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## AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER

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# WELCOME!

## WELCOME TO UCLA EXTENSION'S AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER (ALC)

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### GREETINGS FROM THE ALC!

Choosing the best intensive English program involves many things: your educational goals, the quality and reputation of the institution you select, the availability of further educational opportunities and student support services, as well as important considerations about location, environment, and the range of recreational and cultural activities outside the classroom. It's important to think carefully about what is best for you.

As you read through our brochure, you will learn about the many reasons why you will want to choose UCLA Extension's American Language Center (ALC) for your English-language study needs.



Lindbrook Center, where many ALC classes meet.

**UCLA:** The ALC is part of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), one of the most famous and distinguished universities in the world. The ALC holds to UCLA's standards, and most of our instructors have master's degrees in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and a wide variety of teaching experience.

UCLA's outstanding academic, cultural, and recreational services are available to ALC students.



UCLA's Powell Library

**PROGRAM VARIETY:** Since different people need different types of programs, the ALC offers English programs focusing on academic preparation and practical communication, as well as special-purpose programs for groups.

**FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMS:** When you finish your ALC English-language studies and if you meet the requirements, you can continue your studies in a UCLA Extension Certificate Program, take UCLA Summer Sessions courses for university credit, or enter a two- or four-year American university program.



Santa Monica Beach



ALC Intensive English Communication Program class

**STUDENT SERVICES:** Our friendly staff will be pleased to provide housing information, plan a study program in the U.S., or find interesting things to do in or near Los Angeles.

Since a student (F-1) visa is required for most programs, our staff will provide you with appropriate enrollment documents and assistance.

**LOCATION:** The American Language Center is located in Westwood Village, one of the most attractive and safest neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Westwood is the gateway to UCLA's expansive campus and offers restaurants, shops, cinemas, and other attractions for students and the nearby community. The ALC is only minutes away by bus from Beverly Hills, Hollywood, and the Pacific Ocean.



Westwood Village

**CLIMATE:** Los Angeles has a mild, sunny, Mediterranean climate, with little rain and an average daily temperature of about 23° C. You can enjoy outdoor sports and recreation year-round.

### ACTIVITIES AND SIGHTSEEING:

Of course, in addition to studying English, you want to enjoy yourself and explore your new environment. You'll never be bored in L.A.! Besides being the world capital of film, our city is alive with great theater, music, museums, sports, shopping, amusement parks, miles of beaches, and recreation of all kinds. Buses, subways, and trains make it easy to visit Disneyland, Universal Studios, Hollywood, San Diego, and Santa Barbara. For a weekend excursion, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Yosemite, or the Grand Canyon are all accessible.



ALC students roller-blading at the beach

For all these reasons and more, you will find UCLA Extension's American Language Center and Los Angeles the ideal place to learn English and experience the U.S. We look forward to welcoming you in person!

Sincerely,

*William H. Gaskill*

William H. Gaskill, PhD  
Director  
American Language Center



ALC Director William H. Gaskill

# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES & WESTWOOD VILLAGE



Venice Beach

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—A WORLD-CLASS DESTINATION

Famous for its beautiful beaches and warm, sunny year-round climate, Southern California is a land of contrasts, with lush gardens, wild-west deserts, and snowcapped mountains.

Not far from Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon, Southern California boasts its own special attractions, including Disneyland, San Diego Sea World, Universal Studios, and Magic Mountain. Attractive cities like Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Laguna Beach, and San Diego are all within a few hours of one another.

### LOS ANGELES—L.A.'S THE PLACE!

Mention L.A. and most people think of Hollywood films and movie stars. But did you know that L.A. has more museums than any other city in the United States? There are also dozens of live theaters with famous actors from films and TV. When it comes to music, you can find everything from classical to jazz, blues to hip-hop, and ethnic to underground, and venues range from the Hollywood Bowl to the LA Philharmonic to the House of Blues.

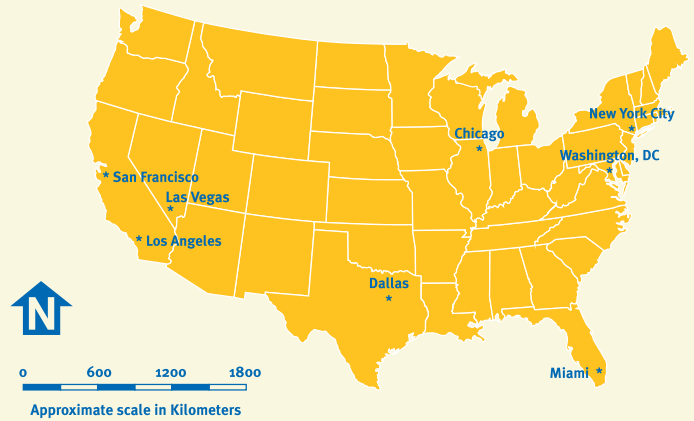
L.A. is also one of the major fashion centers in the U.S., as well as the home of world-renowned architecture and design, where you can see the work of Richard Meier, Frank Gehry, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

If you like to shop, you'll love nearby Beverly Hills, Century City, the Beverly Center, and Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade.

L.A. features large Asian, Eastern European, Hispanic, and Middle Eastern communities—all with their own local color and cuisines.

The Hollywood Sign

Downtown L.A.



### THE GLOBAL VILLAGE MEETS WESTWOOD VILLAGE

Westwood Village is the "hometown" of UCLA, UCLA Extension, and the American Language Center. It's also one of the safest and most comfortable places to live in Los Angeles. Westwood Village borders the UCLA campus and Bel Air—home to LA's rich and famous—and is only a short bus ride away from Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, and the beach! Westwood is noted for its eight first-run movie theaters, where you can see movie premieres and movie stars under the bright lights.

Westwood Village features a wide variety of shops, markets, live theater, museums, and a tremendous variety of food at all prices, including many types of fast food, cafés, Asian noodle shops, Middle Eastern specialties, French pastry, and elegant continental and California cuisine.

Most ALC classes take place at UCLA Extension's Lindbrook Center, a beautifully designed classroom building located in the heart of Westwood Village. The building offers modern, well-equipped classrooms, start-of-the-art language and computer labs, a large student lounge, and an outdoor patio overlooking lively Westwood street scenes.

### LOS ANGELES & VICINITY



# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

## UCLA, UCLA EXTENSION & THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER



UCLA's Powell Library

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES-UCLA

Founded in 1919 and located just five miles from the Pacific Ocean, UCLA is one of the most prestigious and top-ranked universities in the U.S. and also one of the most beautiful, with impressive Italian Romanesque architecture, peaceful gardens, and a lively student-centered environment. With a student population of more than 35,000, UCLA features a College of Letters and Sciences with both undergraduate and graduate programs and 11 professional schools, including Engineering, Medicine, Law, and Film and Television. The distinguished faculty includes Nobel Prize winners, Guggenheim fellows, numerous members of the National Academy of Sciences, and other prestigious academic organizations.

