



Academic Quality at ELS Language Centers



Recipient of *TESOL Award for Excellence in Teaching*

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ELS Language Centers has made academic quality a priority since its founding in 1961. ELS is best known for preparing international students for study at American universities. More than half of our students state that they are academically bound. Here are just some of the reasons that these “more serious ESL students” consider ELS first:

Outstanding teachers: ELS Instructional Specialist Judith Dillon was the 2014-2015 Chair of the Intensive English Program Interest Section of TESOL, and has been honored with the award for Excellence in Teaching from TESOL International (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). TESOL is the preeminent global association of ESL teachers, with more than 13,000 members in over 150 countries.

University readiness: The quality of ELS’s programs is so respected that over 650 colleges and universities accept completion of the ELS intensive English for Academic Purposes program as fulfilling their English proficiency requirement for admission.

Clear standards: The ELS system includes 12 levels of proficiency. There are strong passing requirements for each level. Students in Levels 101 – 109 are required to pass a final, standardized achievement exam. Students in Level 112 are required to pass a final, standardized proficiency exam.

Well-developed curriculum: Students in the ELS intensive English for Academic Purposes program are taught all core skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking. By Level 109, students learn note-taking skills in preparation for college lectures. In the Masters Levels (110, 111, 112), they write an extensive research paper using standardized procedures common to American undergraduates, while expanding a wide range of critical-thinking skills. All ELS Language Centers in the U.S., as well as our Center in Shanghai, China, are accredited by ACCET, a national accrediting agency listed by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Test administration and preparation facilities: ELS is the largest provider of IELTS™ test seats in the U.S. In addition, every ELS Center in the U.S. is a provider of the official TOEFL iBT®. ELS also offers IELTS™ and TOEFL® test prep at select locations.