

St. Paul Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
University of St. Thomas
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Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Private University location (urban campus)
- Executive Programs location
- On campus dormitory housing
- Safe campus adjacent to the Mississippi River with easy access to St. Paul & Minneapolis downtown
- Concurrent Enrollment available at UST for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT, IELTS™, and TOEIC® testing center

Area Attractions

- The Mall of America – the largest enclosed retail & entertainment complex in the USA
- Downtown cultural attractions (theater, concerts, museums, sports) and shopping
- Outdoor recreation at local parks and lakes (biking, hiking, skiing, ice skating)
- Famous corporations including 3M & General Mills

Climate

Minnesota has 4 distinct seasons with hot summers (June, July and August) and cold winters (November through February). Students should bring appropriate clothing.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	-14	-6
Spring	2	13
Summer	16	27
Autumn	5	15

Host University Information

Visit www.stthomas.edu/international to learn more about University of St. Thomas and their degree programs. Visit the ELS University Directory at 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	Minute	Method
On Campus Dorm:	5	By foot
Homestays:	20 to 40	By bus or bike

Local Places

Airport:	10 to 15	By bus or taxi
Bank:	10	By foot
Downtown:	10 to 15	By free shuttle bus
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	10 to 15	By bus
Shopping Mall:	15 to 20	By bus
Sports Center:	1	By foot
Supermarket:	15 to 20	By bus
Bus Stop:	5	By foot

Local Transportation

Bus service is good in the Twin Cities. The University of St. Thomas has a free shuttle bus running to and from downtown Minneapolis that many students use.

It is difficult to obtain a MN Drivers License. Students can apply for a drivers license after their first session at ELS. An International Driving Permit is recommended.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in any building on campus, 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.

 **Student Residence / Dorm**

University of St. Thomas
Koch Commons
Selby Avenue & Finn Street
St. Paul, MN

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person)

Shared typical on campus dorm room. Shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include bed, dresser, desk and refrigerator. Linens are also included.

Meals Included: 14 meals per week plus

\$55/week flex money (breakfast, lunch, dinner daily), except in select summer sessions when appropriate price reductions or refunds will be offered

Age Minimum: 18+ years old

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

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

Check-In: 12 noon to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in

During standard checkin hours, report the front desk at Koch Commons (962-7500). The desk assistant will have keys ready. Students who arrive earlier or later than standard checkin hours should call St. Thomas Safety and Security at 2-5100 from a campus telephone. A security officer will assist.

Damage/Key Deposit: None

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (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 their Host Family 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 within walking distance of the campus.

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

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

 **Airport Arrival Information**

ELS Airport Pickup Service is available; however, it is easy to take a taxi to campus and homestays.

Area Airport: Minneapolis/St. Paul Int'l (MSP)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

City View / White Knight Limousine
Tel: 1(952) 832-5197 / Fax: 1(952) 933-4387

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

International: Baggage Claim Area # 2
Domestic: Baggage Claim Area # 7

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the MSP airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$18 to \$20 plus tip, with a travel time of 10 to 15 minutes.

 **Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers**

1(866) 731-4146 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 (13% hotel tax included) are subject to change.

Days Inn – Minneapolis 2407 University Ave SE Minneapolis	\$69 per night Tel: 1(612) 623-9303
Ramada Inn Mall of America I-94 and 24th Avenue Bloomington	\$89-119 per night Tel: 1(952) 854-3411
Holiday Inn Downtown/Rivercentre 175 W 7 th St St Paul	\$119-155 per night Tel: 1(651) 225-1515

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS St. Paul Center (# 118 Summit Classroom Building, 2100 Summit Ave) 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
- Students staying more than 4 weeks:* Completed & Signed Immunization Record Form.