

# Seattle

## Center Profile



### ELS Language Centers

400 E. Pine Street

Seattle, Washington 98122

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### Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

Closed on weekends and holidays

### Key Location Features

- Brand new building and centrally located in the Capital Hill District.
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Executive Programs location
- Voted one of the most livable cities in America
- Apartment-style student residence 4 blocks from ELS
- One of the best music scenes in the country
- Large international community
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

### Area Attractions

- Seattle Space Needle, Puget Sound
- Microsoft Corporation and Boeing Air
- Gorge Amphitheater, Waterfront Pier and the famous Pike Place Market
- Weekend trips to Mt. Rainier, Portland, and Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)

### Climate

A raincoat is recommended for use throughout the year. Summers are warm and pleasant but a jacket is needed for cool evenings. January and February are the coolest months but snow is very rare in Seattle; warm winter clothing is recommended. Winter snow is common in the mountains surrounding the city.

#### Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	0	7
Spring	6	20
Summer	12	28
Autumn	8	18

### University Bound Students

Visit our directory for university bound students at [www.usauniversityguide.org](http://www.usauniversityguide.org) to learn more about local cooperative colleges.

### Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
Student Dorm Option:	20	By foot
Homestays:	45-50	By bus
Area Apartments:	5-10	By foot

### Local Places

Airport:	20	By car
Bank:	10	By foot
Downtown Seattle:	10	By foot
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	1	By foot
Shopping Mall:	10	By foot
Sports Center:	5	By foot
Supermarket:	10	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

### Nearby Attractions/City

Mount Rainier	1.5 hours	By car
Mount Saint Helens	hours	By car
Olympic Nat'l Park	3 hours	By car
Vancouver, BC (Canada)	3 hours	By car

### Local Transportation

Seattle has excellent public transport, with free public buses in the downtown area, the monorail from downtown to "Seattle Center", the Seattle Streetcar connecting Pike Place Market and Pioneer Square by way of the waterfront. Ferries also take passengers for excursions across Puget Sound at an approximate cost of \$8 round trip. Homestay students usually buy a monthly bus pass (\$65-\$80 per month) for transportation to and from the ELS Center.

### Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or in the ELS apartment residence option.

### 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**

**First Hill Apartments**  
**400 10th Avenue**  
**Seattle, WA 98122**

Males & females are placed in separate apartments although apartment floors are coed. Americans also live at the First Hill apartments and may reside on the same floor (different apartments).

**Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person)**

Two students share a room in a 2-bedroom (4 person) apartment-style residence with a shared bathroom (1 bathroom/per 4 people). Each apartment has a furnished kitchen, desk, chairs, and living room with TV. Apartments include 4 beds (2 in each room) and closets. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms and apartment during their stay. See "Student Residence Facility" chart for more details.

**Meals Included: No meals included.**

**Age Minimum: 16+ years old**

**Laundry Facilities:** Self-service machines are available in the dorm apartment building (small fee).

**Security/Resident Assistant:** During working hours, there is a front desk for security. After hours, the front door is locked and a key is needed to enter. There are no resident assistants.

**Check-In: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

During standard check-in hours, report to the front desk at First Hill Apartments. The Residence Assistant will have keys ready. If you are unable to check in between these hours, please contact the Center to schedule the front desk person for your arrival.

**Damage/Key Deposit:** \$50 damage deposit

**Checkout Time:** Noon (Saturday)

 **Homestays**

**Rooms: Single (1 person)**

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

**Age Minimum: 16+ years old**

**Flight Information:** Homestay students should notify ELS of their arrival times prior to arrival, 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 come to the campus by bus from Seattle suburban areas.

**Check-In: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Students go directly to assigned homestay address.

**Checkout Time:** 12 noon (Saturday)

 **Apartment Options in the Area**

Contact ELS/Seattle at sea@els.edu for information and assistance on pre-booking private furnished apartments for family clients or couples. Studios, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and loft apartments are dependent on availability. Prices vary by season and apartment type. Approximate prices range between \$1500 (studio) to \$ 3500 (lofts).

 **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:** Seattle-Tacoma International (SEA)

**ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:**

A-One Airport Express

Tel: 1(206) 903-1600 toll free / 1(206) 383-8383

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

International: Baggage Claim **Carousel #1.**

Domestic: Baggage Claim **Carousel #1.**

**Other Transportation Options From the Airport:**

Taxis from Seattle-Tacoma Int'l airport to the dorm or homestays will cost approximately \$45 plus tip, with a travel time of about 20 minutes.

Super Shuttle service can take students any where in Seattle area and is also available by calling the call number 48 from the "Hotel Reservations" desk. The phone clerk tells students where to find the shuttle. Super Shuttle to the downtown costs about \$35.

 **Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers**

1(866) 266-3989 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 not included) are subject to change.

The Paramount Hotel	\$135+ per night
724 Pine Street	Tel: 1-800-663-1144
Seattle, WA 98101	

**Center Arrival Information**

New Students should report to the ELS Seattle 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 ELS insurance)
- Materials contained in the acceptance package