



ELS Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA at Saint Joseph's University

ELS COUNSELING MANUAL

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About This Center

The ELS Philadelphia, based on SJU's University City campus, is located in the heart of Philly. The University City District is so named for the many universities located throughout the area, like the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. The SJU University City campus offers easy access to public transportation and is within walking distance of a variety of cultural activities and attractions.

- Total number of ELS students: Average 120 (Maximum 150)
- Number of students per class: Average 14 (Maximum 18)

Why Choose ELS Philadelphia

- Located on the University City campus of Saint Joseph's University near to restaurants and shopping
- Centrally located, just 15 minutes from downtown by trolley or bus.
- Home to world-class museums, such as Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Barnes Foundation
- Famous historical attractions include Independence National Park and the Liberty Bell
- Close to New York City and Washington DC, which make for great weekend trips

Programs at ELS Philadelphia

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

Physical Address of ELS Philadelphia

[600 S 43rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19104, United States](#)



2024 Start Dates – Schedule A Center

(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, Nashville, New York
Manhattan, St. Petersburg

About the Host University



Saint Joseph's University

Founded in 1851, Saint Joseph's University is a catholic Jesuit institution that advances the professional and personal ambitions of men and women by providing a demanding, yet supportive, educational experience. Saint Joseph's is home to approximately 4,850 traditional undergraduate day students, 650 College of Professional and Liberal Studies adult undergraduates, and 3,520 graduate and doctoral students. Located on the edge of metropolitan Philadelphia, Saint Joseph's University provides ready access to the vast career opportunities and cultural resources of America's fifth-largest city, while affording students a cohesive and intimate campus experience. The Philadelphia Art Museum, Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Franklin Institute and the Philadelphia Magic Gardens are all less than 15 minutes away from Saint Joseph's University. The Philadelphia International Airport is only 20 minutes away from campus.



Conditional admission available through ELS UAS: Yes

ELS Level Accepted: Level 112

University Rankings based on 2022-23 US News Ranking

#8 in Regional Universities North

#13 in Best Undergraduate Teaching (tie)

#7 in Most Innovative Schools (tie)

Popular Majors

MBA
Marketing
Nursing
International Business
Computer Science
Pre-Med

Campus Facilities

Athletic/Recreation Center:

(Basketball court, Indoor Track, Cardio and Strength Centers, Multipurpose Space, Group Exercise, Ping Pong Tables, Pool Tables, Gathering Areas)
Cafeteria

Computer lab

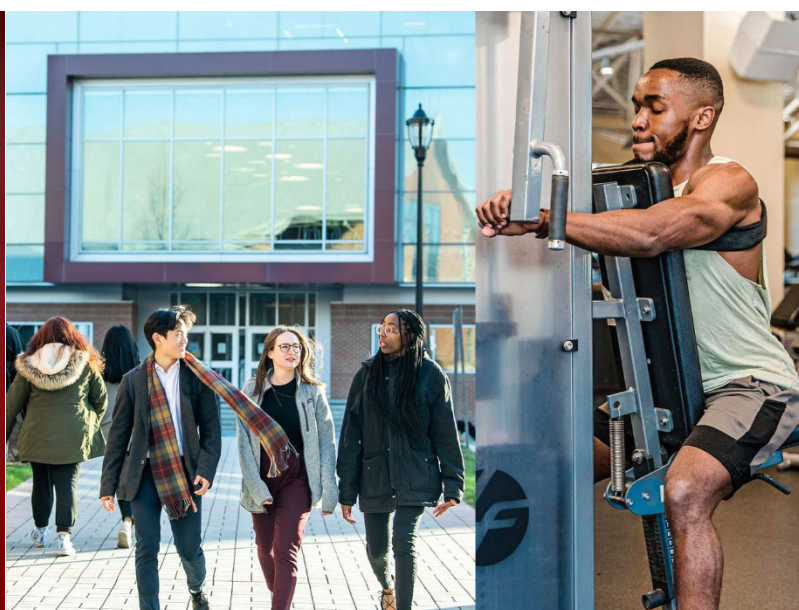
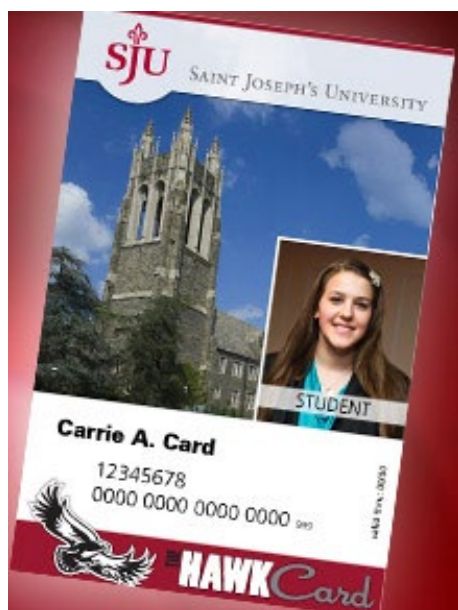
J.W. England Library

Residential Housing

Student Health Center

Wi-Fi

More information about campus facilities > [Click Here](#)



About the City and Region – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Philadelphia, the second-largest city on the East Coast, is a modern yet historic city offering visitors a lively experience in American culture. Recreational activities offered to ELS students include trips to New York, Washington DC, Boston, and Niagara Falls, plus excursions to shopping centers and a variety of sporting events.