UCLA is well known for many other reasons, including its libraries, with more than seven million volumes, its prize-winning athletic teams, and its programs in the performing arts. The university is a cultural center with a wide range of theater, dance, music, and two major museums.

### UCLA EXTENSION

UCLA Extension is the largest single-campus continuing education program in the world and offers a wide variety of individual courses and comprehensive programs to L.A.-area residents and international students and professionals. Fields of study include business and management, computer graphics and programming, engineering, entertainment studies, teacher education, English as a second language, and many more. UCLA Extension has special strengths in designing new and creative programs, which bring together the expertise of UCLA, UCLA Extension, and the many resources of greater Los Angeles and Southern California communities.

### THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER-ALC

As one of the departments within UCLA Extension, the ALC provides English-language training to speakers of other languages. The ALC has two intensive English programs:



ALC instructors

- The Academic Intensive English Program (AIEP) for those who want a more demanding academic approach to English-language study and who may wish to join an undergraduate or graduate university program in the U.S.
- The Intensive English Communication Program (IECP) for students and professionals who want to focus primarily on practical, day-to-day communication in English.

The ALC also offers individual English courses for those who live in L.A., on-site job-related training for employees in organizations and companies, and custom-designed programs and courses that combine English and content fields such as business, health sciences, and teacher training.

Most ALC instructors have master's degrees in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, and because many of them have lived and worked in other countries, they understand the adjustments and challenges that ALC participants experience as they adapt to the language and life in the U.S.

Our instructional approach incorporates many different strategies and techniques because we know that individuals have different learning styles. ALC instructors do everything possible to be helpful, to create a comfortable learning environment, and to encourage students to take an active role in their learning.

All ALC instructors and staff are committed to providing the highest level of customer service.

UCLA's Franklin Murphy Sculpture Garden




# STUDY PROGRAMS

## DAYTIME INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

The American Language Center (ALC) has two full-time, intensive English programs: the Academic Intensive English Program (AIEP) and the Intensive English Communication Program (IECP).



	ACADEMIC INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (AIEP)	INTENSIVE ENGLISH COMMUNICATION PROGRAM (IECP)
<b>FOCUS</b>	Academic approach equally emphasizing Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking	Practical approach to Listening Comprehension & Speaking with some Reading & Writing
<b>PROGRAM OFFERED</b>	Year-Round	Year-Round
<b>LENGTH</b>	10 Weeks—Winter, Spring, Fall 12 & 6 Weeks—Summer Only	4 Weeks—Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring 3 Weeks—Summer Only
<b>LEVELS</b>	7 (Beginning to Advanced)	3-9 (Beginning to Advanced)
<b>CLASS SESSIONS PER WEEK</b>	23 Class Sessions (50 minutes each)	20 Class Sessions (50 minutes each)
<b>SCHEDULE</b>	Monday through Thursday, 9 am–3 pm* & Friday, 9 am–12 pm* <i>*Exact class times may vary between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm</i>	Monday through Thursday, 9 am–3 pm*  <i>*Exact class times may vary between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm</i>
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	TOEFL, American Culture through Movies, Short Stories, Business Communication, American Slang, Accent Reduction, etc. <i>Not all electives are offered every session Students can change electives midway through the program</i>	American through Television, Idioms, Advertising, Vocabulary, Survival English, Out and About in L.A., Business English, Movie Class, TOEFL, etc. <i>Not all electives are offered every session</i>
<b>BOOKS</b>	\$150–\$225	\$40–\$85
<b>STUDENT VISA REQUIREMENT</b>	F-1 visa required	F-1 visa required
<b>MINIMUM AGE</b>	18	18
<b>ON-CAMPUS HOUSING</b>	Summer Quarter Only	Summer Quarter Only
<b>OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING ASSISTANCE</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>INJURY &amp; SICKNESS INSURANCE</b>	Yes—for international students only <i>Permanent residents of the U.S. will not be eligible for this insurance</i>	Yes—for international students only <i>Permanent residents of the U.S. will not be eligible for this insurance</i>
<b>ACADEMIC ADVISING</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>UCLA RECREATION PASS</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>AFTER-SCHOOL LANGUAGE/COMPUTER LABS</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>GRADING</b>	Letter Grades	Pass/No Pass
<b>CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION</b>	Yes (with active participation and grades of "C" or better)	Yes (with active participation and passing grades)

These programs can be customized to meet the needs of an organized group of students, such as students from a company or university. Please contact us for additional information.

# STUDY PROGRAMS

## ACADEMIC INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (AIEP)

Designed for participants 18 years of age or older, the AIEP serves two types of students: those who plan to enter an American college or university and those who plan to study English for personal or professional reasons, using a rigorous, academic approach.



AIEP instructor and students

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS PROGRAM?

- Those planning to enter an American college or university
- Those planning to study English for personal or professional reasons, using a rigorous, academic approach

### TEACHING APPROACH

- Equal emphasis on all skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar
- Interactive classroom activities: pair work, group work, panel discussions, and communicative games
- Academic skills and "critical thinking" approach at the advanced levels
- Video and computer-based lessons and community visits to reinforce classroom material

AIEP can be customized to meet the needs of an organized group of students, such as students from a company or university. Student (F-1) visas are still required. Please contact us for additional information.

Lindbrook Center, where many ALC classes meet



### CURRICULUM

- Core classes: grammar, reading, and writing taught at all levels
- Elective classes: chosen by students at the high-intermediate and advanced levels according to their interests and goals. Electives may include TOEFL preparation, Business Communications, American Slang, English through Drama, English through Movies, Accent Reduction, Interactive Listening, Current Events, Short Stories, and Public Speaking
- After-school Computer Lab with access to the Internet, email, and state-of-the-art language lab facilities

### COURSE LENGTH

- 10 weeks in Winter, Spring, and Fall Quarters
- 12 or 6 weeks in Summer Quarters
- Total of 23 class sessions (50 minutes each) per week

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE: HIGH INTERMEDIATE\*

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9–11 am	Grammar & Writing	Grammar & Writing	Grammar & Writing	Grammar & Writing	Grammar & Writing
11 am–12 pm	Reading & Discussion	Reading & Discussion	Reading & Discussion	Reading & Discussion	Reading & Discussion
12–1 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1–3 pm	Listening, Speaking & Pronunciation	Elective	Listening, Speaking & Pronunciation	Elective	Optional Computer Lab
3–4:30 pm	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab

\*Most classes are scheduled from 9 am until 12 pm and from 1 until 3 pm. However, exact class times may vary between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm.

Lindbrook Center student lounge





AIEP instructor and students

## DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS & AVERAGE TOEFL SCORES

The AIEP normally has seven levels: 100 (Basic) through 106 (Advanced). We have listed approximate TOEFL scores for each level. This information is based on Institutional TOEFL scores from AIEP students in these levels and is provided to give students a general idea of how AIEP levels compare to TOEFL scores. Scores are indicated for paper, computer, and Internet-based versions of the TOEFL.

