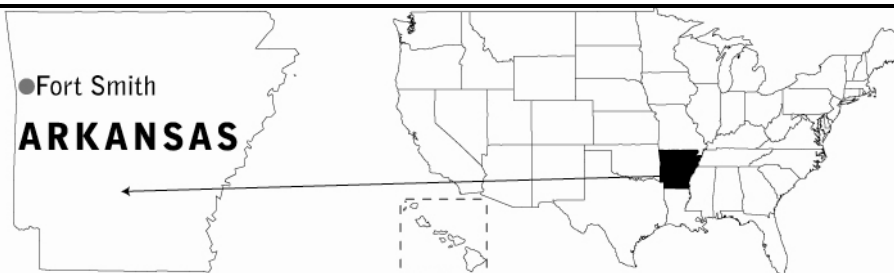


Fort Smith Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
University of Arkansas – Ft Smith
5210 Grand Avenue
PO Box 3649
Fort Smith AR 72913-3649
Phone: 479-788-7940
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Email:

Opening August 2010!

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Public University campus location
- UAFS has over 50 student organizations that ELS students can join
- On campus dormitory housing
- TOEFL® iBT testing center in 2011
- Concurrent Enrollment available at UAFS for qualified students

Area Attractions

- Great natural beauty, UAFS is close to Arkansas River Valley between the Ozark and Ouachita Mountains.
- Safe community

Climate

Spring and fall are the most comfortable months in Fort Smith. Summers are hot (not humid). Winters are short and mild with some rain and snow. A raincoat is recommended in the spring and summer months.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	-2	8
Spring	9	22
Summer	22	33
Autumn	11	23

Host University Information

Visit www.uafortsmith.edu to learn more about University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and their degree programs. Visit www.usauniversityguide.org 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:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
On Campus Dorm:	1	By foot
Homestays:	20	By bus

Local Places

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

Nearby Cities

Little Rock, AR	2.5 hours	By bus
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Local Transportation

There is a low cost public campus bus that serves nearby neighborhoods.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith campus.

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.

On Campus Student Residence/Dorm University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

(various residence halls used - see check-in note)

More information regarding on-campus housing will be announced closer to the opening of the center. Please check www.superservice.els.edu frequently for more information.

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: Host family students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most students use the convenient Max-Train or bus system. In the downtown area, the ride is free.

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

Checkout Time: 12 noon (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: Fort Smith Regional Airport

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Classic Limousine Service Inc Tel: 1 (479) 782-5699

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

International: Customs Exit
Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

From Fort Smith Regional Airport, students can take either a taxi to their destination. Travel time from the airport to campus or most homestays is about 30 minutes and costs \$75.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

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 (13% hotel tax not included) are subject to change.

Comfort Inn 2120 Burnham Road	\$100 per night Tel: 1(479)484-0227
Super 8 Motel 3810 Towson Avenue	\$50 per night Tel: 1(479)646-3411
Holiday Inn - City Center 700 Rogers Avenue	\$90 per night Tel: 1(479)783-1000

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Fort Smith Center at **8:15 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)
- Materials contained in the acceptance package