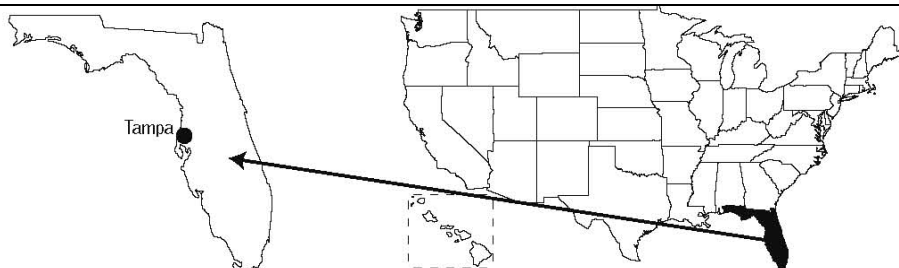


Tampa, Florida Center Profile



ELS Language Centers

401 W Kennedy Blvd

Tampa, FL 33606

Telephone: TBA

Fax: TBA

Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

Closed on weekends and holidays

Key Location Features

- City center located in Tampa, FL
- Easy access to beaches, theme parks, shopping
- Access to many recreational facilities at the University of Tampa
- Student residence at nearby Howard Johnson's
- Homestays with American families
- TOEFL® iBT testing center
- IELTS testing center

Area Attractions

- Located within minutes of the Gulf of Mexico
- Professional sports teams and cultural events within walking distance
- Proximity to Orlando

Climate

The Tampa Bay area enjoys wonderful weather year-round. Summers are hot and winters are mild. Rainy season is July-October. Students should bring appropriate clothing.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	11	21
Spring	17	27
Summer	23	35
Autumn	19	28

Partner Universities & UT

Visit www.usauniversityguide.org to learn about local colleges and universities that accept ELS completion in place of the TOEFL® or IELTS®.

The University of Tampa will accept completion of ELS level 112 (Intensive Program) from ELS Language Centers in lieu of the TOEFL or IELTS for undergraduate and graduate.

Class visits at American University can also be arranged on a case-by-case basis.

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
Student residence:	5	By shuttle
	15	On foot
Homestays:	15-30	By car

Local Places

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

Nearby Cities

Orlando, FL	45	By car
Miami, FL	250	By car

Local Transportation

The University of Tampa is located in the heart of Tampa and everything is within walking distance. Students can take a 5-minute free shuttle bus ride from the student residence to the school.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center. Smoking is permitted 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 Residences

- **Howard Johnson's Hotel**
111 W Fortune St
Tampa, FL 33602
www.tampahjp.com

Rooms (standard option): Double (2 persons)

Facilities are hotel-style with 2 students per bedroom. There is a shared bathroom for each room.

Meals Included: **No meals included**

Additional details for student residence:

Age Minimum: 18 years old

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available for a small fee.

Security: The hotel has keyed entry with on-site assistance.

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

Students with confirmed reservations should check in at the Howard Johnson's Hotel.

Damage/Key Deposit: None required

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

Homestays

All Tampa homestays guarantee Internet access and Cable TV.

Rooms: Single (1 person)

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

Age Minimum: 18 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 families transport students to the ELS Center.

Check-In: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (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: Tampa International Airport (TPA)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Allstar Limousine (www.allstarlimousine.net)

Tel: (727) 345-6614
(800) 345-6614

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

International: Outside International Arrival area after clearing customs.

Domestic: Baggage Claim area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the airport to the residence or homestays will cost approximately \$15 (to residence) -\$50 (to most homestays) plus tip, with a travel time of 5-30 minutes.

☎ Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

For 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 (tax not included) are subject to change.

- Howard Johnson's Hotel** \$129 - \$159 per night
 111 W Fortune St Tel: 1 813-223-1351
 Tampa, FL 33602
www.tampahjp.com

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Tampa Center 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, housing, and other relevant fees (or receipt showing pre-payment)
- Proof of medical insurance (or funds to purchase ELS insurance)
- Other materials in the acceptance package