

Washington DC

Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
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University's International Student admissions at www.admissions.american.edu.

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

Center Hours

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

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

Key Location Features

- City center located in Washington, DC
- Complete Prep Program for TOEFL® iBT location
- Executive Programs location
- Easy access to historical and cultural sites
- Access to many recreational facilities at American University
- Student residence options for men and women
- Homestays with American families
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Housing Options

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
Student housing:	20	By bus
Homestays:	45-55	By Metro subway

Local Places

Airport:	15-20	By taxi
Bank:	5	On foot
Downtown:	15	By Metro subway
Post Office:	10	By bus
Restaurant(s):	5	On foot
Shopping Mall:	15	By Metro subway
Sports Center:	10	By AU shuttle
Supermarket:	5	On foot
Bus Stop	5	On foot
Subway	2	On foot

Area Attractions

- Washington, DC historical attractions
- Professional sports teams and cultural events
- Proximity to other east-coast cities

Nearby Cities

Baltimore, MD	45	By car (less by train)
Philadelphia, PA	150	By car (less by train)

Climate

The Washington, DC area has hot, humid summers (June, July, and August) and cold, snowy winters (November through February). Students should bring appropriate clothing.

Local Transportation

Public transportation in the Washington area is excellent as both buses and the Metro subway serve this area. Students can walk to the Tenleytown-AU Metro from ELS in 5 minutes on foot. This Metro station connects students to various parts of the city (<http://www.wmata.com/metro/metro/systemmap.cfm>). Students can take a 10-minute free shuttle bus ride to American University. Most homestays and the student residences are accessible by city bus.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	-6	7
Spring	0	23
Summer	15	30
Autumn	1	26

Smoking Policy

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

Partner Universities & American University

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

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.

Nearby American University will accept completion of ELS level 112 (Intensive Program) from ELS Language Centers/Washington, DC only in lieu of the TOEFL for undergraduate studies, who are conditionally admitted. To be considered for conditional admission, applicants must have one of the following language proficiency scores: TOEFL of 510 PBT, 180 CBT, 61 iBT, or IELTS of 5.5 band. Learn more about American

Please see "Check-in" instructions in the following sections for exact arrival details and times.

Student Residences

- **Thompson – Markward Hall (women's student residence)**
235 Second Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Rooms (standard option): Single (1 person)

The women's facilities include a private room with shared bathrooms on each floor and a convenient business center.

Meals Included: **13 meals per week** (two meals Monday – Saturday, one meal on Sunday)

- **WISH (men's student residence)**
215 Constitution Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

Rooms (standard option): Double (2 persons)

Men's facilities are apartment-style or small suites with 2 students per bedroom and include a full kitchen. There is a shared bathroom for each room.

Meals Included: **No meals included**

Additional details for both student residences:

Age Minimum: **18+ years old** (Note: Thompson – Markward Hall has an age maximum of 34 years old!)

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available for a small fee at TMH; they are free at WISH.

Security: Both facilities have keyed entry with on-site assistance.

Check-In: **8:00 am – 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**
During standard check-in hours, students with confirmed reservations should check in at the relevant address shown above. Students arriving later than noted check in hours should plan to stay in a hotel unless other arrangements were confirmed.

Damage/Key Deposit: None required

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

Homestays

All WDC homestays guarantee Internet access and Cable TV.

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

Age Minimum: **16+ 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 family students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most students use the bus or Metro to come to the 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: Washington National Airport (DCA), Washington Dulles Airport (IAD), or Baltimore Airport (BWI)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

ING Limousines (www.inglimo.com)

Tel: (703) 522-5500 – Virginia
(301) 545-0000 – Maryland

Email: info@inglimo.com

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

Domestic: Baggage Claim area

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from the National airport to the campus or homestays will cost approximately \$27-\$30 plus tip, with a travel time of 20-30 minutes. Students can also take the Metro subway from National Airport for about \$3.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1 (866) 349-4903 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 (tax not included) are subject to change.

Days Inn Connecticut Ave 4400 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC	\$189 - \$259 per night Tel: 1(202) 244-5600
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Hampton Inn Reagan Nat'l Airport 2000 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA	\$159 - 239 per night Tel: 1(703) 418-8181
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Radisson Hotel Reagan Nat'l Airport 2020 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA	\$179 – \$279 per night Tel: 1(703) 920-8600
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Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Washington, DC 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