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Stephen F. Austin State University’s intensive English program helps international students increase their English proficiency in order to succeed in American universities or American professional life.

The program provides non-credit intensive instruction in academic English by qualified faculty, a foundation in American social and academic culture, supportive student services, and sound program administration.
Why Choose ELI?

High-quality classes.
All ELI classes are taught by experienced ESL instructors.

Low cost of study and living.
ELI is proud to be one of the most affordable English programs in the area.

Small class sizes.
All ELI classes have less than 10 students, which allows students to receive more individualized attention.

Easy transition to academic SFA programs.
Successful ELI graduates may be granted admission into regular academic programs at SFA.

Academic and cultural preparation
In addition to the language skills required for academic success, ELI also prepares students culturally for life as a college student in the United States.

Housing and Food Services

On-campus apartments
Furnished units, including stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher.

Residence Halls
Single or double accommodations. See the SFA housing Web site for more information about all the options available (www.sfasu.edu/housing).

Food Service
Students living in residence halls must purchase a meal plan. Various options are available for on-campus eating, including two cafeterias and many convenient fast food places such as pizza, sushi, Mexican and Chinese food.
Admission Requirements

All students who wish to be admitted to the English Language Institute must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

A completed application for admission to ELI must include:

- Application for ELI. For students applying for ELI only*.
- $50 application fee paid via check or money order made payable to "SFA".
- A diploma or certificate from high school or highest level of education.
- TOEFL or IELTS test scores that are not more than 2 years old.
- Original bank statement from you or your sponsor(s) verifying funds of at least $17,960.
- Original Certification of Finances completed by you and your sponsor(s).
- Bacterial meningitis vaccination proof (if student is under 22 years of age).

*Admission to the ELI program does not guarantee admission to SFA. Students seeking conditional admission (pending English proficiency) please apply using applytexas.org.

Program Cost

ONE TERM
(Fall or Spring - 15 weeks)

Tuition and Fees $4,195
Application Fee $50
Housing and Meals $3,900*
Books, Supplies, Insurance $750**
TOTAL $8,895 (estimated cost)

* Housing costs vary depending on where students choose to live.

Successful applicants will be sent a letter of acceptance and a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) by mail. The I-20 form is required in order to apply for a visa at the nearest U.S. consulate.
Curriculum and Activities

ELI provides a range of intensive English instruction. Students will be placed in appropriate levels after their language skills are assessed by ELI staff.

A full program of courses typically consists of 20 hours of instruction per week including formal practice in writing, reading, academic grammar, vocabulary, oral communication, and cultural activities introducing students to the life in the U.S.

**ELI offers two levels:**

**3 - Intermediate:**
Classes focus on a solid review of English grammar and the techniques necessary for successful academic reading, writing, note-taking and speaking at the university level.

**Courses:** Grammar, Writing, Reading, and Listening/Speaking

**4 - Advanced:**
Classes offer training in advanced academic skills, providing practice in critical thinking, abstraction, and oral/written expression that prepares students for American university expectations.

**Courses:** Research & Writing, Grammar & Rhetoric, Listening/Speaking, and Reading.

In addition, the program includes **American Language and Culture Labs** which use analysis of American television programs to strengthen language skills and illustrate aspects of American culture.

**Costs for One Term (Fall or Spring - 14 weeks)**

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**Regular Mail and DHL**
International Programs
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