2021 FALL
English Language Academy
Online and On-Ground study
Located on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego, the English Language Academy (ELA) can help you improve your English skills and achieve academic/professional success. We understand that each student has different educational goals. Our qualified and experienced staff and instructors will help you develop your English skills with intensive English language preparation courses and exceptional educational services.

**Mission Statement**
The English Language Academy offers an Intensive English Language Proficiency Program that helps to improve and strengthen the skills of non-native English speakers so they can fulfill the academic requirements of a college or university.
Intensive English Language Program

Improve Your TOEFL Score and Plan to Study in an American University!

The Intensive English Language Program (IELP) provides non-native English speakers with specific English language skills. The English Language Academy (ELA) maintains a rigorous academic course of study, with a focus on five core skills and TOEFL preparation. Many of our successful graduates have gone on to undergraduate and graduate programs across the country.

The English Language Academy is a premier language school offering

- Highly qualified, experienced instructors
- Six levels of English, from Beginning to Advanced
- Average class size of 10 students with a max of 15
- Assistance with I-20s, if needed

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**
International students who are considering entering a U.S. college or university.

**INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**
10 and 14 week program

**SHORT TERM INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**
5 and 7 week program

**ACCREDITATION**
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**ELA-X700  Intensive English Language  3 Terms**

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**TO APPLY THERE IS A ONE TIME APPLICATION FEE (Non-refundable fee)**
University of San Diego’s Undergraduate Pathway for International Students

If the Office of Undergraduate Admissions determines that you need to strengthen select skills prior to beginning your undergraduate studies at USD, you may be admitted conditionally by way of the USD Undergraduate Pathway Program. Admission to this program is determined by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions only. The USD Pathway Program offers academically prepared international students the opportunity to become full-time, degree-seeking USD students through completion of an English language and college readiness curriculum, which is administered by the English Language Academy.

Making a smooth transition to college can be challenging for even the most gifted student, as college requires new skills that must be adopted quickly in order to be successful. The Undergraduate Pathway Program will help you learn the latest strategies on how to succeed in college while improving your English speaking and communication skills.

University of San Diego, Undergraduate Admissions

Studying at the University of San Diego means finding a home on one of the nation’s most beautiful college campuses. But there’s far more to USD than stunning architecture and ocean views. Since our founding in 1949, we’ve grown from a local college with a small cohort of students and just a handful of professors, to a renowned Roman Catholic university ranked among the nation’s top 100 colleges and universities. This achievement is a direct result of our unwavering commitment to our students - to the academic feats they’ll undertake, to the many memories they’ll create and to the great successes they’ll attain. Just as we once did with each of them, we now welcome you to the journey that is becoming a Torero.

Accreditation

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University of San Diego's Graduate Pathway for International Students

School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES)

The USD Graduate Pathway Program offers academically prepared international students the opportunity to become degree-seeking graduate students at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) through successful completion of an English language and graduate degree program readiness curriculum.

The program begins with an individualized assessment in several areas, including academic aptitude, English language proficiency and college readiness. A personalized pathway will then be developed based on these assessments by the English Language Academy (ELA), and the student’s progress will be closely monitored throughout the program to ensure success.

School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES), Graduate Programs

Within a school that spans multiple areas of study, the School of Leadership and Education Sciences is unified by its unique academic excellence. The school’s exceptional ratings stem from a combination of incredible classroom discussions and real-world service and learning. Students dive in and start making an impact right away.

To deliver more than learning, we personalize our programs to suit students’ key needs. We challenge them, support them, and nurture their endeavors. We maintain defined academic standards while embracing diverse perspectives. We foster a strong campus community while exploring the world at large. We study the principles of leadership, then put them into practice. We learn about the needs of underserved and vulnerable populations, and then learn how to make a difference for the better.

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Summer International Junior Program

Beginning early July and continuing through mid-August, students 13-17 years of age have the unique opportunity to experience American college life by living on the safe, beautiful campus of USD (Homestay accommodations are also available), while attending English classes taught by USD instructors, and practicing their conversational skills during field trips, sporting activities, and social events in the afternoons and weekends.

The program features:

- Small class sizes with an average of 8 students, 10 maximum
- A curriculum that goes beyond English learning and places an emphasis on Speaking and the Arts, Exam Preparation strategies, STEM, and leadership
- Afternoon Cultural Workshops to reinforce English skills
- Great activities and all-day excursions in sunny Southern California
- A 3-day, 2-night trip that includes a stop at Disneyland
- Flexible start dates

Summer International Youth + Discover Southern CA
SUYP-X780

In-class instruction includes skill development in reading/writing and listening/speaking. Students can use their new skills as they participate in field trips, activities and social events in the afternoon and on weekends.

