



ELS Nashville Nashville, Tennessee at Middle Tennessee State University

ELS COUNSELING MANUAL

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ELS Nashville

At Middle Tennessee State University Campus

YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/mZdkzIBtf00>



About This Center

ELS Nashville is located on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Murfreesboro is a quiet and safe small town located 30 minutes' drive from Nashville, Tennessee, the country music capital of the world. Middle Tennessee State University is the largest university in Tennessee, with approximately 20,000 students. You can study English during the week while studying on campus and on weekends enjoying live music, concerts and cultural events in nearby Nashville.

- Total number of ELS students: Average 70 (Maximum 120)
- Number of students per class: Average:12 (Maximum:16)

Why Choose ELS Nashville

- Located at Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee's largest state university
- Free access to university campus facilities such as sports courts, fitness center, computer lab, cafeteria and library

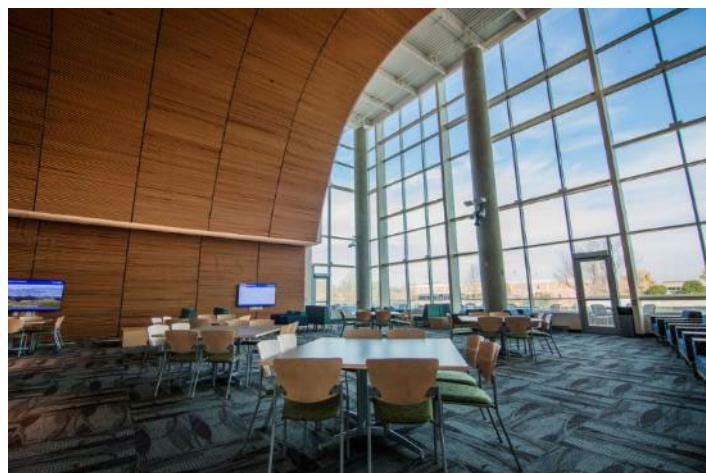
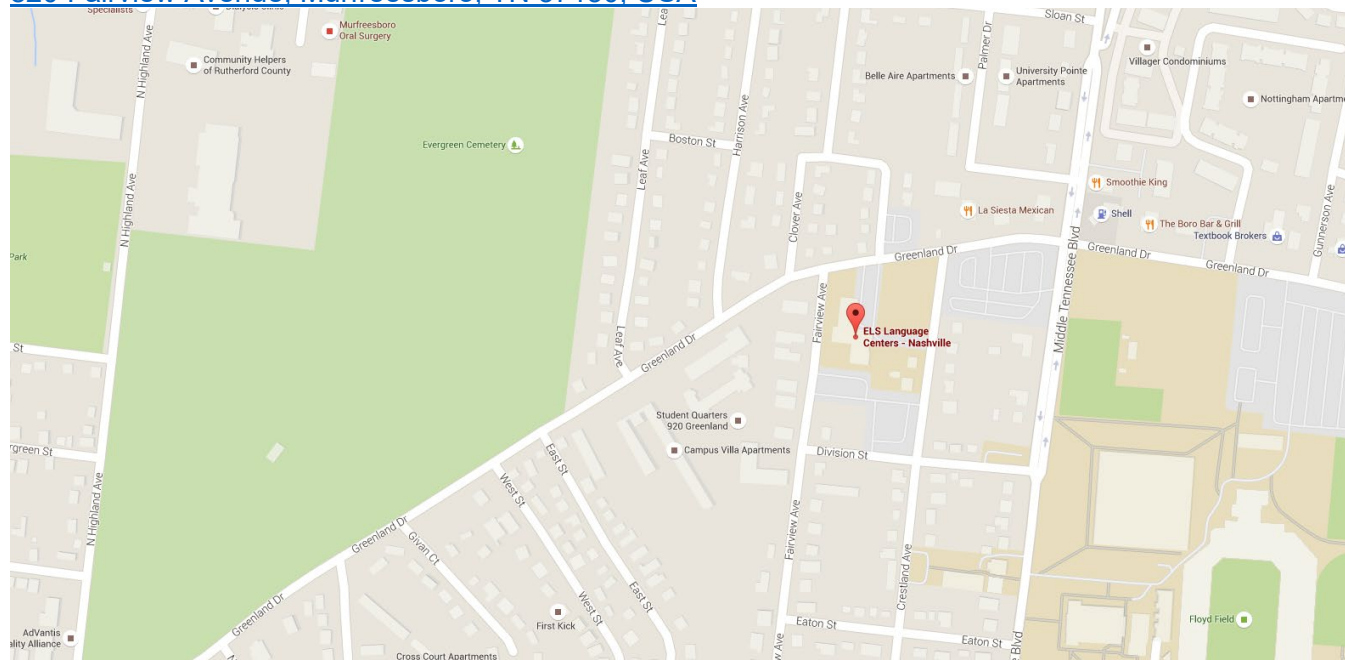
Programs at ELS Nashville

