apartments for a special rate. Contact Nicole or Melissa (at Oakwood) directly by Ph 1(310) 751-4500, Fax 1(310) 578-1372, or e-mail to either nmaudaule@oakwood.com or mmoore@oakwood.com

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: Los Angeles Int'l (LAX)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

CoolRide

Tel: 1(888) 812-2665 toll free / 1(661) 284-2700

Fax: 1(661) 244-4957

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

International: Outside International Terminal

Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from Los Angeles Int'l airport to homestays or downtown Santa Monica will cost approximately \$35 to \$40 plus tip, with a travel time of about 25 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(877) 479-5839 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% hotel tax included) are subject to change. Reservations are made directly with the hotel but you must inform them you are an ELS Language Centers student to obtain quoted rates.

Hotel Carmel 201 Broadway	\$50-80 per night Tel: 1(310) 451-2469
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Howard Johnsons (LAX) 8620 Airport Blvd.	\$90 per night Tel: 1(310) 645-7700
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Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to ELS Santa Monica **between 8:00 am and 8:20 am on the first Monday** of their program for registration, the ELS placement test and orientation. New students need to bring all of 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