

# St. Louis Center Profile



## ELS Language Centers at University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL)

**ELS Building**  
**One University Boulevard**  
**St. Louis, MO 63121**

**Telephone: 1(314) 516-4621**

**Fax: 1(314) 516-4622**

### Center Hours

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

### Key Location Features

- Public state university with modern facilities
- Great transportation via the light rail, MetroLink
- Single room dorms on-campus, with Internet and phone connections
- Free access to many campus facilities, including computer labs, fitness center & health clinic
- Concurrent Enrollment available at UMSL for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

### Area Attractions

- St. Louis' Gateway Arch and numerous cultural attractions (music, museums, theaters & galleries)
- Major international corporations: Anheuser-Busch, Nestle, Ralston, Monsanto, Boeing
- Local parks and forests (for hiking, camping)
- St. Louis Cardinals baseball & Rams football
- The Saint Louis Zoo & Science Center

### Climate

Missouri has four distinct seasons with varying weather conditions. Summers are hot and humid. Spring days are warm and comfortable. Fall brings cool evenings. Winters are cold.

#### Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	-4	6
Spring	8	19
Summer	21	33
Autumn	9	21

### Host University Information

Visit [www.umsl.edu](http://www.umsl.edu) to learn more about UMSL and their degree programs. You can also 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:	10	By foot
Homestays:	20 to 40	By bus or MetroLink

### Local Places

Airport:	10	By MetroLink or taxi
Bank:	12	By UMSLshuttle
Downtown:	24	By MetroLink light rail
Post Office:	10	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5 - 10	By car
Shopping Mall:	25	By MetroLink
Athletic Center:	12	By UMSL shuttle
Supermarket:	10	By car
Bus Stop:	10	By foot

### Nearby Cities

Chicago, IL	5 hours	By car or bus
Springfield, IL	90	By car

### Local Transportation

The light rail, MetroLink, is a 10-minute walk from the Center. MetroLink and Metro buses connect ELS with the airport, downtown, and many popular sites.

### 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**

**Villa Hall / Provincial House**  
**7800 Natural Bridge Rd**  
**St. Louis, MO 63121**

**Rooms (standard option): Singles (1 person)**  
 Typical single dorm room. Shared bathrooms on each floor. Rooms have a bed, bed linens, desk with chair, dresser, microwave, refrigerator, phone jack and Internet connection (Ethernet).

**Meals Not Included: Optional \$200 meal cards**

Meals are not included in the dormitory price. However, students can add \$200 to their “blue cards” for use at the student cafeteria. It works like a debit card. This is available starting on Tuesday after the student’s arrival.

**Age Minimum: 18 years old**

**Laundry Facilities:** Coin-operated washers & dryers in residence hall. \$1 per load.

**Security/Resident Assistant** A Resident Assistant (RA) is available to help students with housing. University Police provide 24-hour security through frequent bike patrols and automobile patrols. Escort service is also available at any time by calling (314) 516-5155.

**Check-In: 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations report to the main door of the Provincial House. An RA or other staff member will have keys and door card ready. Early or late arrivers should call for the RA at (314) 245-1705. Or call the ELS center director at 1-800-805-2139.

**Damage/Key Deposit:** \$100 damage deposit required on the first Monday of the session.

**Checkout Time:** 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Saturday)

 **Homestays**

**Rooms: Single (1 person)**

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

**Age Minimum: 18 years old**

**Flight Information:** Homestay students should notify their Host Family or ELS of their arrival times so that families will know to be home when they arrive.

**Transportation to ELS:** Students will take public transportation to school, either the light rail train or a bus or both.

**Check-In: 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 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:** St. Louis International Airport (STL)

**St. Louis 5.88**

**ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:**

Best Transportation  
 Tel: 1 866 272-1200 toll free / Fax: 1(314) 991-4811

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 - Go to Baggage Claim # M6 and look for the ELS sign

**Other Transportation Options From the Airport:**

Taxis from the Lambert St. Louis airport to the dormitory will cost about \$15, and a tip should be given. Taxi rides to a homestay address vary by distance, probably \$35 or more.

 **Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers**

1(800) 805-2139 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 are subject to change. Most prices range from \$79 - \$140 per night, depending on the season.

Drury Inn  
 10490 Natural Bridge Road  
 St. Louis, MO 63134  
 Tel: 1(314) 423-7700  
 Fax: 1(314) 423-7700

Pear Tree Inn  
 10810 Pear Tree Lane  
 St. Louis, MO 63074  
 Tel: 1(314) 427-3400  
 Fax: 1(314) 427-3400

Hampton Inn  
 10820 Pear Tree Lane  
 St. Louis, MO 63074  
 Tel: 1(314) 429-2000  
 Fax: 1(314) 423-7765

The above hotels can help you to and from the airport as well as getting from the hotel to UMSL using the MetroLink.

**Center Arrival Information**

New Students should report to the ELS St. Louis Center at the ELS Building at **8:30 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