Beaches, mountains, downtown and the Mexican border – all within a short drive

Beautiful 16th century Spanish Renaissance architectural style university campus

180 acres perched on a picturesque canyon with ocean and city views

Campus Features

- Undergraduate programs: 43 Bachelor’s degrees with many concentrations; 52 minors
- Degrees awarded: 1,421 Bachelor’s; 713 Master’s, 301 JD and Doctorates – 2,435 total
- Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) since 1956

Academics

- Residential campus (live on campus): 94% of freshmen and 44% of undergraduates live on campus
- 10 separate living areas with styles ranging from shared rooms to apartments
- Many recreation clubs and fitness classes, including a modern, spacious sports complex

Campus Life

- Learn more at SanDiego.edu/EnglishLanguageAcademy
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English Language Academy
San Diego, California
Why choose the English Language Academy at the University of San Diego?

The English Language Academy is located on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego (USD), renowned for its beauty and Spanish Renaissance-inspired architecture. Classes are taught by experienced and enthusiastic instructors. Programs include: Intensive English, Pathway (for students interested in attending USD), Customized Programs, Summer International Junior Program, Pronunciation of American English Program, and Accent Modification.

The ELA staff is committed to preparing students to succeed in the social and academic communities of the university, as well as in their lives outside the university. The friendly and dedicated staff is here to help students with academic planning, housing, assistance with obtaining an I-20, social activities, and participating in campus functions.

Mission Statement

The English Language Academy offers an intensive English Language proficiency program that helps to improve and strengthen the skills of non-native speakers so they can fulfill the academic requirements of a college or university.

Highlights:

- English language programs for personal or professional development
- Instructors with master's degrees related to English language teaching
- Small class sizes (10-15)
- Highly experienced international student services staff
- Certificate of Achievement after successfully completing the program

Intensive English Language Program (IEP)

The IEP helps non-native English speakers develop their English language skills, as well as acquire cultural knowledge in order to achieve personal, professional, and academic goals. Offered through the University of San Diego's English Language Academy (ELA), the IEP maintains a rigorous course of study, with a focus on essential core skills and TOEFL preparation.

One of the key advantages in attending the ELA is the fact that students are placed in individual core skills. More specifically, using results from the placement test, students are placed in different levels for each skill area. The program offers:

- Highly qualified instructors with graduate degrees
- Skill-based student placement for dynamic learning
- Small classes (average 10-15 students)
- A rigorous, academic course of study to help students achieve personal, professional, or academic needs
- An opportunity to improve test scores on TOEFL and/or IELTS exams

Short Term Intensive English Program (IEP)

The ELA offers a shortened version of the Intensive English Program, with two 7 week sessions in the fall and Spring, and two 5 week sessions during the Summer.

USD Undergraduate Pathway Program

The USD Pathway Program offers academically prepared international students the opportunity to become full-time, degree-seeking USD students through completion of an English language and college readiness curriculum. For more information: solesadmissions@sandiego.edu.

- Letter of Conditional Acceptance
- Intensive English language instruction (1-3 semesters – as determined by academic achievement)
- A personalized pathway to college admission
- An opportunity to improve TOEFL/ IELTS test scores
- A Letter of Recommendation from a member of the English Language Academy

USD Graduate Pathway Program

The USD Graduate Pathway Program offers academically prepared international students the opportunity to become degree-seeking graduate students at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) through successful completion of an English language and graduate degree program readiness curriculum. For more information: solsadmissions@sandiego.edu.

- Small class sizes with an average of 8 students, 10 maximum
- Engaging project-driven curriculum including team presentations and debates, concerning real world issues
- Afternoon Cultural Workshops to reinforce English skills
- Great activities and all-day excursions in sunny Southern California
- A 3-day, 2-night trip that includes a stop at Disneyland
- Flexible start dates

Customized Programs

Customized programs are available to specific groups of individuals from non-English-speaking countries who wish to improve their English skills for personal, academic, or professional reasons. Below are some examples:

- Professional Development for University Professors
- Non-native English speaking professors learn ways to explain academic content clearly and effectively in English, including providing constructive feedback to students
- Professional Development for Primary & Secondary School Teachers
- This program is built around group work, presentations and discussion, allowing participants to improve their English skills while learning about various teaching skills
- Business English for Managers and Administrators
- Participants improve their ability to comfortably navigate in an English-speaking business and/or academic environment. Emphasis is placed on professional Speaking and Writing skills

Global Leadership Summer Program for Teens

Beginning early July and continuing through mid-August, students 13-17 years of age have the unique opportunity to experience American college life by living on the safe, beautiful campus of USD (Homestay accommodations are also available), while attending project-driven English classes taught by USD instructors, and practicing their conversational skills during field trips, sporting activities, and social events. The program features:

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Pronunciation of American English Program

The program is for non-native English speakers who wish to learn how to communicate more clearly and effectively in an American English-speaking environment. Learners will improve their speaking ability, as well as gain more confidence.

Accent Modification

The Accent Modification Program is customized and offers a flexible schedule for individuals who have high intermediate to advanced English language skills, but who need help with their accent/pronunciation.

Our Intensive English Language Program is accredited by CEA - the Commission on English Accreditation

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