



ELS Los Angeles County – La Verne, California at the University of La Verne

ELS COUNSELING MANUAL

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At University of La Verne Campus

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About This Center

ELS Los Angeles County – La Verne Center is in the quaint city of La Verne, California, a safe and small city just east of Los Angeles. The ELS Los Angeles County - La Verne Center is located on the University of La Verne campus. ELS students will receive an ID card, just like ULV students, and can use this to access all facilities within the university. Students can also choose to live at the University of La Verne on-campus residence -- an accommodation option that provides convenient access to classes and university amenities, all steps from the city of La Verne's shops and restaurants in the downtown core.

- Average total number of ELS students: 110 (maximum 250)
- Number of students per class: up to 18

Why Choose ELS Los Angeles County, La Verne

- A beautiful, small campus town in the suburbs of Los Angeles
- Use of university campus facilities, including ULV Cafeteria, Fitness center, on-campus residence, library, gaming lounges
- Possibility to arrange visits to University of La Verne classes.
- Mild and warm weather, year-round
- Enjoy California's iconic attractions during the weekend!

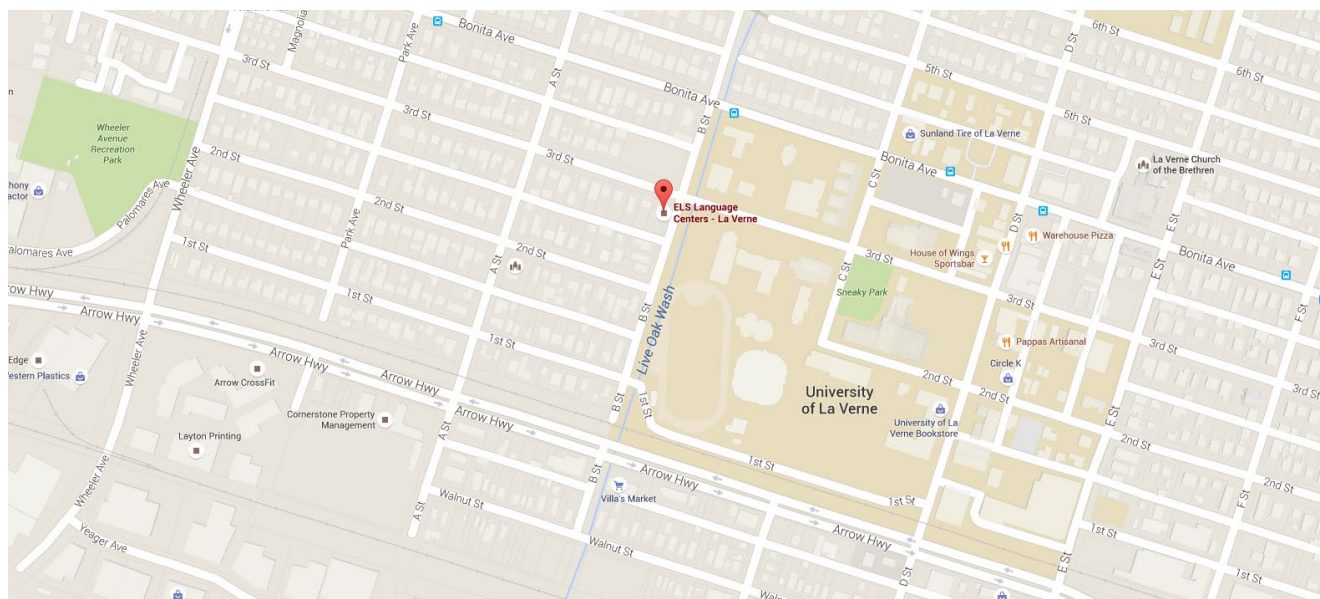
Programs at ELS LA County - La Verne

- Intensive English (30 lessons/week)
- Semi-Intensive English (20 lessons/week)
- American Explorer (15 lessons/week)



Physical Address of ELS Los Angeles County – La Verne

[1886 Third Street La Verne, California, United States 91750](#)



2023-24 Start Dates – Schedule B Center

(2023) 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 5/30, 6/26, 7/24, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11

(2024) 1/8, 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/19, 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9

* Students may start on any Monday. (Starting on the 4th week of the session is not recommended.)