Advanced II	<b>106</b>	540–650 paper 207–280 computer 76–115 Internet
Advanced I	<b>105</b>	500–540 paper 173–207 computer 61–76 Internet
High Intermediate	<b>104</b>	420–500 paper 110–173 computer 37–61 Internet
Low Intermediate	<b>103</b>	350–420 paper 63–110 computer 19–37 Internet
High Beginning	<b>102</b>	325–375 paper 50–78 computer 14–24 Internet
Beginning	<b>101</b>	320–350 paper 47–63 computer 13–20 Internet
Basic	<b>100</b>	300–320 paper 40–47 computer 12–16 Internet

AIEP instructor and student



## ELECTIVE CLASSES

### Accent Reduction

Improve your pronunciation by practicing articulation, intonation, rhythm, and stress.

### Culture & Conversation through Short Stories

Learn about culture, lifestyles, humor, and social issues, and improve your vocabulary by discussing stories by some of the best writers in the English language.

### Street Talk: Slang & Idioms in American Culture

Build an American slang vocabulary by watching videos, listening to music lyrics, and practicing dialogues.

### TOEFL Preparation

Learn new test-taking strategies for the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT), increase your knowledge of grammar, build vocabulary, and strengthen listening, reading, speaking and note-taking skills.

### Talk Shop: Current News, Events & Other Issues

Discuss current world news and events by reading newspapers, watching videos, and participating in debates and group discussions.

### Out & About in L.A.\*

In this project-based class, students take a virtual tour of Los Angeles and plan a class field trip to learn more about a unique location in the city. Students prepare a multimedia presentation about this

\*There is a small additional fee for this course.  
Group project

location to present to other program participants. Possible locations include historical sites, famous L.A. neighborhoods, and entertainment and tourist attractions.

### Business English

Improve business vocabulary and speaking skills by studying American business concepts including Leadership, Team Building, Marketing, Business Presentations, and Decision-Making.

### Mad about Movies: American Culture through Film

Learn about American culture, slang, and idioms while increasing vocabulary by watching and discussing movies.

### Interactive Listening Workshop

Listen to taped conversations, radio shows, and university lectures to improve your listening comprehension and note-taking skills.

### Drama Workshop

Practice all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing and build your vocabulary by rehearsing and performing scenes from movies and plays.

### Public Speaking

Learn how to organize and deliver an effective presentation on a topic related to your educational or professional goals.



**“I have acquired competence in thinking in English. And, I should add that my TOEFL score increased 60 points.”**

**—Serhad Kelemçi, Turkey**

# STUDY PROGRAMS

## INTENSIVE ENGLISH COMMUNICATION PROGRAM (IECP)

The Intensive English Communication Program (IECP) is designed for students 18 years of age or older who want to improve their English communication skills for personal and professional purposes.



*Intensive English Communication Program students*

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS PROGRAM?

- Those who want to improve their English communication skills for personal and professional purposes
- Those who want to improve their listening and speaking skills before entering the Academic Intensive English Program (AIEP)

### TEACHING APPROACH

- Emphasis on listening and speaking skills
- Interactive classroom activities: pair work, group work, panel discussions, and communicative games
- Video- and computer-based lessons and short field trips to reinforce classroom material

### CURRICULUM

#### Mornings

- Students choose topics from a wide range of classes, such as TV and the Media, Popular Culture, and Out & About in L.A. (details on page 9)
- Class activities build vocabulary and fluency

#### Afternoons

- Students participate in focused instruction and skills practice in pronunciation, accent reduction, listening comprehension, grammar, and conversation.
- Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) preparation is available for high-intermediate and advanced students in the first and second sessions of each quarter and during summer sessions, provided there are enough students to form a class

### COURSE LENGTH

- Most sessions are four weeks in length, but some sessions may be three weeks in length
- Students can enroll for four, eight, or 12 weeks per quarter for up to nine consecutive quarters with new study material in each four-week session
- There is a discount for students who enroll and pay in advance for 12 or more weeks of IECP
- Classes meet Monday through Thursday for a total of 20 class sessions (50 minutes each) per week
- Classes usually do not meet on Fridays, allowing students to take advantage of long weekends for travel, sightseeing, and other activities. However, Friday classes may be scheduled when holidays or administrative days occur during the week

### DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

- Three levels (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced)
- Students at the basic level may be reassigned to the Academic Intensive English Program.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL \*

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9–10:30 am	Idioms & Slang	Business Communication	America through Television	Popular Culture Discussions
10:45 am–12 pm	Grammar Focus	Advertising	Grammar Focus	Improving English Through Movies
12–1 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1–2 pm	Conversation	Pronunciation	Conversation	Pronunciation
2:10–3 pm	Listening	Accent Reduction	Listening	Accent Reduction
3–4 pm	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab	Optional Computer Lab

\*Most classes are scheduled from 9 am until 12 pm and from 1 until 3 pm. However, exact class times may vary between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm.

IECP can be customized to meet the needs of an organized group of students, such as students from a company or university. Student (F-1) visas are still required. Please contact us for additional information.

*Intensive English Communication Program instructor and students*



## AMERICAN CULTURE & COMMUNICATION (ACC) COURSE

Designed for participants 18 years of age or older, the ACC Course is for individuals whose primary purpose in coming to the United States is to visit family and friends, pursue business projects, and/or travel in the U.S. and Southern California. The ACC Course allows participants to improve their English and learn more about American culture and life in Southern California. Participants take English classes four days a week in the mornings only, Monday-Thursday for three or four weeks. Each morning is composed of three 50-minute sessions.

**Note:** This course is for people who are in the United States primarily for tourism, business, or visiting family. The course is for part-time study only and does not qualify for an F-1 student visa.

To enroll, please contact the American Language Center at [alcenroll@uclaextension.edu](mailto:alcenroll@uclaextension.edu).

## TOURS AND SIGHTSEEING

The ALC works closely with private tour providers, and ALC students can sign up for weekend and week-day tours on an individual basis. Fees for tours and sightseeing are separate and are not included in the course or program fees. See page 19 for a sample calendar of activity options.



Walt Disney Concert Hall

## TOPIC CLASSES

In the summer, students choose between three menus of classes (rather than individual electives): Academic, Business, Culture. In Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters, students may select from the list below:

## TOPIC CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

(A = Advanced, I = Intermediate, B = Basic)

### Advertising (A, I & B Levels)

Students study popular advertising techniques and analyze the language, concepts, and strategies used in advertising and the media.

### Business Communication (A & I)

Students discuss and explain business topics while learning to communicate their goals and ideas in an effective and professional manner.

### English in the News (A & I)

Students analyze and discuss news articles and reports to improve their vocabulary, knowledge of current events, and oral summary skills.

### Film Lab (A, I & B)

This class is an interactive, multimedia computer lab film studies course. Students will improve communication skills by viewing, researching, and discussing movie themes, videos, and websites.

### Grammar Focus (A, I & B)

This class concentrates on clarifying and correcting students' most common English grammar mistakes.