Distances to Nearby Cities

- New York City, NY: 2 hours by car
- Atlantic City, NJ: 1 hour by car
- Washington, DC: 2.5 hours by car

Area Attractions

- Independence National Park, Mutter Museum, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Kimmel Cultural Campus
- Wells Fargo Center, King of Prussia Mall, Premium Outlets, South Street
- Eagles Football, 76ers Basketball, Phillies Baseball, Flyers Hockey, Philadelphia Union Soccer

Local Transportation

- There is a free campus shuttle bus that serves campus and nearby neighborhoods.
- Philadelphia has a good system of buses, trains, trolleys, and subways under the name of SEPTA, which provides bus, subway, trolley, and train options to downtown, surrounding suburbs, and nearby cities.
- Philadelphia is a good biking city with rentals available in several locations

Distances to Key Locations (from ELS Center)

Local Places:	Away	Mode of Transportation
Pharmacy	5/5	Walk/Bike
Sports Stadium	45/45/45	Train/Bus/Car
Airport	45/45/40	Subway/Bus/Car
Bank	15/10/10/10	Walk, Bike, Bus, Car
Downtown Philly	45/20/25/20	Bike/Train/Bus/Car
Post Office	25/15/15/10	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Restaurants	10/10/10/10	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Shopping Mall/Outlet	45/45	Bus/Car
Supermarket	35/15/15/10	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Public Transportation	5/5/5/5	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car



Housing - Homestay is currently not available

Saint Joseph's University Residence - The Living & Learning Commons(On-Campus)

4516 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143



- Room Type: Double occupancy
- Meals: No meals included, A full kitchen with a stove is available on the first floor.
- Distance to ELS Center: Five-minute walk
- Minimum Age: 17
- It features double-occupancy rooms with private bathrooms, laundry, lounge and study spaces on each floor, Residence Life staff apartments and offices, state-of-the-art classrooms, retail spaces, TV and game rooms, and an open-air plaza. The LLC also incorporates numerous sustainable design features which earned a Green Globe rating. American students live in the same building.
- Males and females can be housed on the same floor.
- Free Wi-Fi access is available for all students

Living & Learning Commons Website> [Click Here](#)

Living & Learning Commons Floor Plan > [Click Here](#)

Check-in Time

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

Upon arrival at Living & Learning Commons, please check-in at the front desk. The security officer will have your student ID, which allows entrance to buildings on campus and serves as the key to the student's room.

Check-out Time

9:00am - 12:00pm Saturday after session end date

Students must inform the Center prior to departure. Students need to clean their rooms by removing their possessions and throwing away any trash they have accumulated so that facilities can get the room ready for future guests.

College Class Visitation

Class Visitation allows students to visit a university class at the ELS Center's Host university. Students may only be allowed to visit a particular university class a set number of times. Students 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 Visit at Saint Joseph's University:

Minimum Level 110





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 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



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 to 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]

- 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.

- 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

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR PHILADELPHIA SESSION 3

FEBRUARY 26, 2024-
MARCH 22, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 WELCOME TO ELS PHILADELPHIA	26 WELCOME NEW STUDENTS	27 CLASSES BEGIN AT 8:30AM PLEASE BE EARLY START	28 SIGN UP FOR TRIPS CHECK THE SLAC BULLETIN BOARD FOR FLYERS	29 FEBRUARY 29 LEAP DAY	1 ELS ACTIVITY UNIVERSITY FAMILY FUN CENTER ARCADE LEAVE @ 12:30 SIGN UP WITH MEGAN	2 Women's History Month
3 ELS SUGGESTS THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW STARTS THIS WEEKEND! STUDENTS TICKETS ARE \$35	4 SJU ACTIVITY STILL YOGA AT THE FRANCIS M. MAGUIRE ART MUSEUM 5-5:45PM INTERESTED? E-MAIL VFARR@SJU.EDU	5 WRITING WORKSHOP TBA	6 ELS ACTIVITY NATIONAL OREO DAY GRAB A COOKIE AT LUNCH TIME IN THE SLAC	7 ELS SUGGESTION CHECK OUT A 76ERS OR FLYERS GAME BEFORE THE SEASON IS OVER	8 ELS ACTIVITY LET'S MAKE KING CAKES! AFTER CLASSES IN THE SLAC	9 ELS TRIP PHILADELPHIA ZOO \$20 MEET @ 10AM
10 RAMADAN BEGINS AT SUNDOWN <i>Ramadan</i>	11 ELS ACTIVITY STOP BY THE SLAC AT LUNCH TIME AND JOIN US IN MAKING BRAZILIAN MASKS FOR CARNIVAL	12 CLASS PHOTOS IN SSP/MLS	13 MARDI GRAS	14 ELS ACTIVITY NACHO BAR AND CONVERSATION GROUP 4:30 - 5:30 IN THE SLAC	15 ELS ACTIVITY LET'S MAKE IRISH POTATO CANDY @ LUNCH IN THE SLAC SIGN UP WITH MEGAN	16 ELS ACTIVITY SJU Baseball vs Monmouth meet @ 1:30pm
17 HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	18 ELS ACTIVITY MARCH/MADNESS AND MEATBALL SUBS @ LUNCH SIGN UP WITH MEGAN	19 CELEBRATE MARCH BIRTHDAYS! CUPCAKES AT 12:30 PM IN THE SLAC	20 STUDY!	21 GOOD LUCK! FINAL EXAMS	22 GRADES AT 10:30 AM 11:30AM GRADUATION PARTY & PIZZA AFTER	ENJOY YOUR 3 DAY WEEKEND

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Calendar subject to change.
Contact Megan for more information.



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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.

Time	Event
8:30 – 8:45	Introduction
8:45 – 10:15	New Student Activity Centers
10:15 – 10:30	Welcome Orientation
10:30 – 11:00	Academic Orientation
11:00 – 11:30	Campus Tour
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch
12:15 – 12:30	Housing Orientation

Minimum Age Requirements

- No ELS Housing:17
- Student Residence (on campus), LLC:17

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