* Centres with the same start schedule: San Francisco North Bay (San Rafael), St. Paul, Tampa

About the Host University

University of La Verne

University of La Verne

University of La Verne is a private university founded in 1891, with a total of about 8,500 students, about 2,500 undergraduates and about 650 international students. The campus covers 103 acres and is in La Verne, a 40-minute drive from downtown Los Angeles (LA). La Verne is a small town developed around the University of La Verne, so students can study in a friendly community and enjoy a welcoming, student-centered atmosphere. The University of La Verne offers 55 undergraduate programs and 19 master's programs. Upon successful completion of ELS Level 112, students will fulfill the English language entry requirement for conditional and direct admission to undergraduate or master's degree programs at the University of La Verne, without official English scores such as TOEFL and IELTS.



Conditional admission available through ELS UAS: Yes

ELS Level Accepted: Level 112

University Rankings based on 2022-23 US News Ranking:

151 National University

#6 Top Performers on Social Mobility

Popular Majors

Graduate

Health Administration
Leadership Management

Undergraduate

Accounting
Biology
Business Administration
Communications
Kinesiology
Organizational Management
Psychology

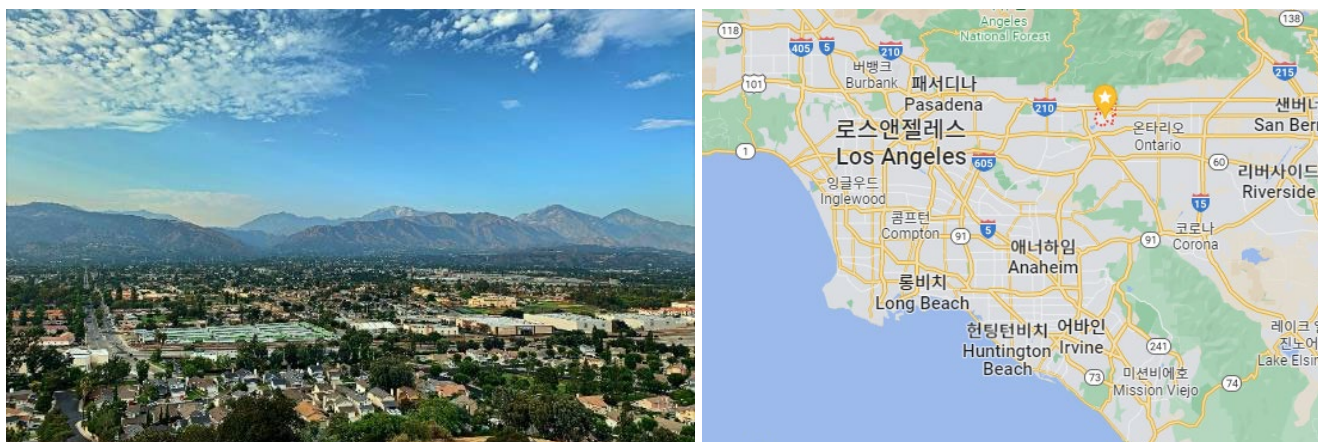
Campus Facilities

Basketball court
Cafeteria
Fitness center

Free parking at the university
Library
Wi-Fi



About the City and Region – La Verne, California



La Verne is a safe and small city that is located about 45 minutes east of Los Angeles. It is located near beautiful and iconic beaches and attractions such as Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood, and popular museums. The University of La Verne campus is located steps from La Verne's city center in a quaint residential community full of small shops, cafes and restaurants. La Verne provides a friendly, small-town atmosphere and has a good public transportation system.

Distances to Nearby Cities

- Los Angeles: 45 minutes by car, 1 hour and 30 minutes by train
- Hollywood: 45 minutes by car, 2 hours by Train & Bus
- Santa Monica: 1 hour by car
- Santa Barbara, San Diego: 2 hours by car

Area Attractions

- Old Town Pasadena, Santa Monica, Huntington Gardens, City Walk and Ontario Mills.
- Universal Studios, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farms, Six Flags Magic Mountain, and Los Angeles Zoo
- Downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and many great beaches

Local Transportation

- There are no shuttle buses operating within the ULV campus. Most students commute on foot or by bicycle.
- Local buses serve the local La Verne vicinity and cost about \$1.00 per ride or \$35 per month for a bus pass.
- Students can use the Metrolink train from the Pomona North station in nearby Pomona (3 km) to go to Los Angeles Union Station (\$9.50 roundtrip on weekends) and beaches (\$16.25 roundtrip on weekends)