### Idioms & Slang (A, I & B)

This class introduces students to frequently used idioms in social, academic, and business interactions. Students learn to use idioms and slang in context.

### Improving English through Movies (A, I & B)

In each class, students watch part of a movie to improve listening comprehension skills while also learning new vocabulary and slang. Plot lines, dialogues, and character development are discussed.

### America through Television (A, I & B)

Students will improve their listening comprehension, speaking, vocabulary, and pronunciation skills by watching various television shows, including *Friends*, *Seinfeld*, and various quiz shows.

### Out & About in L.A. (A, I, & B)\*

In this project-based class, students take a virtual tour of Los Angeles and plan a class field trip to learn more about a unique location in the city. Students prepare a multimedia presentation about this location to present to other program participants. Possible locations include historical sites, famous L.A. neighborhoods, and entertainment and tourist attractions.

\* There is a small additional fee for this course.

### Survival English (B & I)

This class focuses on the language of everyday situations, such as making phone calls, asking for directions, looking for an apartment, finding information for travel and movies, etc.

### Popular Culture Discussions (A, I & B)

This class provides opportunities for students to express themselves on a variety of controversial topics in groups and in pairs, with the instructor's guidance and correction.

### TV & the Media (A, I & B)

Students analyze the influence of the electronic news and entertainment media, discussing TV shows, films, and news reporting.

### Vocabulary (A, I & B)

This class enables students to enrich their vocabulary while learning and using words in discussion and conversational situations.

### Words & Music (A, I & B)

This class examines the vocabulary used in the lyrics of pop songs while providing grammar analysis, discussion, and listening on a variety of topics.

### Writing Effectively (A & I)

This class enhances essay, paragraph, and sentence structure while focusing on expressive writing.

Intensive English Communication Program students



*"My English was already advanced when I went to Los Angeles. The Intensive English Communication Program at ALC seemed interesting because it consists of different kinds of classes, such as idioms, movies, etc. In my opinion, the hardest part of English for nonnative speakers is slang and idioms."*

—Naoko Koike, Japan

# YOUTH PROGRAM

## SUMMER DISCOVERY PROGRAM (SUMMER ONLY)

The ALC provides instructors and English classes for programs that are managed by Summer Discovery, a private company that has offered summer youth programs on the UCLA campus for over 20 years. Summer Discovery Programs are available for students ages 11 to 18. Please contact Summer Discovery directly for information about programs, dates, and fees.



*Break time for Summer Discovery students*

### SUMMER DISCOVERY

International students with strong English-language skills may join either a six-, four-, or three-week pre-university program that combines a variety of enrichment courses, sports and recreation, and excursions. International students have the opportunity to experience the program with American and other international high school students.

Summer Discovery students live and study on the UCLA campus with close 24-hour supervision. For those students needing English classes or TOEFL preparation, instruction is provided by the ALC.

*Summer Discovery students*



*Summer Discovery fun in the sun*

### For information and enrollment contact:

Summer Discovery  
International Admissions Director  
1326 Old Northern Boulevard  
Roslyn, NY 11576

Phone: (516) 621-3939  
Fax: (516) 625-3438  
Email: [discovery@summerfun.com](mailto:discovery@summerfun.com)  
Website: [www.summerfun.com](http://www.summerfun.com)

*Summer Discovery recreation on the UCLA campus*



*“My most valuable experience is seeing people in the world who have dreams. They are very exciting people.”*

*—Iha Katsunori, Japan*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Is Los Angeles safe?

You will be happy to know that the American Language Center and the UCLA campus are located in Westwood Village, one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. Our school is surrounded by shops, restaurants, and businesses. UCLA students, tourists, and businesspeople feel equally comfortable walking in Westwood during the day and evening. To help you make your stay fun and safe, the ALC provides additional information during orientation on the first day of school.

### What is the difference between UCLA and UCLA Extension?

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) is a comprehensive research university, with a long tradition of public service. It is organized into academic divisions that include colleges and professional schools, where students earn bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. UCLA Extension is the academic division responsible for continuing education and other instructional programs accessible to those who are not earning degrees. Extension students may enroll in individual courses or in sequences that lead to certificates in professional and academic fields.

### What are the requirements to study at your school?

You need to be at least 18 years old when the program starts. Please send a copy of your passport page with photo and personal identification. There are no TOEFL or other admission test requirements. On the first day of school, you will take a "placement test" to determine your class level.

### Is there an application deadline?

There is no specific deadline date; we accept applications on an ongoing basis. However, *you need to apply at least 30 to 60 days in advance of the program start date* in order for the ALC to process and mail your documents and so that you have enough time at home to pay SEVIS fees, schedule a visa interview, and obtain a student (F-1) visa.

### Can I arrive after the program begins?

For the 10- and 12-week programs, students may arrive no later than the end of the second week of instruction. For four- and six-week programs, students may arrive no later than the end of the first week of instruction. For three-week programs, students may arrive no later than the third day of the first week of instruction.

### Can I attend a three- or four-week program on a tourist (B-1/B-2) visa?

No. The three- and four- week programs are for full-time study only and require a student (F-1) visa. However, tourist (B-1/B-2) visas are accepted for the American Culture and Communication Course. This part-time course is designed for people who are coming to the United States on a short-term basis for business or pleasure.

### Who will help me find a place to live?

The ALC staff will provide information for accommodations to meet your needs. There are three types of housing: residence halls (on- and off-campus), furnished apartments, and homestays.

### How will you decide my class level?

You will take a placement test on the first day of school. The test consists of reading, writing, listening, and grammar questions. Based on your test score, you will be placed in the correct class level (Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced).

### How many students will be in my class?

Class size varies from 15 to 22 students. The average class size is about 18.

### Who will be my classmates (age, nationality, etc.)?

Your classmates will be international students from all over the world. The ALC has students from 30 different countries enrolled in our intensive English programs. Most individual students are between 18 and 30 years of age. Students are usually placed in classes with other students who are close to their own language proficiency level.

### Will I automatically be admitted to UCLA if I study in your English program?

No, admission to full-time study at UCLA requires a separate application process. Even if you are studying in the most advanced levels of our intensive programs, you need to follow UCLA's admission and departmental requirements and meet all application deadlines.

### How long does it take to learn English?

There is no correct answer to this question. It depends on the student's motivation, the length and intensity of the lessons, and the student's exposure to English outside of class. Generally, students starting at the lowest level of our courses will need about a year of intensive study before they can start considering applying to college.

### Will I pass the TOEFL after I complete your English program?

Students do not "pass" or "fail" the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Many college, university, and other training programs require specific minimum TOEFL scores for students who are nonnative speakers of English. Although the ALC offers special TOEFL preparation courses, most ALC English classes help students improve their performance on the TOEFL. The Academic Intensive English Program (AIEP) is best suited for TOEFL preparation, and on page 7, you will find a range of TOEFL scores that students achieve at each of the levels in the program.

### Can I take the TOEFL at UCLA Extension?

Yes. ALC is an official Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) test center. Students can register to take the (iBT) at our center at least once during any quarter.

