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## English Language Institute



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### MISSION

The primary mission of the intensive English program of the English Language Institute (ELI) is to prepare international students for study at the graduate or undergraduate level in institutions of higher learning in the USA. Students are taught to:

- read university-level materials
- write academic papers and exams
- speak more fluently in both formal and informal settings
- take good, clear notes at lectures
- take timed, objective tests
- function knowledgeably in North American culture in order to establish and maintain productive relations with fellow students, professors and other members of the host community.

The ELI also provides intensive language instruction to people already trained in their professions and others who wish to improve their level of English proficiency and cultural awareness.

### INSTRUCTION

The ELI offers English classes designed according to the latest research. As our student, you can:

- begin an intensive English program on six different dates throughout the year
- take 23 contact hours of core classes weekly in reading/writing, listening/speaking and grammar
- learn from highly qualified instructors
- attend small classes, averaging twelve students
- be tested at the start of each term and placed at the level that suits you best for each class
- use computer labs for high level writing and test prep courses
- you may be able to take classes such as Conversation Strategies or Business English as alternatives to ELI core classes
  - advanced students may be able to attend one university class in place of an ELI class
- you may be able to take additional classes such as TOEFL Preparation, Pronunciation or English for Standardized Tests



### CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM

We are dedicated to helping you learn English more quickly by becoming involved in the University and the Gainesville community. Through our unique Cultural Immersion Program you will be able to:

- meet four hours a week with a small number of students in a dynamic English group format led by two university-aged fluent English speakers in your listening/speaking class. They will work with your listening/speaking teacher to help you learn about U.S. culture, practice conversational English, and adapt to life in our community;
- practice conversation one-on-one with a native speaker of English in an informal setting as part of our Conversation Partner Program;
- participate in after-class weekday activities on and off campus, including various sports, movies, and coffee hour;
- enjoy weekend trips to places of interest in and around Gainesville. These trips are led by Language Assistants and include the famous Florida beaches, museums, fairs, wildlife preserves, clear springs, and many other tourist destinations such as Disney World, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios and Sea World;
- benefit from as many as 25 weekly contact hours with American English speakers in addition to the 23 core contact hours.



## THE GAINESVILLE AREA

- sunny Florida climate
- lakes and springs offering year-round vacation opportunities
- population of Gainesville: 134,000
- safe, friendly, small-town atmosphere with many big-city services, e.g. seven golf courses, museums, theaters and a performing arts center
- two-hour drive from Orlando, Tampa and Daytona Beach, permitting one-day trips to Disney World, Universal Studios and famous beaches.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

One of the preeminent universities in the United States, the University of Florida attracts students from all 50 states and from 130 countries. The University of Florida is a comprehensive university, offering degrees in most known fields of study. It employs more than 4,500 faculty members and trains more than 50,000 students annually. The campus contains multiple restaurants and cafeterias, three Olympic pools, four gymnasiums, four art galleries, auditoriums, 10 libraries, and many offices that provide services to students.

Because the ELI is an integral part of the University of Florida, all ELI students have access to a large number of university facilities, including libraries, some recreational areas and the infirmary.

The University of Florida has the world's largest citrus research center, and is internationally known in training and research programs in all fields, including engineering, business, law, and medicine.



## STUDENT LIFE

The ELI wants your transition to life in the United States to be as comfortable as possible. We help students with personal concerns, such as housing selection and lease agreements, shopping, banking, transportation, insurance, and health-related matters.

## HOUSING

The ELI will help you select comfortable and reasonably priced housing. Many student apartments and housing complexes are located within walking distance of the ELI or on bus routes convenient to campus.

## FOOD

Several cafeterias and restaurants are conveniently located on the university campus. Numerous local establishments offer cuisines from different countries as well as typical American food. It is also possible to prepare meals in your apartment to save money and to have the food you like.

## THE USE OF ENGLISH

To assist students in improving their English, the ELI requires students to use English exclusively when they are at the ELI or engaged in ELI activities.

## COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

We regularly review our curriculum and program. We are a founding member of the Florida Intensive English Consortium and of the prestigious UCIEP consortium. The ELI is also a member of EnglishUSA and is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation through 2026.

## IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

International students must follow regulations established by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). After reviewing completed application materials, the ELI will send accepted students an acceptance packet and I-20 immigration documents. Students must apply for and enter the USA on an F-1 student visa. Students must report to the ELI on the first day of the program.

## ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Admission to the ELI is not the same as admission to the University of Florida. If you wish to seek admission to the university to earn a degree in the field of your choice, you must do so by requesting the necessary forms directly from the Admissions Office, 201 Criser Hall, P.O. Box 114000, Gainesville, FL 32611, U.S.A. or [www.admissions.ufl.edu/](http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/).

Conditional admission is available on a departmental basis to the University of Florida Graduate School. Students who exit the ELI do not need to submit English test scores to the Graduate School.

## APPLICATION TO THE ELI

To be admitted to the ELI, applicants must provide proof of:

1. Having completed secondary school.
2. A completed online application.
3. Financial guarantee.
4. A copy of a valid passport.

Before enrolling, students must provide proof of immunization against measles and rubella and must present a negative tuberculosis test.

All applicants must include a non-refundable \$100 cashier's check, money order, or online payment by credit card to cover application costs. When we receive your complete application, we will send your immigration documents, which you must present to U.S. authorities in your country to obtain a student visa.

## APPLY EARLY

Apply early so that you can obtain your visa in time to attend your selected session.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

ELI publications, our schedules, the various activities organized for students, frequently asked questions, pictures of the surrounding area, faculty contacts, and other details can be found on our web page: [www.eli.ufl.edu](http://www.eli.ufl.edu)



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