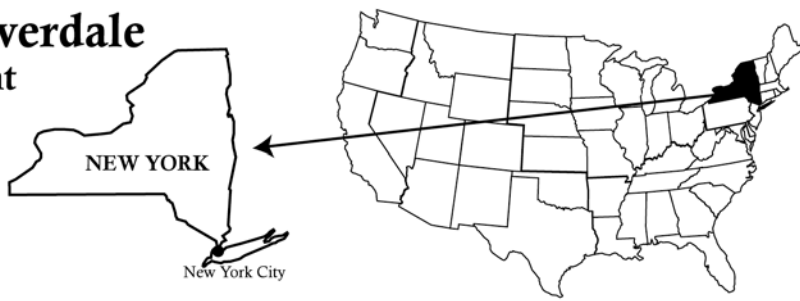


# New York City - Riverdale

## College of Mt. St. Vincent

### Center Profile



**ELS Language Centers**  
**College of Mount Saint Vincent**  
**6301 Riverdale Ave.**  
**Seton Building**  
**Riverdale, New York 10471-1093**  
**Telephone: 1(718) 796-6325**  
**Fax: 1(718) 796-7994**  
**E-mail:**

#### Center Hours

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

#### Key Location Features

- Private College campus location in northern residential section of New York City
- Business English Program location
- Executive Programs location
- On campus dormitory housing available
- College Certificate Programs: Global Communications and the Media, Int'l Business, Int'l Relations & Global Affairs and Int'l Volunteerism (Intensive advanced levels+ only)
- Credit for ELS completion available at CMSV for qualified students
- Concurrent Enrollment available at CMSV for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

#### Area Attractions

- New York City's many tourist and cultural attractions, restaurants, shopping and nightlife
- Weekend trips possible to Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Boston, Niagara Falls and Canada.

#### Climate

New York City has hot summers (June, July and August) and cold winters (November through February). Students should bring appropriate clothing.

#### Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	-4	3
Spring	6	14
Summer	19	28
Autumn	19	21

#### Host College Information

Visit [www.mountsaintvincent.edu](http://www.mountsaintvincent.edu) to learn more about College of Mount Saint Vincent and their degree programs. Visit [www.usauniversityguide.org](http://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:

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
On Campus Dorm:	2	By foot
Homestays:	10-30	By bus

#### Local Places

Airport (JFK):	45	By bus/car
Bank:	10	By foot
Midtown:	30	By bus/train/subway
Post Office:	10	By foot
Restaurant(s):	10	By foot
Shopping Mall:	10	By foot
Sports Center:	2	By foot
Supermarket:	10	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

#### Nearby Cities

Philadelphia, PA	2 hours	By train
Boston, MA	3 hours	By train
Washington, DC	3 hours	By train

#### Local Transportation

Public transportation from Riverdale to downtown Manhattan is very convenient. There is an Express Bus from campus to midtown Manhattan (\$5.50 each way), a Commuter Train: from Riverdale Station to Grand Central (\$5 each way), and the NYC Subway from 242nd St. Station to all points in Manhattan (\$2.25 each way). Students with an ELS I-20 can not obtain a New York State drivers license. Students can drive with a valid foreign license. An international license is recommended.

#### Smoking Policy

Smoking is only permitted outside 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 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**  
**College of Mt. Saint Vincent**  
**6301 Riverdale Avenue, Alumnae Hall**  
**Riverdale, NY**

Rooms (standard option): Triples (3 person)  
 Shared typical on campus dorm room. Shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include beds, dressers, desks, lamps and closets. Linens are also included.

Meals Included: **19 per week** (breakfast, lunch, dinner weekdays; brunch & supper weekends)

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: Each dormitory has a checkpoint (24 hours per day). There is also a checkpoint at the entrance to the campus. Each floor has 2 resident assistants (1 for approx. 30 students).

Check-In: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in  
 During standard check-in hours, report to the front desk at Alumnae Hall. The Residence Assistant will have your keys ready for you. Early arrivers can temporarily leave luggage at the front desk and then check in later. The Desk Receptionist assists. Late arrivers must check in with a Security Officer at the front desk.

Damage/Key Deposit: None

Checkout Time: 12 noon (Saturday)

## Homestays

Most are located in Riverdale near campus; some are conveniently located in Yonkers near campus.

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

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: Homestay students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most students take a short bus ride to the center, although there are a few within walking distance. No placement will be more than one-hour travel from 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 Airports: John F. Kennedy Int'l (JFK) or Newark (EWR) or LaGuardia (LGA)

### ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

GK Limousine  
 Tel: 1(845) 359-4265 toll free / 1(718) 884-5466  
 Fax: 1(845) 359-4193

The driver will hold a large sign that says "ELS Language Centers." To confirm that you have met the correct driver, your driver will show you an ID card from "GK Limousine & Travel". Be sure this is presented.

Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows:

*International:* Customs Exit (If you do not see your driver after you exit customs, walk to the area near the public telephones.) Your driver will meet you there.)

*Domestic:* Baggage Claim Area

### Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from JFK International airport (the nearest airport) to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$35 to \$40 plus a \$7 bridge toll plus a 15% tip, with a travel time of 30 to 60 minutes. Students who would arrive after check-in times should plan on reserving hotel accommodation until the next business day.

## Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(877) 479-5913 for Sunday arrival emergencies or the ELS Help Line 1(800) 435-7357 at other times

## ➔ 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.

Ramada	\$114 - \$144 per night
125 Tuckahoe Road	Tel: 1(914) 476-3800

### **Center Arrival Information**

New Students should report to the ELS Riverdale Center **between 8:30 am and 8:50 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
- Campus Dorm Students Only: Completed & Signed (by doctor) Health Form. This form is included in the acceptance package.