### If my English is advanced, will your English courses still be useful for me?

Generally, advanced students whose scores are below 100 on the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) still benefit from the high-level vocabulary, essay development, and critical thinking skills taught in our courses. In addition, our specialized elective courses, such as Business English, Slang, and Drama, further enrich our advanced curriculum.

### Do I get a certificate after I finish your program?

Yes, you will receive a certificate if you satisfactorily complete the course.

### Can I get a job while studying at your school?

If you have an student (F-1) visa, you are allowed to work only on campus. Your work hours cannot exceed a maximum of 20 hours a week while you attend school full-time and 40 hours a week during vacation time. For more information, please contact the ALC Academic Advisor.

# ADVANCED STUDY OPTIONS

## CONCURRENT OPTIONS & PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

If you have advanced proficiency in English, there are a number of ways that you can build on ALC English language training to prepare for your continued education and career preparation.

### *ALC English Language Training and Higher Education Opportunities*

#### **CONCURRENT OPTIONS** *Require Special Approval*

While attending your English language program at the ALC, you may be eligible to pursue one of the following options:

#### **UCLA Course—Open Doors Enrollment Program**

Enroll in one UCLA daytime credit course, and study side-by-side with regular UCLA students.

#### **UCLA Extension Course**

Enroll in a UCLA Extension evening or weekend course and study side-by-side with Los Angeles residents, and other international students.

#### **UCLA Summer Sessions Course**

Enroll in a UCLA Summer Sessions course and study side-by-side with UCLA students and other international students.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Advanced students must demonstrate an English proficiency at or equivalent to a minimum TOEFL of 79 (Internet-based) test or 213 (computer-based test) or 550 (paper-based test) or 6.0 on the IELTS (all bands)

#### **Requirements:**

- Students must spend a minimum of 18 hours per week in their intensive English program while they study in their UCLA, UCLA Extension, or UCLA Summer Sessions course
- Students must have their study program approved by the ALC academic advisor prior to enrolling in their UCLA, UCLA Extension, or UCLA Summer Sessions course

#### **Tuition:**

- Tuition for UCLA Extension, UCLA, and UCLA Summer Sessions varies and depends on the course taken. Participants pay the full AIEP program fee plus additional costs for UCLA Extension, UCLA, and UCLA Summer Sessions courses. AIEP program fees must be paid in advance before arrival in Los Angeles. UCLA Extension, UCLA, and UCLA Summer Sessions fees can be paid upon enrollment.

#### **Please note:**

- *Access to UCLA Extension, UCLA, and UCLA Summer Sessions courses is never guaranteed in advance. Students must take the ALC placement test first and be approved for non-ALC courses by the academic advisor.*
- *The ALC cannot guarantee spaces in specific courses; enrollment is always on a space available basis.*
- *Enrollment in a UCLA Extension, UCLA, or UCLA Summer Sessions course does not constitute admission or a guarantee of future admission to UCLA Extension or UCLA programs.*
- *Participants who take a UCLA course receive an official UCLA transcript and may be able to transfer the UCLA course credit to other institutions. However, the decision to accept transfer credit depends on individual colleges and universities, not UCLA.*

#### **PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

After completing your English language program at the ALC, you may be eligible to pursue one of the following options:

#### **UCLA Extension Certificate Programs**

UCLA Extension offers over 50 certificate programs for professional development, which meet F-1 (student) visa requirements.

These programs are available to students and professionals who wish to enhance their skills or knowledge in their present field or change careers and to students who are just beginning their professional lives.

Completion of the required series of courses leads to a certificate bearing the seal of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Please note that completion of an ALC program does not guarantee admission to a certificate program. Certificate program applicants must score 79 or higher on the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 on the IELTS.

#### **College and University Programs**

##### **Community Colleges**

Most ALC students who want to pursue undergraduate degrees in the U.S. go first to a California State Community College for their first two years of study and then transfer to a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), or private university to complete a bachelor's degree.

##### **Four-Year Colleges and Universities**

The ALC academic advisor can provide a variety of information on California and other U.S. undergraduate and graduate programs. Most require that applications be submitted nine to 12 months in advance of the start date of the degree program.

##### **Career Training Programs**

Students may pursue career training in such fields as automotive technology, cosmetology, culinary arts, electronics, fashion technology, and others. DeVry University, Los Angeles Trade Technical College, and many other community colleges offer vocational training.

Please see details about these Pathways to Higher Education and Career Development on page 13.

## PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT UCLA EXTENSION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

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These programs are usually taught by instructors who work outside the university in a specific field, for example, business, computers, or design, and there is a strong emphasis on practical experience and work-related applications. International students study side by side with Los Angeles residents, which allows them to meet Americans and develop professional networks.

### Practical Training (OPT)

After completing a certificate program that is nine months or longer in duration, international students who have held full-time student status for at least nine months become eligible to apply for 12 months of optional practical training. The decision to grant practical training is made by the U.S. government, not UCLA Extension. During the practical training, eligible students can work full-time and be paid for their work if the training is related to their completed certificate program. The combination of a certificate program and practical training allows international participants to return home with both practical knowledge and professional work experience in the U.S. **Note:** Practical Training is not available for all certificate programs.

### Eligibility

Admission to most certificate programs is open to international students who have the equivalent of a U.S. high school education and who achieve a specific minimum TOEFL score within the last two years. Students who have graduated from an accredited U.S. college with an associate's degree or higher do not have to take the TOEFL exam.

### Costs

The total estimated cost per nine months is \$25,000. Per quarter (three months), the costs are about \$1,500-\$2,000 for course fees, \$300-\$500 for books and supplies, and \$5,600 for living expenses.

### Sample List of Certificate Programs

	Estimated Cost USD*	Required iBT/IELTS Score	Approx. Duration (Years)	Internship Available
<b>Business and Management</b>				
Accounting	\$9,500	79/6.5	2.25	Yes
General Business Studies	\$4,500	79/6.5	1.25	Yes
International Trade and Commerce	\$5,500	79/6.5	1.25	Yes
Marketing	\$4,500	79/6.5	1.25	Yes
<b>Computers and Information Systems</b>				
Database Management Systems	Varies	79/6.5	1.25	Yes
<b>Entertainment Studies and Performing Arts</b>				
Entertainment Media, General Studies	\$7,000	79/6.5	1.5	Yes
Music Business	\$7,000	79/6.5	1.5	Yes
<b>Humanities and Sciences</b>				
Journalism	\$5,500	100/7.0	.75	No

\*Estimated only—actual program cost and duration may vary.

### For more information about certificate programs contact:

Certificate and Career Programs—UCLA Extension  
10995 Le Conte Avenue, Room 113  
Los Angeles, CA 90024-1333, USA  
Phone: (310) 825-9351 Fax: (310) 267-2088  
Email: iso@uclaextension.edu Website: uclaextension.edu/iso



ALC certificate of completion

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

The ALC academic advisor assists students in selecting and applying for colleges, universities, professional, and vocational programs. Questions regarding academic advising can be emailed to Robert Baldwin at Rbaldwin@uclaextension.edu.

