

Santa Barbara Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
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Local Cooperative Colleges & Universities

Visit www.sbccc.edu to learn about nearby Santa Barbara City College. Also visit the ELS University directory www.usauniversityguide.org

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

Center Hours

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

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
SB Student Home:	15	By foot
Homestays:	30	By bus

Key Location Features

- Downtown upscale location in private building
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Executive Programs location
- Convenient to Beaches & Attractions
- Year-round mild climate
- Concurrent Enrollment opportunities available at nearby Santa Barbara City College
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Local Places

Airport:	15	By taxi
Bank:	5	By foot
Downtown:	5	By foot
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	10	By foot
Sports Center:	10	By foot
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

Area Attractions

- Beaches and golf courses (biking distance)
- Shopping, restaurants and cultural attractions (walking-distance)
- Disneyland, Universal Studios, Magic Mountain, Los Angeles convenient for possible weekend trips

Nearby Cities

Los Angeles, CA	100	By car
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Climate

Santa Barbara is known for its year-round mild climate and casual atmosphere. Sportswear of all types is appropriate during summer, and evenings are mild and pleasant. Winter evenings are cool (a jacket will be required), but most days tend to be sunny, warm and breezy. A raincoat is recommended for winter showers, but Santa Barbara has an average of about 300 sunny days per year.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	8	18
Spring	10	21
Summer	16	27
Autumn	12	24

Local Transportation

Santa Barbara local city bus system, MTD, provides convenient transportation around the city. The average bus fare is \$1.25 and the bus stop is only 5 minutes from ELS by foot. Many students also rent cars for weekend trips.

California Driver License

ELS Students are eligible to obtain a California Drivers License. You must pass a written test, a vision test and driving test. You must provide the DMV with your passport, I-94, I-20, proof of residency in Santa Barbara, student ID card, and proof of car insurance. You must provide your own car for the test.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or the Santa Barbara Student Home, 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.

Homestays

Rooms (standard option): Single (1 person) or Doubles (2 person) in the case of overflow

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 travel to the Center by bus or by bicycle. Most families are no more than 30 minutes or less from ELS.

Check-In: 12 noon to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 9:00 am (Saturday)

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 (10% hotel tax included) are subject to change.

Best Western Encina Lodge \$160 - \$190 per night
2220 Bath Street Tel: 1(805) 682-7277

Holiday Inn \$160 - \$ 190 per night
17 West Haley Street Tel: 1(805) 963-9757

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to ELS Santa Barbara **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:

- 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

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: Santa Barbara Domestic (SBA) or Los Angeles Int'l (LAX)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Santa Barbara airport is the closest airport but hosts only domestic flights. The airport pickup provider for LAX arrivals is: Gemstar at Tel: 1(310)457-7307 or 1(800)922-5466. The airport pickup provider for SBA arrivals is: Checker Cab at Tel: 1(805) 964-6666

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

International: Customs Area (LAX only)

Domestic: Baggage Claim (both airports)

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

From Los Angeles Int'l (LAX): Taxis are not recommended because of distance and price. Other transportation is available on Santa Barbara AirBus shuttle service by calling 1(800) 423-1618. This shuttle service meets riders outside of the baggage claim area. A taxi can be taken from the Santa Barbara station. The total cost is about \$70 plus tip.

From Santa Barbara Municipal (SBA): Taxis outside the baggage claim/terminal area cost about \$20 plus tip, with a travel time of 15 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 266-3992 for Arrival Weekend emergencies. For other emergencies requiring immediate attention