

# St. Petersburg Center Profile



**ELS Language Centers**  
**Eckerd College**  
**4200 54th Avenue South**  
**St. Petersburg, Florida 33711-4700**  
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## Center Hours

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

## Key Location Features

- Private college campus location between Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay
- Executive Programs location
- On campus student residence housing
- Great location for married couples & families
- Year-round mild weather
- University Certificate Programs (seasonal)
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

## Area Attractions

- Local beaches
- Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, Busch Gardens, and other fun parks
- Salvador Dali art museum and other museums
- Marine life viewing (manatees & dolphins)
- Outdoor recreation and water sports
- Professional sports games
- Shopping and movie theaters nearby

## Climate

Florida has hot summers (June, July and August) and mild winters. Students should bring appropriate clothing and prepare for occasional rain.

### Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	11	21
Spring	17	27
Summer	23	32
Autumn	19	28

## Host College Information

Visit [www.eckerd.edu](http://www.eckerd.edu) to learn more about Eckerd College and its 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:	1	By foot
Homestays:	10 to 20	By car or foot
Apartments:	5 to 10	By car

## Local Places

Airport:	20	By taxi
Bank:	3	By foot
Downtown:	15	By taxi
Post Office:	3	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	15	By taxi
Sports Center:	3	By foot
Supermarket:	10	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	3	By foot

## Nearby Cities

Tampa, FL	30	By car
Orlando, FL	90	By car

## Local Transportation

Public transportation is available to St. Petersburg shopping areas, but is not convenient to beaches. To go to St. Petersburg's beaches, most students ride bicycles or share taxis. To reach Orlando and other Florida attractions, students need a private car or need to participate in ELS organized excursions. Many students at ELS/St. Petersburg rent cars and divide the expense.

## Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted inside of the ELS or Eckerd College 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 Lodge**  
**Eckerd College - Continuing Education Center**  
**4200 54th Avenue South**  
**St. Petersburg, FL**

Rooms (standard option): **Doubles (2 person)**  
 Shared rooms in on campus lodge-style student residence. Private bathroom (per room). Each room has 2 beds, desks, closet, a color TV (with cable),

and Internet access. Most, but not all, rooms are equipped with phones. Linens are provided. Rooms are cleaned once weekly.

#### Rooms (other): Married Couple Rooms

Married Couple rooms may be available on campus with prior arrangements if both parties study at ELS. Each student pays full housing fee.

Meals Included: **19 per week** (breakfast, lunch, dinner daily)

Age Minimum: **16+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service laundry machines are available in the student residence for a small fee.

Security/Resident Assistant: Each room has its own key, and there is a security checkpoint at the campus entrance. An Eckerd College Resident Assistant resides in the student residence.

#### Check-In: 24 hours (Sunday) check-in

Students report to the front desk at CEC West Lodge. The Resident Assistant will have keys ready. If the front desk is unattended, students should wait there. The Resident Assistant may be helping another student to his or her room.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$100 damage deposit

Checkout Time: 9:30 am (Saturday)

### Homestays

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

Age Minimum: **14+ 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 families that are outside walking or biking distance to the center will drive ELS students to the campus in the morning and pick them up after class and activities.

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

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 9:00 am (Saturday)

### Apartment Options in the Area

Contact ELS/St. Petersburg at [spe@els.edu](mailto:spe@els.edu) or ELS Central admissions for more details and assistance with booking. Apartment options are mostly within a 10 to 20 minute drive from ELS and require that the student rent a car for transportation. Apartment rates vary by season and apartment type. Reservation deposits (paid directly to the apartment provider) are required.

### ➔ 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: Tampa International (TPA)

#### ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Allstar Limousine

Tel: 1(727) 345-6614 toll free / 1(800) 345-6614

Fax: 1(727) 345-3191

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

International: Baggage Claim Area

Domestic: Baggage Claim Area

#### Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from Tampa Int'l airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$45 to \$50 plus tip, with a travel time of about 30 minutes. There is also a SuperShuttle service to campus at a cost of \$25 per person plus tip, although total waiting and travel time on SuperShuttle may take one hour or more.

### Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 351-8919 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.

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort 6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane South	\$133 - \$152 per night plus 12% tax Tel: 1(727) 867-1151
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Eckerd College West Lodge 4200 54th Avenue South	\$80 per night (tax included) Tel: 1(727) 865-7000
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#### **Center Arrival Information**

New students should report to the ELS St. Petersburg Center at **8:00 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