### Community Colleges

Most ALC students who want to pursue undergraduate degrees in the U.S. go first to a California State Community College for their first two years of study and then transfer to a University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), or private university to complete a bachelor's degree.

### Four-Year Colleges and Universities

The ALC academic advisor can provide a variety of information on California and other U.S. undergraduate and graduate programs. Most require that applications be submitted nine to 12 months in advance of the start date of the degree program.

It is important to understand that attending UCLA Extension's American Language Center in no way guarantees admission nor assists students in gaining admission to UCLA or UCLA Extension Certificate Programs.

### Conditional Admission Agreements

UCLA Extension's American Language Center has conditional acceptance agreements with the following institutions. In most cases, students who complete the ALC's Academic Intensive English Program (AIEP) level 105 with grades of "B" or higher can be admitted without a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score. In the case of DeVry University and UCLA Summer Sessions, completion of AIEP level 106 is required. It is important to note, however, that students must meet all other admission requirements for each of the institutions listed below.

Institution	Website
The Art Institutes	<a href="http://www.artinstitutes.edu">http://www.artinstitutes.edu</a>
DeVry University	<a href="http://www.devry.edu">http://www.devry.edu</a>
Glendale Community College	<a href="http://www.gcc.edu">http://www.gcc.edu</a>
Irvine Valley College	<a href="http://www.ivic.edu">http://www.ivic.edu</a>
Los Angeles City College	<a href="http://www.lacitycollege.edu">http://www.lacitycollege.edu</a>
Los Angeles Harbor College	<a href="http://www.lahc.cc.ca.us">http://www.lahc.cc.ca.us</a>
Los Angeles Trade Technical College	<a href="http://www.lattc.cc.ca.us">http://www.lattc.cc.ca.us</a>
Pasadena City College	<a href="http://www.pasadena.edu">http://www.pasadena.edu</a>
Saddleback College	<a href="http://www.saddleback.edu">http://www.saddleback.edu</a>
Santa Monica College	<a href="http://www.smc.edu">http://www.smc.edu</a>
UCLA Summer Sessions (summer only)	<a href="http://www.summer.ucla.edu">http://www.summer.ucla.edu</a>
Los Angeles Valley College	<a href="http://www.lavc.edu">http://www.lavc.edu</a>
West Los Angeles College	<a href="http://www.wlac.edu">http://www.wlac.edu</a>

Questions regarding ALC's agreements can be emailed to the academic advisor, Robert Baldwin, at Rbaldwin@uclaextension.edu.

## CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Students also may pursue career training in such fields as automotive technology, cosmetology, culinary arts, electronics, fashion technology, and others. DeVry University, Los Angeles Trade Technical College, and many other community colleges offer vocational training. See the list of partner institutions above for websites and more information.

# HOUSING

## THE RIGHT HOUSING CHOICE FOR YOU

Having comfortable housing is important to your overall success and enjoyment of any study program. ALC will provide information for housing accommodations that fit your budget and lifestyle.



Typical UCLA residence hall



Typical UCLA residence hall double room

### THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF HOUSING:

- Residence Halls (*on- and off-campus*)
- Furnished Apartments
- Homestays (*living with an American family*)

#### How should I reserve housing?

UCLA on-campus summer housing can be reserved with ALC. All off-campus, non-UCLA housing reservations must be made directly with the housing providers.

#### When should I reserve housing?

The ALC strongly recommends that you arrange your accommodations before you arrive. This will help you have an enjoyable and relaxing experience while studying at the American Language Center. Remember, applying early helps improve the chance that you will get the type of housing you want. The ALC recommends that you apply at least 30 days before the start of your program.

#### How should I pay?

All of our housing providers prefer credit card payments for faster service. Checks drawn on an American bank are the second preferred method. Homestay providers also offer wire payment service. Please note that no international postal money orders are accepted.

### PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

UCLA Extension's American Language Center does not manage, endorse, nor make specific recommendations regarding these facilities. All off-campus, non-UCLA housing contracts and arrangements are made between the student and the housing providers and are not the responsibility of UCLA Extension's American Language Center.

### UCLA ON-CAMPUS HOUSING—SUMMER ONLY

- UCLA on-campus housing is available for summer ALC programs only.
- Students may choose between dormitory-style or apartment accommodations.
- Meal plans are available.
- Students have access to computer labs, fitness centers, and swimming pools.

Hillside Residence Hall

USHA one-bedroom male apartment

UCLA residence hall cafeteria





Top: The Co-op. Bottom: The Co-op computer lab and library

Top: Universal Student Housing Apartments two-bedroom apartment and rooftop pool. Bottom: USHA

**OFF-CAMPUS NON-UCLA HOUSING**

**Hillside Residence Hall**

<http://members.dslextreme.com/users/hillsidela>

- Hillside provides year-round dormitory-style accommodations.
- Hillside is located within walking distance to ALC classes.
- 18 meals are included in the housing fees.
- Students have access to a computer lab and recreation rooms.

**The University Cooperative Housing Association (Co-op)**

<http://www.uchaonline.com>

- The Co-op provides year-round dormitory-style accommodations.
- The Co-op is located within walking distance to ALC classes.
- 19 meals are included in the housing fees.
- Students have access to a computer lab, library, and recreation rooms.

Top: Hillside Residence Hall. Bottom: Hillside Residence Hall student lounge and dining room



**Furnished Apartments**

Universal Student Housing

<http://www.usaish.com>

- USH apartments provide year round furnished accommodations.
- USH apartments are located within walking distance to ALC classes.
- The apartments are in a secure building with 24-hour emergency support.
- Students have access to a rooftop pool, sauna, and Jacuzzi.

**Homestays (Non-UCLA)**

Universal Student Housing

<http://www.usaish.com>

- USH homestays are available year round.
- Students live and interact with a family in the Los Angeles area.
- 1 or 2 meals per day are available.
- Host families are located 10 to 30 minutes from ALC classes and UCLA by bus.

Homestay family



**“The American family was very kind and nice. They helped me learn English and American customs.”**  
 —Ali Mohamed Al-Ghamdi, Saudi Arabia

# STUDENT LIFE

## SERVICES & DAILY NECESSITIES

The services that accompany an English-language program are often just as important as the program itself. UCLA Extension and ALC staff are dedicated to customer service, and we are prepared to provide you with a variety of important information and services.



*ALC staff assists an ALC student*

### ACADEMIC COUNSELING

The ALC academic advisor assists students with U.S. college and university application procedures. Additionally, our academic advisor provides guidance for studying in UCLA Extension professional certificate programs. Students can seek individual assistance from the academic advisor when they need help choosing their next course of study, and they can also attend a group orientation session that is led by our academic advisor each quarter.

### F-1 STUDENT VISA ADVISING

The International Student Office (ISO) provides free assistance regarding visa and immigration issues. Their services include preparation of documents for student visas, advice on visa status changes, transferring between schools, and temporary travel outside of the U.S. For assistance regarding special visa and immigration issues call (310) 825-9351 or send an email to [iso@uclaextension.edu](mailto:iso@uclaextension.edu).