Distances to Key Locations (from ELS Center)

Local Places:	Minutes Away	Mode of Transportation
Airport	60/45	Bus/Car
Bank	25/15/10	Walk/Bike/Car
Downtown LA	120/45	Bus/Car
Post Office	30/15/20/10	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Restaurants	15/5/2	Walk/Bike/Car
Shopping Mall/Outlet	45/20	Bus/Car
Supermarket	25/15/20/5	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Pharmacy	25/15/20/5	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Sports Stadium	60/45	Bus/Car



Housing

Homestay

		
Photo: Student's bedroom	Photo: Student's bathroom	Photo: Host Family
		

- Room Type: Single occupancy
- Meals: 14 meals per week (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Distance from homestay to ELS Center: Average 45minutes (Maximum 1 hour)
- Minimum Age: 15

Homestay Families offer a personable and friendly environment to all students as they are sensitive to students' needs. ELS supports both students and Homestay Families to have a pleasant and memorable experience and to build rewarding and long-lasting friendships.

Check-in Time

Sunday, 9:00am - 9:00pm

Students should contact their host family prior to their arrival date and let them know what time they expect to arrive at the homestay.

Check-out Time

Saturday, 8:00am - 12:00pm

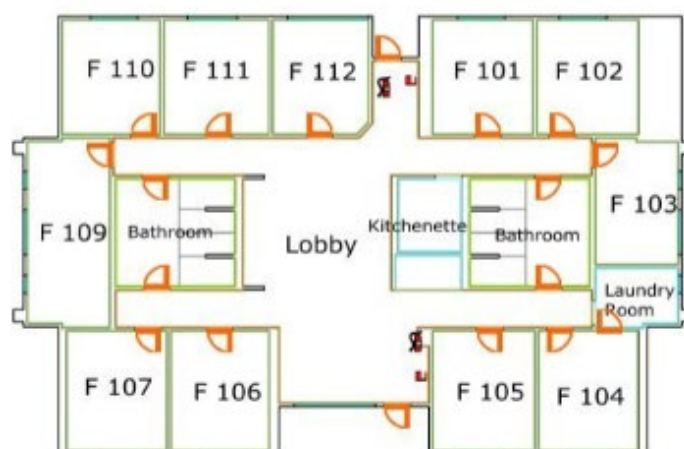
On check-out day, students need to: - Return the key to the host family - Take all personal belongings with them – Throw any unwanted items in the trash.

University of La Verne Residence – The OAKS(On-Campus)



- Room Type: Double occupancy
- Meals: 7 meals per week (1 meal per day – breakfast, lunch or dinner)
- Distances from homestay to ELS Center: five-minutes' walk
- Minimum Age: 17
- All rooms are double occupancy and include 2 single beds, 2 desks, 2 dressers, and 2 closets. There is a centralized kitchen with a refrigerator and microwave. Self-service laundry machines are available. Linens are provided. Upon arrival, students will receive extra long twin sheets, a blanket/comforter, pillow, and a towel.
- Males and females may NOT share the same room in the dorm; however, males and females are housed on the same floor.
- Free Wi-Fi access is available for all students

More information about The OAKS > <https://laverne.edu/housing/residence-halls/oaks/>



Check-in Time

9:00am - 8:00pm on the Sunday before the session start date.

Please call the Resident Advisor (RA) on Duty (the number is posted on the window next to the entrance) once you arrive to the Oaks Residence Hall and they will assist you with the check-in process. You will be issued your room keys and a bedding package upon arrival.

Check-out Time

Saturday, by 12pm

University of La Verne Residence –Vista Hall

All students who choose the residence option will be assigned to The OAKS upon arrival, in their first session. If space is available in Citrus Hall or Vista Hall in the middle of the session, students may change their residence at no additional charge.



- Room Type: Double occupancy
- Meals: No meals included
- Distance from homestay to ELS Center: five-minutes' walk
- Minimum Age: 17
- The university residence offers apartment living experience without a kitchen. Each suite has 4 bedrooms, a living room and 4 bathrooms. Each bedroom is shared between 2 students, and each room has 2 single beds, 2 desks, and 2 closets. Students share the bathroom with another student who shares the same room.
- Men and women may NOT share a room but may live in the same apartment.
- There is a common lounge, common kitchen, common study room, and coin laundry.
- Free Wi-Fi access is available for all students

More information about Vista Hall > <https://laverne.edu/housing/residence-halls/vista-residence-hall/>

University of La Verne Residence – Citrus Hall

All students who choose the residence option will be assigned to The OAKS upon arrival, in their first session. If space is available in Citrus Hall or Vista Hall in the middle of the session, students may change their residence at no additional charge.