TERM SCHEDULE
June 26 - August 7, 2022  9:00 - 12:30 PM at USD campus

Students may now choose between residential or homestay accommodations. Homestay offers single and double rooms with an American host family, breakfast & dinner with family and lunches on campus Monday-Friday.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Non-native English speakers who are between the ages of 13 and 17

CONTACT US AT
Contact Francine Chemnick for more information about the Summer International Junior Program!
(619) 260-7621 | (888) 983-3976
francinechemnick@sandiego.edu
Customized Programs

Customized programs are available to specific groups of individuals from non-English-speaking countries who wish to improve their English skills for personal, academic, or professional reasons. They can be tailored to the precise needs of a particular group of participants, allowing for a laser-focused learning experience. Below are some examples:

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS**
Nowadays, teaching in English is becoming more of a requirement in many non-native English-speaking institutions of higher learning. Professional Development for University Professors helps non-native English-speaking professors learn how to teach using academic English, encourage and manage a participative university classroom environment, as well as provide constructive feedback in English, using appropriate vocabulary and expressions.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS**
Educational departments of many countries are now preferring (or even requiring) that their Elementary and High School teachers have experience teaching in English. As a result, Professional Development for Primary and Secondary School Teachers has been developed to expose non-native English-speaking participants to using vocabulary and expressions specific to teaching in an English-speaking Elementary or High School environment, managing an interactive, American-style classroom, as well as using appropriate vocabulary and expressions while doing so.

**BUSINESS ENGLISH FOR UNIVERSITY MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS**
Academic administrators in today’s university environments often find themselves interacting with colleagues who do not share their own native language. Business English for University Managers and Administrators improves non-native English-speaking participants’ ability to comfortably and professionally communicate with international colleagues both in speaking (presentations, small-talk, constructive feedback), as well as in writing (business letters, emails, references).

Individuals and Small Groups

**ACCENT MODIFICATION PROFESSIONAL COURSE**
The Accent Modification Course is a customized instructional course for people who speak English as a second language and who have average to advanced English skills. Conducted in a one to one or small group training format, the course addresses the need for effective verbal skills in every profession. Managing people, sharing new ideas, speaking on the telephone, and growing a business all require clear and effective pronunciation. A strong accent may interfere with a person’s ability to be understood. A variety of professions will benefit from this program.

**PRONUNCIATION OF AMERICAN ENGLISH COURSE**
This 10-week course is for non-native English speakers who wish to learn how to communicate more clearly and effectively in an American English-speaking environment. Participants will improve their ability to speak clearly and effectively in English, while addressing some aspects of accent reduction and building self-confidence.

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General English Program

Improve your conversational skills in a relaxed environment, and take advantage of all the wonderful sights that San Diego - America’s Finest City- has to offer.

The English Language Academy’s (ELA) General English Program is a four-week course for non-native English speakers who wish to improve their ability to communicate in a variety of social situations. The program offers:

- Small classes, enabling a stronger connection with instructors and other international students
- Interacting with highly qualified and experienced English as a Second Language instructors
- A communicative approach to language-learning, providing students with greater opportunities to practice their English in the classroom
- Integrated skills classes (combining listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar); resulting in a theme-based curriculum, encouraging students to speak English as much as possible
- A certificate upon successful completion of the program

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
International students who prefer a short-term English course, geared towards:

- Improving general communication skills
- Developing conversational skills for use in a variety of settings such as international travel and social events
- Building vocabulary including idioms
- Learning about American Culture

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For those non-native English speakers who are looking to attend universities in the U.S., the ELA is offering online courses that will provide information and support needed for such students to be academically successful. Improving academic writing skills, learning about the U.S. campus environment, and reaching a higher score on the TOEFL iBT Test are some of the skills covered by these courses. The fact that they are offered online and in an asynchronous format provides the added benefit of allowing international students to take such courses on a computer in their own country, as well as create a daily schedule that works best for them.

**ELCP-X700 Preparing for University in the U.S.**

The academic experience in the U.S. can be very different from that in other countries. International students planning to attend colleges/universities in the U.S. can give themselves the advantage of learning about campus life and academic expectations ahead of time by taking this online course, which will help them navigate academic life in the U.S. more successfully.