*International Student Office staff, from left: Joyce Manson, Carmen Tetelbain, Lynn Heinz, and Minh Do*

*ALC academic advisor Bob Baldwin*



*Santa Monica Big Blue Bus*



*UCLA's free campus shuttle bus*

### TRANSPORTATION

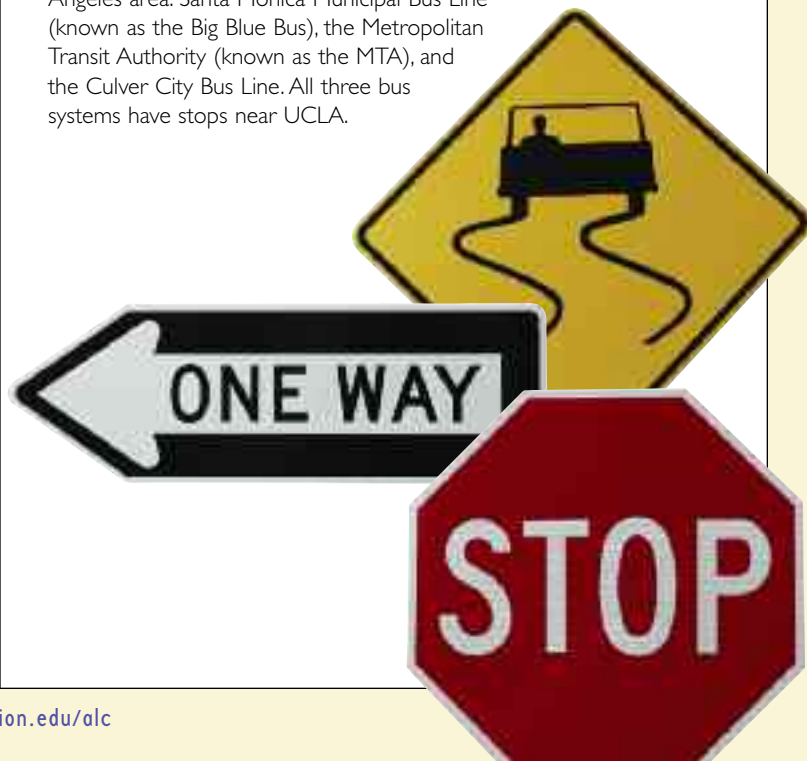
UCLA and the surrounding communities have excellent bus systems. These buses provide convenient access to destinations throughout the city of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County and, of course, to UCLA Extension's American Language Center. The ALC maintains bus schedule information for many of the buses serving the west side of Los Angeles.

#### UCLA Campus Shuttle Bus

The Campus Express is a free shuttle bus. It takes you from various places in Westwood Village to several parts of the UCLA campus. You don't need an ID card to ride the shuttle; just get on or off at any of the stops. Shuttle service may be limited or unavailable in the summer.

#### Public Buses Connecting to UCLA

There are three major bus companies in the Los Angeles area: Santa Monica Municipal Bus Line (known as the Big Blue Bus), the Metropolitan Transit Authority (known as the MTA), and the Culver City Bus Line. All three bus systems have stops near UCLA.



# STUDENT LIFE

## MORE DAILY NECESSITIES



A bicycle is a popular way to get around campus.

### INJURY AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

Injury and Sickness Insurance is included in the American Language Center's student services fees. This insurance allows you to visit a hospital or clinic if you need medical attention due to an injury or sickness while you are studying at the ALC. On the first day of your program, the ALC will give you an insurance identification card and provide more detailed information on your insurance coverage. **Please note:** permanent residents of the United States will not be eligible for this insurance.

### LIBRARY CARDS

The UCLA Library, with more than seven million volumes, ranks among the top three university research libraries in North America. You are free to look at books and magazines or study at the library without an ID card or a library card. However, to take books home, you need a library card. To get this card, take your ALC ID and \$20 to the front desk of the Research or College Library.

UCLA's Law Library



### COMPUTERS

The ALC provides computer access to two multimedia computer labs at UCLA Extension's Lindbrook Center. In addition to free high-speed Internet and email access, these labs are equipped with a variety of language-learning tools, such as software for TOEFL preparation and pronunciation practice. Labs are available after school on a first-come, first-served basis for approximately 90 minutes a day.

### ENGLISHPLUS.LAB

EnglishPlus.lab is a special free after-school program (available 5 days a week) for all full-time ALC students who want to further study and improve specific English skills. In EnglishPlus.lab, the computer lab teacher guides and instructs students with language learning software and Internet activities to study skills such as grammar, listening, TOEFL, pronunciation, and so on.

### UCLA RECREATION CARDS

At the beginning of your study program, you will receive a recreation card. This will permit you to use a variety of recreational facilities on campus. These facilities include:

- Los Angeles Tennis Center—eight lighted tennis courts
- Sunset Canyon Recreation Center—25- and 50-meter pools with picnic/barbecue areas
- John Wooden Recreation and Sports Center—gym and fitness center, racquetball, basketball, and rock climbing
- Marina Aquatic Center—located on the Pacific Ocean—for sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, and other nautical sports

At a small additional cost, you also can take courses in fitness, sports, dance, martial arts, tennis, and swimming. These fun classes are great ways to learn new skills, relieve stress, and meet Americans with similar interests.

The ALC Language and Computer Lab



# STUDENT RECREATION

## PLACES TO GO

One of the great things about studying at the American Language Center is the variety of fun and exciting activities that are available to you on the UCLA campus, in Westwood Village, and in the Los Angeles area. There also are tours to well-known destinations in California, Arizona, and Nevada.



*A visit to the nearby Getty Museum*

### UCLA

Being a participant in an ALC program gives you access to many of the great facilities at University of California, Los Angeles. Besides the many campus cafés where you can mingle with American students, Ackerman Student Union is home to the main campus bookstore, which sells books, clothing, and other UCLA merchandise. It also has many fast-food restaurants.

As an ALC participant you also have free access to many recreational facilities on the UCLA campus, where several events of the 1984 Olympic Games were hosted. These facilities include swimming pools, gyms, tennis courts, soccer and track facilities, and an exercise and fitness center.

#### Sunset Canyon Recreation Center

Sunset Canyon Recreation Center is a parklike facility that offers year-round recreation. It features a 50-meter pool with diving structure, a 25-meter family pool, picnic and barbecue areas, a sand volleyball court, and large grassy areas for relaxing in the sun.

### WESTWOOD—SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, AND MOVIES

When ALC students want to have fun, they don't have to go far. Westwood Village has everything: more than 50 places to eat, 200-plus stores, and eight premier movie theaters all in easy walking distance of ALC classrooms.

### AMUSEMENT PARKS

Southern California claims some of the most exciting amusement parks in the country. Frequent tours are organized to Disneyland, Universal Studios (with its working movie studio and a wide variety of amusements and rides), and Magic Mountain (known for its thrill rides). Just over two hours away by car is San Diego's Sea World and the world-famous San Diego Zoo and Wildlife Park.