- Room Type: Double occupancy
- Meals: No meals included
- Distances from homestay to ELS Center: a five-minute walk
- Minimum Age: 17
- There are two single beds, two desks, and two closets in the room, and you can use the public restroom located in the hallway. Citrus Hall offers convenient living, with the Spot Dining Hall student cafeteria in the same building.
- Men and women may NOT share a room but may live in the same apartment.
- There is a common lounge, common kitchen, common study room, and coin laundry.
- Free Wi-Fi access is available for all students

More information about Citrus Hall > <https://laverne.edu/housing/residence-halls/citrus-hall/>

College Class Visitation

Class Visitation allows student to visit a university class at the ELS Center's Host university. Student may only be allowed to visit a particular university class a set number of times. Student cannot receive college credit for university course completion.

Students may be eligible to take university classes upon completion of an ELS level in Intensive English. Levels and credits awarded vary among Host Institutions. Typically, students at the Advanced level or Master level 110 or higher can attend university classes

Students will be able to attend certain classes at the Host university and will be able to start by requesting this option from the Center's Academic Director when they reach the required ELS level.

(However, the class professor will make the final decision on whether to accept the student.)

(Additional costs are incurred for each class, and detailed costs should be checked with the Center Director or Academic Director.)

Required ELS level to attend Class Visits at the University of La Verne: Level 110

Example courses

- Modern Political Theory
- Other liberal arts courses





ELS Levels

MASTERS

Upon completion of master's levels, students can:

- Level 112 Speak and understand English with ease.
 - Level 111 Read and write with sufficient proficiency to satisfy professional and university requirements.
 - Level 110 Conduct business competently in English
- Equivalent to CEFR: B2+/C1 upon completion of ELS Level 112
- Education option upon completion: Begin an undergraduate or graduate degree program.**

ADVANCED

Upon completion of Advanced levels, students can:

- Level 109 Communicate effectively in most social situations.
 - Level 108 Understand and can use a wide range of idioms.
 - Level 107 Participate fully in most conversations.
- Equivalent to CEFR: B2 upon completion of ELS Level 109
- Education option upon completion: Enter a two-year college.**

INTERMEDIATE

Upon completion of Intermediate levels, students can:

- Level 106 Communicate facts and opinions.
 - Level 105 Understand most questions and statements at normal speaking speed.
 - Level 104 Carry on conversations with native speakers
- Equivalent to CEFR: B1 upon completion of ELS Level 106

BEGINNER

Upon completion of Beginner levels, students can:

- Level 103 Communicate at a basic level in everyday situations.
 - Level 102 Understand English when spoken slowly and clearly.
 - Level 101 Respond to simple questions and directions.
- Equivalent to CEFR: A2+ upon completion of ELS Level 103

ELS Levels	101	102	103	104	105	106	107-108	109	110-111	112
IELTS				4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0



ELS Core Classes

Structure and Speaking Practice (SSP)

SSP classes focus on speaking, listening and structure (grammar). Every student in Levels 101-109 takes SSP.

Language Technology Center (LTC)

In the LTC, students study on computers at their own pace with the help of the LTC instructor. LTC supports what students are learning in other classes and can be especially helpful in improving listening, comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.

Skills Enhancement

These classes focus on a variety of language skills and cover a range of topics to help students improve specific areas of language development. Examples of Skills Enhancement Classes include Pronunciation, Vocabulary Development, Idioms, Conversation, and more.

Language Studies (LS)

This class focuses on listening, speaking and critical thinking skills. Every student in Levels 110-112 takes LS.

Reading and Writing (RW)

This class focuses on improving reading and writing. All Intensive English students take two periods of Reading and Writing in the afternoon, Monday-Thursday.