**COURSE HIGHLIGHTS**

Students who take the online Preparing for University in the U.S. Course will learn to:

- Identify and apply academic and campus resources (online and in-person)
- Express questions, concerns, or requests to a professor or other university community member
- Distinguish key aspects of classroom and university culture in relation to expected conduct
- Develop interpersonal communication skills for peer and group work
- Apply time management techniques and study skills to reduce stress
- Define college-level critical thinking and writing skills
- Produce and participate in academic presentations

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

This course is intended for prospective international students who have already been accepted to a university in the U.S.
**ELCP-X701  TOEFL iBT Test Prep**

For many non-native English speakers who are applying to colleges and universities, taking the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is a must. Our online TOEFL iBT Test Prep Course is ideal for all TOEFL test-takers, particularly those who are hoping to improve their current score. This online course helps international students reach the required TOEFL test score for admission into U.S. (and other) academic institutions.

**COURSE HIGHLIGHTS**

Students who take the online TOEFL iBT Test Prep Course will learn:

- Skills to improve their English language proficiency
- In-depth information about TOEFL's four sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing
- Valuable tips to help you prepare for the exam
- Test-taking techniques
- TOEFL test-scoring information
- Strategies for managing their time during the test
- Essay-writing skills that conform to the TOEFL scoring guidelines

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Students looking to improve their TOEFL iBT Test score. They should have at least a high intermediate level of English proficiency to enroll in the course.

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**ELCP-X800  Introduction to Graduate Writing**

Attending a Master's (MA/MS) or Doctorate (PhD) program in the U.S. requires a particular set of writing skills which go beyond a basic five-paragraph essay. This online course will provide international scholars with the knowledge and specific tools necessary to improve their English academic writing skills, as well as successfully navigate the process of creating a research paper.

**COURSE HIGHLIGHTS**

Students who take the online TOEFL iBT Test Prep Course will learn:

- Students will gain invaluable writing skills by practicing and honing a variety of techniques such as:
- Recognizing and understanding style, language and genre relevant to writing research papers in graduate-level programs
- Conducting research, evaluating sources, and recording that information appropriately in a research paper
- Synthesizing sources and creating an accurate bibliography in a research paper

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Non-native English-speaking students at an advanced level who wish to prepare for the rigors of writing research papers in a graduate-level academic program in the U.S.
Cancellation/Withdrawal & Refund Schedule & Policies

All application, deposit, health center fees, insurance, and on-campus housing fees are non-refundable. Refunds are given through the mode of original payment. Agent referred students receive refunds through the agent.

PROGRAM REFUND SCHEDULE FOR 5, 7, 10, & 14 WEEK INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMS
Prior to 1st day of program (published start-date on the website)
Full refund of tuition (minus $500 deposit)

1st day of program through end of first week of classes by close of business day (5:00pm Friday) 50% of tuition (minus $500 deposit)

Week 2 of program classes and later
No refunds

PROGRAM REFUND SCHEDULE FOR THE 4 WEEK GENERAL ENGLISH PROGRAM
Prior to 1st day of program (published start-date on the website)
Full refund of tuition (minus $100 nonrefundable application fee)

After the 1st day of program
No refunds

ALL OTHER PROGRAMS-REFUNDS
Please refer to the Policies section found on the Professional and Continuing Education (PCE)

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES - PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL/REFUNDS
The following are acceptable reasons for withdrawal from the program before a student’s period of study is completed: serious personal or family illness, severe financial difficulties which developed during enrollment in the program, visa problems, or a requirement by the government of sponsoring agency to return home. All of these reasons must be substantiated, in writing, by a recognized physician, a bank or immigration officer, or the sponsor, depending on the reason for withdrawal. All questions regarding withdrawal for special circumstances should be addressed to the Program Director. The Director will determine if a refund is warranted on a case-by-case basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Late Arrivals - Students who are given special permission to begin the term late are subject to the same policy. The policy is in effect from student’s first day of term (as indicated by your Form I-20) Dismissal - A student can be dismissed at any time during the term if she/ he has an attendance problem, behavior problem, does not work up to the high standards of the Institute or does not pay tuition and fees. If it is deemed necessary to dismiss a student, no refund is granted. The withdrawal policy does not apply in this case. Refund Requests - All requests must be made in writing to: francinechemnick@sandiego.edu. You will receive a confirmation of your request. Approved refunds will take approximately 4-6 weeks to process. Refunds are issued in the same method of payment (check or charge) of payment, except in the case of bank wire payments. Refunds on payments made by bank wire are issued by check and sent by mail to the person or company that made the original payment. Tuition is not refunded to students who arrive late for the program, who leave because of homesickness, or who are dismissed from the program.