



Fast Facts

Campus Features

- Beaches, mountains, downtown and the Mexican border – all within a short drive
- Beautiful 16th century Spanish Renaissance architectural style university campus
- 180 acres perched on a picturesque canyon with ocean and city views



Academics

- Undergraduate programs: 43 Bachelor's degrees with many concentrations; 52 minors
- Degrees awarded: 1,421 Bachelor's, 713 Master's, 301 JD and Doctorates – 2,435 total
- Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) since 1956



Campus Life

- Residential campus (live on campus): 94% of freshmen and 44% of undergraduates live on campus
- 10 separate living areas with styles ranging from shared rooms to apartments
- Many recreation clubs and fitness classes, including a modern, spacious sports complex



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English Language Academy
 San Diego, California

Why choose the **English Language Academy** at the University of San Diego?

Choosing to study abroad can be one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences in a student's life.

The English Language Academy (ELA) is located on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego, renowned for its beauty and Spanish Renaissance-inspired architecture. Classes are taught by experienced and enthusiastic instructors. Programs include: Intensive English, Pathway (for students interested in attending a university), General English with an emphasis on conversation, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), Accent Modification, TOEFL Test Prep, Summer International Junior Program (for students 13-17), and Customized Programs.

The ELA staff is committed to preparing students to succeed in the social and academic communities of the university, as well as their lives outside the university. The friendly and dedicated staff is here to help students with academic planning, housing, visa processing, social activities, and campus functions.

Highlights:

- ▶ English language programs for personal or professional development
- ▶ Instructors with master's degrees related to English language teaching
- ▶ Small class sizes (10-15)
- ▶ Highly experienced international student services staff
- ▶ Certificate of Achievement after successfully completing the program

Intensive English Language Program (IEP)

The IEP helps students 18 and older develop and expand their English language skills in courses taught by highly qualified, experienced instructors with master's degrees and extensive English language teaching skills. The program offers:

- ▶ 14-week (Fall/Spring) and 10-week (Summer) semesters
- ▶ A rigorous, academic course of study to help students prepare for a U.S. university education
- ▶ A personalized course schedule

Short Term Intensive English Program (IEP)

The ELA offers a shortened version of the Intensive English Program, with two 7 week sessions in the Fall and Spring, and two 5-week sessions during the Summer.

Summer International Junior Program

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

- ▶ Small class sizes with an average of 8 students, 10 maximum
- ▶ Great activities and all-day excursions in sunny Southern California
- ▶ An intensive English language program with afternoon Cultural Workshops to reinforce English skills and learn about American culture
- ▶ Flexible start dates with 2, 3, and 4-week options

General English Program

The four-week General English Program is for students 18 years of age and older who wish to improve their ability to communicate in English. The program focuses on developing conversational skills for use in settings such as international travel and social situations, while building vocabulary and practicing idioms in the context of American culture. The program is geared to provide:

- ▶ 4 weeks of English language instruction
- ▶ An integrated skills approach resulting in a theme-based curriculum, encouraging students to speak English as much as possible
- ▶ A communicative approach to language learning, allowing for the maximum amount of student talk time

Pronunciation of American English Program

Pronunciation of American English is geared towards non-native English speakers who wish to learn how to communicate more clearly and effectively in an American English-speaking environment. Learners will improve their ability to speak clearly and effectively in English, while addressing some aspects of accent reduction and building their self-confidence. The Program includes:

- ▶ Knowledgeable, experienced instructors with advanced degrees
- ▶ Small classes with structured student-teacher interaction
- ▶ 30 hours of instruction, spread over 10 weeks
- ▶ Active learner involvement in monitoring and self-evaluation

USD Pathway Program/Conditional Acceptance

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. The program includes:

- ▶ Intensive English language instruction (1-3 semesters - as determined by academic achievement)
- ▶ Improvement of TOEFL/IELTS test scores necessary for admission to a U.S. academic program
- ▶ A personalized pathway to college admission, based on a variety of assessments, and closely monitored to ensure success
- ▶ A Letter of Recommendation from a member of the English Language Academy

TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)

TEFL is an exciting and high-demand program for educators and aspiring teachers looking for professional opportunities to travel to other countries and find work as TEFL instructors. The program offers:

- ▶ Instruction about methods for teaching English to non-native English-speaking children, as well as adults, in academic, business, and other vocational settings
- ▶ The opportunity to apply TEFL Certificate credits toward a certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- ▶ A hybrid course comprised of 25 hours on-line, and 100 hours on-ground; a TEFL certificate is issued upon completion of the 125 hours

Accent Modification

The Accent Modification Program is customized and offers a flexible schedule for individuals who have high intermediate to advanced English language skills, but who need help with their accent/pronunciation. It addresses the need for clear and effective verbal skills in every profession, and recognizes that a strong accent may interfere with a person's ability to be understood. The student will be provided:

- ▶ A recording at the beginning of the course to help determine which parts of speech need improvement
- ▶ Identification of differences in speech patterns as compared to Standard American English, with an emphasis on pacing, intonation, stress and pitch
- ▶ A post-assessment

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. These programs are designed to meet a variety of needs from Teacher Training to English for Specific Purposes. Below are some examples of Customized Programs:

- ▶ Teacher Training for University Professors
- ▶ Business English for Managers and Administrators
- ▶ Test Prep for Instructors and Secondary School Educators