Sample Timetable

Time \ Programs	Intensive 30Lessons/week	Semi-Intensive 20Lessons/week	American Explorer 15Lessons/week	
8:30 - 9:20 AM	Mon-Fri SSP, LTC & Skills Class	Mon-Fri SSP, LTC & Skills Class	Mon-Fri	
9:30 - 10:20 AM			SSP, LTC or Skills	Mon-Fri SSP, LTC or Skills Class
10:30 - 11:20 AM			Class	
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM				
12:20 -1:30 PM	Lunch			
1:30 - 2:35 PM	Mon-Thu Reading & Writing Class			
2:45 - 3:45 PM				

* 1 Lesson = 50 minutes



Programs - Intensive English Program [REG]

- 30Lessons/week (25 Hours/week)

Intensive English is our most comprehensive program, providing the highest level of proficiency for language learning. The curriculum is designed help students succeed by focusing on all elements of the language: listening, speaking, reading, writing, pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary. Most students taking this program study with a plan to go to community college or university after completing ELS.

You must take this program to get the ELS level certificate required by the university.

Intensive English Program – Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am - 12:20pm	Structure and Speaking Practice OR Language Studies / Skills Enhancement / Language Technology Center				
12:20pm-1:30pm	Lunch				
1:30pm-3:45pm	Reading & Writing				

Intensive English Program Sample Timetable – Each Level

Level Time	BEGINNER Lv.101 - 103	INTERMEDIATE Lv. 104 – 106	ADVANCED Lv. 107 - 109	MASTERS Lv. 110 - 112
8:30am-9:20am	Structure and Speaking Practice	Structure and Speaking Practice	Skills Enhancement*	Skills Enhancement*
9:30am-10:20am	Structure and Speaking Practice	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Technology Center	Language Technology Center
10:30am-11:20am	Skills Enhancement*	Skills Enhancement*	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Studies
11:30am-12:20pm	Language Technology Center	Language Technology Center	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Studies
12:20pm-1:30pm	점심시간			
1:30pm-2:30pm	Reading & Writing	Reading & Writing	Reading & Writing	Reading & Writing
2:40pm-3:45pm	Reading & Writing	Reading & Writing	Reading & Writing	Reading & Writing

*Exact courses offered at each Center may vary.



Programs - Semi-Intensive English Program [SEM]

- 20Lessons/week (16.7 Hours/week)

The Semi-Intensive English program allows students to learn English and get a true cultural experience at the same time. These classes are typically scheduled during morning hours and focus on all aspects of language and communication learning, including listening, vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. The classes are structured to provide speaking practice and tailored for real-world applications to give you the confidence to use your learning in social settings and in interactions with other students.

Semi-Intensive English Program Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am - 12:20pm	Structure and Speaking Practice OR Language Studies / Skills Enhancement / Language Technology Center				

Semi-Intensive English Program Sample Timetable – Each Level

Level Time	BEGINNER Lv.101 - 103	INTERMEDIATE Lv. 104 – 106	ADVANCED Lv. 107 - 109	MASTERS Lv. 110 - 112
8:30am-9:20am	Structure and Speaking Practice	Structure and Speaking Practice	Skills Enhancement*	Skills Enhancement*
9:30am-10:20am	Structure and Speaking Practice	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Technology Center	Language Technology Center
10:30am-11:20am	Skills Enhancement*	Skills Enhancement*	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Studies
11:30am-12:20pm	Language Technology Center	Language Technology Center	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Studies

*Exact courses offered at each Center may vary.



Programs -American Explorer Program (ACP)

* This program is not available to F-1 students.

- 15 Lessons/week (12.5 Hours/week)

Students who wish to study English while on vacation in the USA may do so in the ELS American Explorer program. This program features three morning lessons per day (Monday-Friday) for a total of 15 lessons per week. Afternoons are free for recreation and relaxation.

The American Explorer part-time program is cultural in nature and does not award certificates of language proficiency. Since the core class schedule may vary by Center and session, 15-hour students may have different programs at different Centers or in different sessions. The American Explorer program consists of 12 levels of instruction from Beginner to Masters, with four weeks of instruction per level.

