

# Thousand Oaks

## Center Profile



**ELS Language Centers**  
**California Lutheran University**  
**60 West Olsen Rd. – Mattson House**  
**Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

**Physical Address:**  
**ELS Language Centers**  
**203 Faculty Drive – Mattson House**  
**Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

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

### Key Location Features

- Private University campus location
- One of the safest cities of its size in USA
- Thousand Oaks located near Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and the beautiful Pacific Coast
- Free access to excellent campus recreational facilities
- On campus dormitory housing (summer & fall)
- Comfortable furnished apartments across the street from the CLU campus – Triples only
- Excellent homestay network of caring families in safe neighborhoods

### Area Attractions

- Los Angeles area attractions such as Disneyland, Universal Studios, Museums and Sports
- Hiking, beaches, and fabulous weather!

### Climate

The Thousand Oaks area has a warm temperate year-round climate. Afternoons are usually warm and sunny, and evenings and mornings can be cool. Students should bring appropriate clothing.

#### Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	5	20
Spring	7	25
Summer	15	35
Autumn	10	29

### Host College Information

Visit [www.callutheran.edu](http://www.callutheran.edu) to learn more about California Lutheran University and their degree programs. Also visit the ELS College directory [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:

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
On Campus Dorm:	2	By foot
Mt. Clef apartments	5	By foot
Homestays:	15-40	By foot, bicycle, or bus

### Local Places

Airport:	45	By car
Bank:	10	By shuttle bus
Campus Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	35-50	By bus
Sports Center:	5	By foot
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop	5	By foot

### Nearby Cities

Los Angeles	40	By car/van
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### Local Transportation

Public transportation in the Thousand Oaks area is somewhat limited, especially on weekends. A bus stop is located adjacent to the CLU campus. Students must check schedules carefully. One way bus cost is between \$1.00-\$2.00 depending on local destination. Nearest bus stop is at the corner of Olsen and Mount Clef. Weekday trips to Los Angeles using the bus and rail system cost approximately \$3.40.

### Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center, or in residence hall or apartment rooms.

### 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 – THOUSAND OAKS

### **Mount Clef Apartments** 25 Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

**Rooms (standard option): Triple (3 person)**

Students live in triple rooms in an apartment complex equipped with a pool, and located across the street from California Lutheran University. Each apartment has a living room and kitchenette. Rooms include a bed, dresser, desk and chair for each resident. Phone, cable and internet connections are available in each apartment. Students must provide their own equipment. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms during their stay.

**Meals Included:** None – Students have the option (at extra cost) of eating in the campus cafeteria, nearby restaurants or preparing meals in the fully equipped apartment kitchen.

**Age Minimum: 18 years old**

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

**Security:** There is an on-site Manager.

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

During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations will be greeted by an ELS staff member at the apartment complex. Please e-mail arrival details to [tho@els.edu](mailto:tho@els.edu) one week in advance. A damage deposit will be requested the following day at the ELS office. Students arriving later than noted check in hours should plan to stay in a hotel unless other arrangements were confirmed.

**Damage/Key/Cleaning Deposit:** \$200 due in cash upon arrival. Up to \$100 retained for cleaning.

**Checkout Time:** 11:00 am (Saturday)

### **Homestays**

**Rooms: Single (1 person)**

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

**Age Minimum: 15+ years old**

**Flight Information:** Homestay students should notify ELS of their arrival times so the homestay coordinator can assure families are home when they arrive.

**Transportation to ELS:** Host family students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most students use the ELS airport pick up service, or an airport shuttle service.

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

Students go directly to homestay address.

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

### **Summer, Fall & Winter On Campus Dorm**

Available **after** May 26, 2009

**Rooms: Double (2 person)** in shared suite

Shared on campus apartment style dorm rooms with extra living room. Shared suite-style bathrooms (with 1-2 other rooms). Rooms include beds, dressers and/or closets, desks, chairs, high-speed internet access and cable TV connections. Linens are also included.

**Meals Included: 19 per week** (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

**Age Minimum: 17+ years old, or 10+ if accompanied by adult chaperone.**

**Check-in/Checkout:** See "Arrival Instructions" sheet in acceptance package for full check-in details.

### **Q Airport Arrival Information**

ELS Language Centers recommends that students choose the ELS Airport Pickup Service for arrivals (booked through ELS Central Admissions).

**Area Airport:** Los Angeles International (LAX)

**ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:**

Gemstar  
Tel: 1(800) 922-5466 toll free  
Fax: 1(310) 457-6307

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

International: Customs Area

Domestic: Baggage Claim area

**Other Transportation Options From the Airport:**

Taxis are not recommended because of distance and price. Roadrunner Shuttle offers van service for \$44 from LAX ([www.rrshuttle.com](http://www.rrshuttle.com)) with a travel time of approximately 60 minutes.

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

1(866) 734-5993 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 (tax not included) are subject to change.

Four Seasons Hotel Two Dole Drive Westlake, CA 91362	Call for daily rate Tel: 1(805)575-3000 <a href="http://www.fourseasons.com">www.fourseasons.com</a>
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TownPlace Suites 1712 Newbury Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA	\$129-\$149 per night Tel: 1(805) 499-3111
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Courtyard by Marriott 1710 Newbury Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA	\$149-\$169 per night Tel: 1(805) 499-3900
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Quality Inn & Suites 12 Conejo Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA	\$99-\$109 per night Tel: 1(805) 495-7011
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### **Center Arrival Information**

New Students should report to the ELS Thousand Oaks 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 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)
- ❑ Other materials in the acceptance package