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



Physical Address of ELS Nashville

[820 Fairview Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN 37130, USA](https://www.els.edu/locations/nashville)



2023-24 Start Dates – Schedule A Center

(2023) 1/2, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/19, 7/17, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4

(2024) 1/2, 1/29, 2/26, 3/25, 4/22, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/12, 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2

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

* Centres with the same start schedule: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Melbourne, New York Manhattan, Philadelphia, St. Petersburg



About the Host University



Middle Tennessee State University

Middle Tennessee State University is a state university founded in 1911 and consists of nine colleges. Programs such as aerospace and music are the most famous, and it offers about 140 undergraduate programs and about 100 graduate programs. The total number of students is about 22,000, and more than 900 faculty members teach students. It is ranked in the 299 National Universities in the United States by US News, and provides relatively low tuition of approximately \$30,000, though there are attractive merit scholarships available for international students. Upon successful completion of ELS level 112, you can enter Middle Tennessee State University's undergraduate/master's programs without an official English test score such as TOEFL or IELTS.



Conditional admission available through ELS UAS: Yes

ELS Level Accepted: Level 112

University Rankings based on 2022-23 US News Ranking

299 National University

#156 Top Public Schools

130 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs

Popular Majors

Engineering, Aviation

Campus Facilities

Basketball court

Cafeteria

accessible

Computer lab

Fitness center

Free parking at Center

Free parking at the university

Gymnasium

Library

Music practice rooms

Racquetball/Squash court

Student Health Center

Swimming pool (indoor)

Tennis court

Wi-Fi



About the City and Region - Murfreesboro, Tennessee



Murfreesboro, Tennessee is located 30 minutes by car from Nashville, the largest city in Tennessee. It is a small university town centered around Middle Tennessee State University, where the ELS Nashville Center is located, and you can experience events big and small. Especially when there's a sporting event, you'll see people all over town chanting Raiders. Other attractions include Cannonsburgh Village, where you can see the American frontier; Long Hunter State Park, where you can hike, swim, fish, and catch an MTSU sporting event.

Distances to Nearby Cities

- Nashville, TN: 90minutes by bus, 40minutes by Car
- Memphis, TN: 3hours by car
- Louisville, KY: 3hours by car
- Atlanta, GA: 3hours and 30 minutes by car

Area Attractions

- Hike, swim, boat or fish at Percy Priest Lake at Long Hunter State Park.
- Cannonsburgh Village, Grand Ole Opry, Centennial Park
- Catch a play at the Center for the Arts, Attend a sporting event at MTSU! GO RAIDERS!!

Local Transportation

- Middle Tennessee State University campus shuttle bus (free)
- <https://www.mtsu.edu/parking/transportation.php>
- The local bus system The Rover(<https://www.murfreesborotn.gov/248/Murfreesboro-Public-Transit>) & RTA(<https://www.wegotransit.com>) (Monthly pass \$45)

Distances to Key Locations (from ELS Center)

Local Places:	Away	Mode of Transportation
Pharmacy	60/60/15	Bike/Bus/Car
Sports Stadium	10/7/10/7	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Airport	120/40	Bus/Car
Bank	45/30/15/7	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Downtown Murfreesboro	45/30/15/7	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Post Office	30/30/15	Bike/Bus/Car
Restaurants	2/2/5/10	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Shopping Mall/Outlet	60/20	Bus/Car
Supermarket	60/60/15	Bike/Bus/Car
Public Transportation	5/2/2	Walk/Bike/Car



Housing

Homestay



- Room Type: Single occupancy
- Meals: 14 meals per week (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Distance from homestay to ELS Center: Average 45minutes (Maximum 1hour)
- Minimum Age: 17

Our homestay families are eager to welcome you in their homes! Come experience American culture (family life, meals, entertainment) in a safe, comfortable home, close to the campus of MTSU. You also have the opportunity to meet other language learners as well as practice your English with the homestay family.

