

# Boston City Center Profile



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## ELS Language Centers

### Boston City Center

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## Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

Closed on weekends and holidays

## Key Location Features

- City center located in Cambridge (between Harvard University and M.I.T.)
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Executive Programs location
- Easy access to downtown Boston
- Access to many recreational facilities at YMCA
- Housing at International Guest House in the safe Back Bay area of Boston
- Homestays with American families
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

## Area Attractions

- Boston museums, national historic and cultural attractions, shopping, restaurants and nightlife.
- Beaches on Cape Cod; skiing in New England
- Major league sporting teams in baseball, soccer, basketball, hockey, and football

## Climate

The Boston area has warm summers (June, July and August) and cold winters (November through February). Students should bring light clothing in summer and heavy coats and boots for winter.

### Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	-7	2
Spring	7	17
Summer	12	32
Autumn	8	17

## College Information

ELS is located in the building of Cambridge College. Visit [www.cambridgecollege.edu](http://www.cambridgecollege.edu) to learn more about their degree programs. Visit the ELS University directory [www.usauniversityguide.org](http://www.usauniversityguide.org) to learn about 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
International Guest House:	20-25	By bus/subway
Homestays:	15-60	By bus/subway/bicycle

### Local Places

Airport:	20-30	By taxi
Bank:	10-20	By foot (bus)
Downtown Boston:	10-15	By bus/subway
Post Office:	10	By foot
Restaurant(s):	2-15	By foot
Shopping Mall:	15	By bus
Sports Center (YMCA):	5-10	By foot (bus)
Supermarket:	10-20	By foot (bus)
Bus Stop	1	By foot
Subway	15	By foot

### Nearby Cities

Providence, RI	1 hour	By Commuter Rail
New York City, NY	4½ hours	By train

## Local Transportation

Public transportation in the Boston area is excellent as both buses and subway (The "T") serve this area. The bus runs along Massachusetts Ave and stops outside the center. The red line "T" stop is one half mile from the center. Students receive complimentary city and subway maps. Subway fare is \$2 per trip. Bus fare is \$1.50 per trip. 7-day unlimited subway/bus linkpass cards are \$15, but most students choose the unlimited monthly linkpass for \$59. Students also have the option of purchasing rechargeable subway/bus cards that provide a discount off of the standard travel rates.

## Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or any Cambridge College building. Smoking is permitted outdoors behind the building only.

## 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.

## **Student Residence / Dorm International Guest House 237 Beacon Street Boston MA 02116**

Rooms (standard option): **Double (2 person) or quad (4 person)**

The International Guest House is comprised of three lovely Brownstone row houses. Students live in spacious double or quad rooms with semi-private bathrooms (2-4 people). Rooms include a bed, dresser, desk and chair for each resident. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, phone, and cable connections are available in each room. Linens are also included. Wireless internet connection is available for an additional fee.

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

Age Minimum: **16+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available for a small fee.

Transportation to ELS: Residence students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most students use the subway or bus to come to the center.

Check-In: **10:00 am – 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations should check-in at the International Guest House, 237 Beacon Street, Boston. Students arriving later than noted check-in hours should plan to stay in a hotel unless other arrangements were confirmed.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$200 damage /key deposit

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

## **Homestays**

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

Age Minimum: **17+ 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 the subway or bus to come to the center.

Check-In: **8:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**  
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 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: Boston Logan International (BOS)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

New England Coach Service, Inc.

Tel: 1(800) 609-1402 toll free / 1(617) 331-6900

Fax: 1(800) 609-1402 toll free / 1(617) 331-6900

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

International: Information Booth outside terminal

Domestic: Information Booth outside terminal

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$25-\$35 plus tip, with a travel time of 20-30 minutes.

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

1(800) 541-1921 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 and vary according to season.

Holiday Inn Express 250 Monsignor O'Brien Hwy Cambridge, MA	\$89 - \$159 per night Tel: 1(617) 577-7600
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Days Inn Hotel Boston 1234 Soldiers Field Road Boston, MA	\$99 - \$169 per night Tel: 1(617) 254-1234
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Marriott Residence Inn 6 Cambridge Center Cambridge, MA	\$139 - \$259 per night Tel: 1 (617) 349-0700
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### **Center Arrival Information**

New Students should report to the ELS Boston 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, 1-94 card and 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