*UCLA's Drake Stadium*

### MUSEUMS

The Los Angeles area is home to many world-class museums, including the UCLA Armand Hammer Museum, the Getty Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Norton Simon Museum, and the Huntington Library and Gardens.

### HOLLYWOOD

The birthplace of the movie industry, Hollywood is only about 30 minutes away from UCLA. The Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame, the famous Chinese Theatre, the Hollywood Wax Museum, and Paramount Studios are just a few of the many attractions and places to visit in "Tinseltown."

### SHOPPING

Los Angeles offers a wide variety of shopping opportunities, from the exclusive shops on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills to modern malls and discount outlets.

### MUSIC & THEATER

The area boasts many large theater companies with major productions year-round as well as many smaller theaters throughout the city with interesting and unique offerings. For music lovers, the options include the world-famous Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, pop and rock concerts, and numerous jazz clubs. Los Angeles also has several outdoor amphitheatres, including the Hollywood Bowl and the Greek Theatre, both of which host a variety of music events.

**SPORTS**

Los Angeles is home to many professional sports teams, including baseball's L.A. Dodgers, basketball's L.A. Clippers and L.A. Lakers, hockey's L.A. Kings, and soccer's L.A. Galaxy. If you prefer to participate rather than watch, you can visit any of Southern California's miles of beautiful beaches for swimming or surfing, ski or hike in nearby mountains, or explore the raw beauty of the desert.

**BEACHES**

**Malibu** is north of Santa Monica on the Pacific coast. Home to Hollywood celebrities, Malibu is a fun-filled area with many pleasure and surfing beaches.

**Santa Monica** is a well-known beach community with a very pleasant climate and more than 300 days of sunshine per year. You can bicycle, roller-blade, jog, and walk along its 22-mile-long beach bicycle path. You can walk to many popular attractions on the famous Promenade, or enjoy games and entertainment with a view on the Santa Monica Pier.

**Venice Beach** is legendary for its colorful life. Artists, musicians, writers, and bodybuilders come to enjoy the freedom of the ocean, sand, and sun. Visitors stroll along the Venice boardwalk weekend afternoons to get a true taste of Venice.

**LOCAL TOURS**

The ALC works closely with an independent tour company that schedules tours of local attractions and events in the Los Angeles area, such as Hollywood, the Getty Museum, Disneyland, and L.A. Lakers games and Dodger games. Excursions also can be arranged to other California and Southwest destinations, such as the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, and San Francisco.

**OUT OF TOWN**

**Las Vegas**

Five hours by car from Los Angeles is Las Vegas, Nevada, the city that never sleeps, where you can see stage shows with world-famous entertainers.

**San Francisco**

Eight hours north by car from Los Angeles is San Francisco, a European-style city. It is the home of Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Fisherman's Wharf. Chinatown and Berkeley are two major areas of cultural interest.

**San Diego**

Two hours south of Los Angeles by car and near the border of Mexico is San Diego, where Sea World and a famous zoo are located. Be sure to see Old Town, which is a replica of the original small town of San Diego.

**CLASS FIELD TRIPS**

In addition to in-class study, many of our students go on field trips to various points of interest around Los Angeles. Field trip locations might include museums, courthouses, high schools, and businesses. These trips take place during class time to enrich courses and provide an interesting look at the community and culture of Los Angeles.

**INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK & TALENT SHOW**

During the academic year, ALC students show their talent in cooking, acting, singing, and dancing at our potluck party. They prepare and bring food from their native country and have lunch together. Then the show begins: class skits, game shows, musical numbers, dances, and songs are performed by our amazingly talented students (and sometimes by our teachers, too). The party is a wonderful opportunity to share your culture, have fun, and practice English at the same time.

**CULTURE & LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (CLEP)**

The Language Exchange Program allows ALC Intensive English students and Americans to meet with one another and have conversations in English and in the student's native language. The ALC matches interested ALC students with Americans who are studying a foreign language. For example, a Korean student can meet with an American who is studying Korean, and they can have conversations in English and in Korean. Not only do the conversation partners have a chance to practice the language they are studying, they also have an opportunity to become acquainted with one another's culture. This voluntary program is organized by an ALC academic advisor.

San Diego

San Francisco



*The climate in L.A. gives you the opportunity to do a lot in the outdoors. California is a cosmopolitan state where you can have many different experiences.*

*Magdalena Bravo, Chile*

**SAMPLE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES** (Please note: activity options vary and prices are determined by the independent tour provider.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Santa Barbara Outlet Mall Shopping	Local Soccer Game		Santa Monica Beach Trip		San Francisco Trip	Universal Studios Trip
Disneyland Trip		Beverly Hills Excursion		Getty Center Trip	Las Vegas Trip	
	Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Game		Los Angeles City Tour		Yosemite Trip	San Diego City and Zoo Tour



Santa Monica Beach and Pier

## TOP 10 REASONS TO STUDY AT THE UCLA EXTENSION AMERICAN LANGUAGE CENTER

- Classmates from around the world
- Wonderful year-round climate
- Helpful and supportive staff; dedicated and friendly instructors
- Services such as express mailing of enrollment documents, housing coordination, Internet access, academic advising, access to many UCLA recreation facilities, and injury and sickness insurance
- Exciting Southern California environment with beaches, mountains, and deserts all nearby
- Los Angeles's theaters, museums, Hollywood, shopping
- Affiliation with UCLA, one of the world's most famous universities
- Beautiful, exciting, and safe location in Westwood Village
- Variety of high-quality English-language programs
- "ALC: Your English Connection to the World"



Students take in a local baseball game

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Month	Temperature		Rainfall	Month	Temperature		Rainfall
	High	Low			High	Low	
January	19 C	9 C	8 cm	July	28 C	17 C	.1 cm
February	20 C	10 C	8.2 cm	August	28 C	18 C	.2 cm
March	20 C	11 C	6.8 cm	September	27 C	17 C	.6 cm
April	22 C	12 C	2.6 cm	October	25 C	15 C	1.2 cm
May	23 C	14 C	.8 cm	November	23 C	12 C	3.4 cm
June	25 C	16 C	.2 cm	December	20 C	10 C	6.2 cm

## 2008 HOLIDAYS

December 31, 2007 & January 1, 2008	Monday & Tuesday	New Year's Holiday
January 21	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18	Monday	Presidents' Day
March 28	Friday	Cesar Chavez Day
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day
July 4	Friday	Independence Day
September 1	Monday	Labor Day
November 11	Tuesday	Veterans' Day
November 27 & 28	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24-26	Wednesday-Friday	Christmas Holiday
December 31, 2008 & January 1, 2009	Wednesday & Thursday	New Year's Day Holiday (2009)



ALC Certificate Ceremony

**UCLA**  
**Gene Block**, Chancellor

**UCLA EXTENSION**  
**Cathy Sandeen**, Dean  
**William H. Gaskill**, Director, American Language Center

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