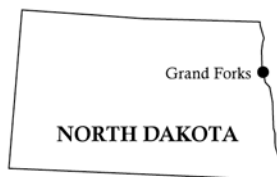


Grand Forks Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
University of North Dakota
O'Kelly Hall, Room 2
221 Centennial Drive, Stop 8390
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8390
Telephone: 1(701) 777-6785
Fax: 1(701) 777-6786
E-mail:

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Public research university campus location
- On campus dormitory housing
- Free access to many campus recreational facilities
- Safe and friendly “college town” environment with excellent parks, bike trails and a world class golf course nearby (designed by Arnold Palmer)
- Concurrent Enrollment available at UND for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Area Attractions

- UND Aerospace Planetarium
- University of North Dakota sports and campus cultural events (Ralph Englestad Hockey Arena)
- Turtle River State Park (hiking, walking)
- Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Greenway (hiking, bicycling, rollerblading) trails along the Red River
- Kelley Slough Bird Refuge

Climate

North Dakota has 4 distinct seasons with hot summers (June, July and August) and very cold winters (November through February). Students should bring appropriate clothing - particularly warm coats & gloves in winter months.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	-20	-9
Spring	-1	12
Summer	14	28
Autumn	1	13

Host University Information

Visit www.und.edu to learn more about University of North Dakota and their degree programs. Visit the ELS University directory 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:	5	By foot
Homestays:	20 to 30	By bus or bike

Local Places

Airport:	10 to 15	By taxi
Bank:	2	By foot
Downtown:	10 to 20	By bus (10) or By foot (20)
Post Office:	2	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5 to 15	By foot
Shopping Mall:	10 to 15	By bus
Sports Center:	5	By foot
Supermarket:	10 to 15	By foot
Bus Stop	2	By foot

Nearby Major Cities

Winnipeg, Canada	150	By car
Minneapolis/St. Paul	240	By car

Local Transportation

Grand Forks is accessible by the city area transit bus (\$1.50) There are also free university buses that transports students throughout the large campus area.


Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center, but students may smoke outdoors.

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**
University of North Dakota
Wilkerson Hall - Information Desk
3450 University Avenue
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Rooms (standard option): **Doubles (2 person)**
 Shared typical on campus dorm room. Shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include: in room computer line & cord, cable TV line & cord, and ARH programming. Students also have access to the complex computer lab, residence hall fitness center and services provided by the complex centers. Linens, towels, blankets and pillows are not provided.

A limited number of singles available upon special request (for extra cost). Students clean their own rooms during their stay.

Meals Included: **Includes 15 meals per week.**

Age Minimum: **17+ years old**

Slightly younger students may be allowed in the option with the highest minimum age. Center Director approval required before booking.

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available in the same dormitory building for a small fee.

Security/Resident Assistant: There is one resident assistant for each floor or wing (1 per approx. 40 students).

Check-In: **4:00 pm to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Students with confirmed reservations report to the front desk of Wilkerson Hall. If arriving after official check-in hours, call 777-3565 and ask for "Wilkerson Service Center" for assistance with ELS dorm check in. Students who arrive late or have difficulty can call the Sunday arrival toll free number. Students who arrive before 4:00 on arrival Sunday will need to let ELS Language Centers know in advance so we can make special arrangements for early check-in.

Damage/Key Deposit: None

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

 **Homestays**

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

Meals Included: **16 per week** (daily continental breakfasts/dinners with lunches added on weekends)

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 arrive at the campus by bus. Some families are close and provide bicycles for our students. Some families are also within walking distance of the campus.

Check-In: **12 noon 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: Grand Forks International (GFK)

Grand Forks 5.38

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Big Al's Limousine Service
 Tel: 1(701) 795-1600

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

International: Not Applicable

Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the Grand Forks airport to the campus or homestays will cost only about \$16 to \$20 plus tip (15 % is customary), with a travel time of only 10 to 15 minutes.

 **Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers**

1(866) 870-5265 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 (hotel tax included) are subject to change.

Americas Best Value Inn Tel: 1 (701) 775-0555
 1000 N. 42 Street

Holiday Inn Tel: 1(701) 772-7131
 1210 N 43rd Street
 (free airport shuttle)

Ramada Inn Tel: 1(701) 775-3951
 1205 N. 43rd Street
 (free airport shuttle)

Hilton Garden Inn Tel: 1(701) 775-6000
 4301 Dartmouth Drive
 (free airport shuttle)

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Grand Forks 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:

- 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
- All Students:* Required Proof of Immunizations. Details are included in the acceptance package.