Check-in Time

10:00am - 7:00pm Sunday before session start date

Homestay family contact information is given directly to the student and the student can either use our APU who will take the student directly to the family's home or the student can make his/her own arrangements with the family regarding arrival. If the student makes own arrangements, he/she is responsible for transportation to the homestay family.

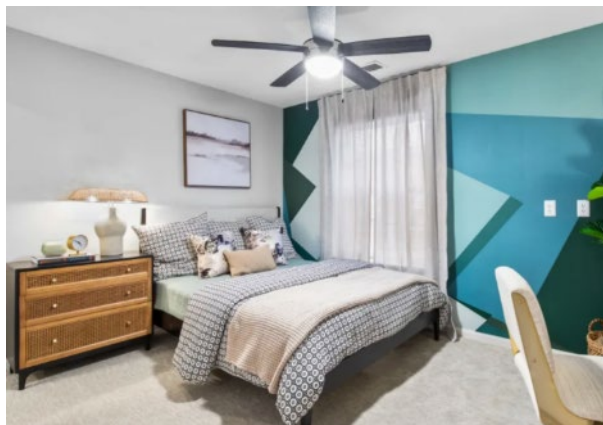
Check-out Time

10:00am - 7:00pm Saturday after session end date

The student will clean his/her room, bathroom and any additional necessary cleaning in the home prior to leaving. Keys are returned to the family.

ELS Nashville Residence – Crossings at Greenland (Off Campus)

920 Greenland Dr. Murfreesboro, TN 37130



- Room Type: Single occupancy
- Meals: No meals included
- Distance to ELS Center: a five-minute walk
- Minimum Age: 18
- An apartment style with 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, kitchen and living room, and laundry facilities.
- The bedroom is equipped with a bed, dressing table, desk, chair and wardrobe, and is connected to a private bathroom.
- Males and females may can be housed on the same apartment.
- Free Wi-Fi access is available for all students
- Communal use of the swimming pool

More information about Albion Apartments > [Click Here](#)



Check-in Time

12:00am - 12:00am Sunday before session start date

Check-out Time

12:00am - 12:00am Saturday after session end date

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 his 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 Visit at the at the Middle Tennessee State University

: Minimum Level 107





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

<div>Time</div> <div>Programs</div>	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 (Morning) / 60-65 minutes (Afternoon)



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	Lunch			
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]

- 20 Lessons/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.

- 15Lessons/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

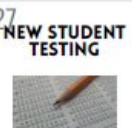
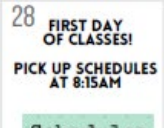





Sample Activity Calendars



Activity Calendar

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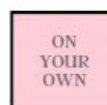
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

26  WELCOME	27 NEW STUDENT TESTING 	28 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES! PICK UP SCHEDULES AT 8:15AM 	29 NEW STUDENT ACADEMIC ORIENTATION FREE LUNCH MANDATORY	30  WELCOME LUNCH FREE PIZZA	31 NEW STUDENTS GET YOUR MTSU ID 	1 
2  Brothers Ramen TRY NEW FOOD BROTHERS RAMEN	3 	4  MTSU SOFTBALL 4-6 PM	5 	6  EASTER EGG HUNT	7 <i>Good Fridays</i> NO CLASSES	8  MTSU SPORTS CHECK OUT A GAME
9 	10 NEED TO GO SHOPPING? CHECK OUT OUR OUTDOOR MALL 2615 MEDICAL CENTER PKWY. 	11  FREE DINNER & CONVERSATION DETAILS ON BACK	12  MTSU LIBRARY	13  AMERICAN SNACK DAY	14  NIGHT MARKET FOOD FESTIVAL FREE	15  NASHVILLE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
16 GET IN THE REC! MTSU REC CENTER: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6AM-11PM FRIDAY 6AM-6PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12PM-5PM	17  HAPPY Birthday TREATS FOR OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS	18 	19  STUDY HARD!!!	20 	21  Graduation At 10:30 am!	22 

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Calendar subject to change.





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.

08:00 am ~ 11:00 am	Collect documents, sign forms, orientation, meet staff, tour classes, ask questions, classes start on Tuesdays
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Minimum Age Requirements

- No ELS Housing: 18
- Homestay, Homestays: 17
- Student Residence (off campus): 18(Maximum age of 25 years.)

Contact information of ELS Nashville

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