American Explorer Program Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am - 11:20pm	Structure and Speaking Practice OR Language Studies / Skills Enhancement / Language Technology Center				

American Explorer Program Sample Timetable – Each Level

Level Time	BEGINNER Lv.101 - 103	INTERMEDIATE Lv. 104 – 106	ADVANCED Lv. 107 - 109	MASTERS Lv. 110 - 112
8:30am-9:20am	Structure and Speaking Practice	Skills Enhancement / LTC	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Studies
9:30am-10:20am	Structure and Speaking Practice	Structure and Speaking Practice	Structure and Speaking Practice	Language Studies
10:30am-11:20am	Skills Enhancement / LTC	Structure and Speaking Practice	Skills Enhancement / LTC	Skills Enhancement Class or Language Technology Center



Sample Activity Calendars

- 2023 Spring

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 NEW STUDENT CHECK-IN 	6 Testing & Orientation for New Students 	7 Pick Up Your schedule at 7:45am at the ELS Office 	8 Academic Orientation Leo Hall 120 (Free Lunch) 	9 Continuation and Housing Intention Forms in Class 	10 Let's create cards for our special ones 	11 ELS RECOMMENDS: Griffith Observatory Get a good glimpse of LA's cityscape!
12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y167r8sauKU 	13 Self-love Day 	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY + CONVERSATION PARTNER DAY 	15 Single's Awareness Day In celebration for all the single people! 	16 Innovation Day Do something creative today! 	17 World Human Spirit Day 	18 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD
19 English Pronunciation https://youtu.be/USKrBTvgY_s 	20 President's Day! NO SCHOOL 	21 Choose the Student of the Session in LTC !!! 	22 Ash Wednesday! 	23 Donut Day! ELS Office 10:00am 	24 Birthday Celebration + Karaoke Day 	25 ELS SUGGESTS: Try a new restaurant in La Verne on 3rd St!
26 Leaving ELS? Make sure to see Elizabeth first! 	27 Teacher Surveys LTC Class 	28 Study hard for your finals at the ULV library! 	1 Next Session Payment is DUE TODAY! 	2 SSP FINAL EXAMS Good Luck Everyone! 	3 Grades Pick up 10:00am - 10:30am @ Leo Hall Graduation 11am - 12pm ELS Office 	4 Housing Checkout

- 2022 Fall

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 WELCOME TO ELS LA VERNE 	19 ELS EVENT New Student Orientation at 8:00am 	20 ELS EVENT First day of classes! 	21 ELS EVENT Academic Orientation - Free Lunch Leo 12:30 LUNCH TIME 	22 ELS EVENT POWER POINT PRESENTATION/ACTIVITIES FOR ELS SIGN UP! 	23 ELS EVENT Board Games at 1:30 ELS Backyard! 	24 ELS EVENT POMONA ARTWALK + ALLIANCE BLACK MARKETPLACE
25 ELS SUGGESTS Go to Santa Monica Pier! 	26 ELS EVENT Come and talk to us about College 	27 ELS EVENT Conversation Partners - 3:30 	28 ELS EVENT Color a coloring page at 3:30 at the Backyard! 	29 ELS EVENT Volleyball at Kuns Park Free 3-30 	30 ELS EVENT Free ULV LOUNGE 1:30 pm 	1 ELS EVENT Free LV Football game 1:00 pm
2 ELS EVENT Free LV Soccer game 7:00pm 	3 ELS EVENT Choose the student of the Session in LTC 	4 ELS EVENT Conversation Partners - 3:30 	5 ELS EVENT Session 10 Birthday Celebration at lunch! 	6 ELS EVENT Donut Day 	7 ELS EVENT Instagram SESSION 10 HASHTAG@CHECK ELS PICTURES 	8 ELS EVENT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS PLUS HORROR NIGHTS
9 ELS SUGGESTS Go to any Beach in California! 	10 ELS TEACHER SURVEYS 	11 STUDY HARD FOR YOUR FINAL TEST. 	12 NEXT PAYMENT SESSION IS DUE TODAY! 	13 ELS EVENT FINAL EXAM 	14 ELS EVENT Meet for graduation at 11am! 	15 GET EXCITED FOR NEXT SESSION!



Session First Day / Orientation Day Sample Schedule

The orientation will be conducted face-to-face at the center.

Below is the orientation sample schedule. Depending on the school, the actual orientation may be conducted differently.

Students who tested Online Placement Test before arrival	Students who did NOT take Online Placement Test
	Check in 8:00am – 8:30am – 11:00am (Placement Testing) Leo 120
Check-In: 9:30am – 10:00am ELS Office/Backyard	
10:00am – 11:00am (Check Online Placement Test level and fill out documents)	
Lunch 11:00am – 11:30am ELS Backyard (ELS La Verne will provide lunch)	
New Student Orientation 11:30 am to 12:00 pm Leo 120	
Campus Tour 12:00pm – 12:30pm (All Students) (Students can go home after the tour!)	

Contact information of ELS Los Angeles County – La Verne

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