

Atlanta

Center Profile



**ELS Language Centers
at Southern Polytechnic State University**
1100 South Marietta Pkwy, Building J
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Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Public Technical University campus location
- Complete Prep Program for the TOEFL® iBT location
- On campus apartment-style student housing
- Quiet and safe residential area within 20 minutes of Atlanta (major US city)
- Opportunities for Masters students to observe university classes by arrangement.
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Area Attractions

- CNN studios
- The World of Coca Cola museum & headquarters
- Martin Luther King Jr. Center (civil rights museum)

Climate

Atlanta has a mild climate that is not subject to the extreme variations in climate conditions experienced by more northern cities. Occasional rain may be expected at any time of the year, but winter months bring the greatest amounts of rain.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	2	11
Spring	11	22
Summer	21	31
Autumn	12	22

Host University Information

Visit www.spsu.edu or the ELS University directory at www.usauniversityguide.org to learn more about Southern Polytechnic State University and their degree programs.

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
Campus Dorm	5	By foot
Apts:		
Homestays:	40	By bus

Local Places

Airport:	40	By taxi
Bank:	60	By foot
Downtown Atlanta:	30	By taxi, bus, or train
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	20	By bus
Sports Center:	1	By foot
Supermarket:	15	By foot
Bus Stop:	10	By foot

Other Nearby Cities

Chattanooga, TN	1.5 hours	By car
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Local Transportation

Marietta is a suburban, residential area and public transportation is limited. Bus station is a quarter of a mile from the school. There is also a bus (# 10) that stops at the entrance of SPSU. Students may take bus 10 directly to the Art Center and then take the MARTA train in Atlanta to travel in Atlanta. Visit www.cobbdot.org and www.itsmarta.com for more information on Atlanta area public transportation. The price for the bus and for MARTA is \$1.75 per ride.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted at the ELS Center but students may easily go outdoors to smoke in designated areas. Smoking is not permitted in Residence Hall Apartments.

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.

Shared On-Campus Apartments

**Southern Polytechnic State University
University Commons Apartments
1150 Marietta Parkway
Marietta, Georgia**

Males & females are placed in separate apartments although apartment floors are coed. American students of SPSU also live in the same facility and may reside on the same floor.

Rooms (standard option): **Single (1 person)**

Private study bedroom within a shared 4 bedroom on campus apartment. Shared bathrooms (2 per apartment). Each apartment has a furnished kitchen, living room with dining area and washer & dryer. Rooms include bed, dresser, desk with chair, a telephone, and internet connection. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms and share responsibility for cleaning the apartment during their stay.

Meals Included: **None** - Can purchase meal card after arrival. The average cost for breakfast is \$4.75 and \$6.25 for lunch and dinner. Meal card is \$25 for five meals.

Age Minimum: **18+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Washer and dryer included in apartment building. No additional cost.

Security/Resident Assistant: Campus Police twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. There is one resident assistant for the apartment building.

Check-In: **12 noon to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Upon arrival, report to the campus police "Norton Building R-2" at 1100 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060 for check-in assistance. A police attendant will ask for the student's name. The Residence Assistant on duty is then called and will meet the student at their assigned apartment to let them in and the apartment key will be in their assigned room. Students should not remove luggage from the taxi/car until they reach the apartments (after the call from "Building R-2"). Damage deposit required.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$100 damage deposit

Checkout Time: 12 noon (Saturday)

Homestays

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

Age Minimum: **16+ 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 bus to come to the campus.

Check-In: **10:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 2:00 pm (Saturday)

→ 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: Atlanta Hartsfield International (ATL)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Absolute Quality Limo

Tel: 1(888) 707-0546 toll free / 1(770) 717-6224

Fax: 1(770) 273-0420

The limo driver will hold a paper sign with the student's name on it. Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows:

International: Baggage Claim Area

Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the airport to the SPSU campus or homestays will cost approximately \$75 to \$90, with a travel time of 35 to 45 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(888) 475-6673 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 (not including a 13% tax) are subject to change.

Baymont Inn & Suites 639 Franklin Rd SE	\$70 per night* Tel: 1(678) 355-5050
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Hampton Inn 455 Franklin Road	\$66 per night* Tel: 1(770) 425-9977
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Ramada Inn Limited 630 Franklin Road	\$45 per night* Tel: 1(770) 919-7878
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* Must mention "ELS at Southern Polytechnic" for this preferred rate when checking into the hotel.

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Atlanta Center at **8:00 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)
- Materials contained in the acceptance package