

Charlotte Center Profile



ELS Language Centers (In Affiliation With Queens University of Charlotte)

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Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

Closed on weekends and holidays

Key Location Features

- In affiliation with Private University campus
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Convenient individual and family apartment housing options nearby
- Free access to campus recreational facilities
- Credit for ELS completion available at QUC for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center
- Queens University classroom visitation program available

Area Attractions

- Charlotte downtown cultural attractions (concerts, museums, professional sports, shopping)
- North Carolina beaches, mountains and forests (hiking, swimming, skiing)
- Carowinds® Amusement and Water Park
- U.S. National White Water Center

Climate

North Carolina has warm summers (June, July and August). Winters are mild compared to the North but can have some cool weather and occasional snow.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	6	14
Spring	14	23
Summer	24	31
Autumn	16	24

Host University Information

Visit www.queens.edu to learn more about Queens University of Charlotte. Also visit the ELS College directory at 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

Student Apartments	15-20	By foot
Homestays:	30	By bus/car
Area Apartments:	20	By bus

Local Places

Airport:	25	By car
Bank:	15 to 20	By foot
Downtown:	15	By bus
Post Office:	20	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By bus
Shopping Mall:	10	By bus
Sports Center:	20	By bus
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	3	By foot

Nearby Cities

Raleigh	180	By car
Greensboro	120	By car
Charleston, SC	180	By car

Local Transportation

Public transportation is limited but students can get to key places. There is a main bus line that has a stop in front of the Center. ELS students use the bus to go to malls and downtown Charlotte. Approximate bus cost is \$1.50 and \$2.00 (for express buses). The nearest bus stop is less than 2 minutes from the Center.

Driving in North Carolina

Students can obtain a NC Driver License only for the duration of their valid visa status or I-20 program duration. Students must have proof of their residence in NC. The Center can provide proof of residence for students in dormitory or ELS homestays and assist students in obtaining the NC Driver License. Students can also drive with an International Driving Permit and driver license from their home country accompanied by a passport present in the vehicle for 30 days.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or in the exterior hallways or bathrooms of the center. There is a designated smoking area outside the Center. On the Queens University campus, no smoking is permitted inside any campus buildings or within 25 feet of any campus building or on walkways entering campus buildings.

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 other dates/times other than those listed on the next page require special approval.

Student Residence/Apartments

Apartments (standard option): Doubles (2 persons)
Luxury apartments have 2 bedrooms. Students are housed 2 to each bedroom. Apartments include beds, desks and chairs in bedrooms and furnished living room and dining room as well as full kitchen cooking facilities. Linens/towels are also included. Students clean their own apartments during their stay. Wireless internet access and cable TV are provided in all apartments. **All apartments are non-smoking.**
Meals Included: None. Students prepare meals in their apartments or can take meals in surrounding restaurants..

Age Minimum: 18 years old.

Laundry Facilities: Self-service coin-operated washing machines and dryers are available in the Laundry Care Center in the apartment complex.

Security: The apartments are located in a gated security enclosure. Pass codes are required for entrance. Apartments have double bolt locks for increased security. An ELS resident assistant is frequently available on-site to assist students.

Check-In: 12 noon to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in.
Students with confirmed apartment reservations will receive an e-mail from ELS approximately two weeks before arrival with check-in instructions. The ELS Resident Assistant will provide check in assistance upon arrival to the apartments. Students arriving later than noted check-in hours should plan to stay in a hotel unless other arrangements were confirmed.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$100 refundable damage deposit is due at Registration in the ELS Center.

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

Homestays

Rooms: Single (1 person)

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

Age Minimum: 14 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: Many host families drive ELS students to campus in the morning and pick them up in the evening. Other students take a bus to campus. No homes are within walking distance.

Check-In: 12 noon to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students go directly to homestay address. *Early arrivals are not permitted unless the student is a minor (under 18 years of age).*

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

Apartment Options in the Area

Apartment accommodations for couples and families are often available near the ELS Charlotte center. Apartments cannot be reserved before arrival, but extended stay hotels can be reserved before arrival. Contact ELS Charlotte at cha@els.edu for more details and availability.

→ 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: Charlotte Douglas International (CLT)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Executive Car Service

Tel: 1(800) 766-5054 toll free / 1(704) 525-2191

Fax: 1(704) 525-8847

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

International: Information Desk in Baggage Claim Area
Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the airport to the campus (summers only), ELS apartments or homestays will cost approximately \$30 - \$45 plus tip, with a travel time of 20 to 30 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 351-8916 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. Queens University & ELS must be mentioned to receive the following rates. The following special prices (16.25% tax not included) are subject to change and availability.

Residence Inn by Marriott-South Park 6030 Piedmont Row Dr. South	\$89 per night Tel: 1(704) 554-7001
Courtyard by Marriott-South Park 6023 Park South Drive	\$89 - \$129 per night Tel: 1(704) 552-7333
Best Western Sterling Hotel & Suites 242 East Woodlawn Road	\$59 - \$79 per night Tel: 1(704) 525-5454

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Charlotte Center **between 8:00 am and 8:20 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