



# **ELS St. Petersburg St. Petersburg, Florida at Eckerd College**

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**ELS COUNSELING MANUAL**

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## ELS St. Petersburg

At Eckerd College Campus

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### About This Center

ELS St. Petersburg is located on the campus of Eckerd College, located on the gulf coast of West Florida. It is a popular destination for American and international tourists due to its year-round sunny climate and beautiful beaches. ELS students live and study on a scenic, safe, and relaxing waterfront campus. [www.eckerd.edu](http://www.eckerd.edu)

- Total number of ELS students: Average 60-90 (Maximum 140)
- Number of students per class: Average:12-14 (Maximum:18)

### Why Choose ELS St. Petersburg

- Average high temperature of 27 degrees with 361 sunny days a year
- Eckerd College is located on a safe, friendly, and beautiful beachfront campus
- Students live in a small college community with a family atmosphere, where it is easy to make friends

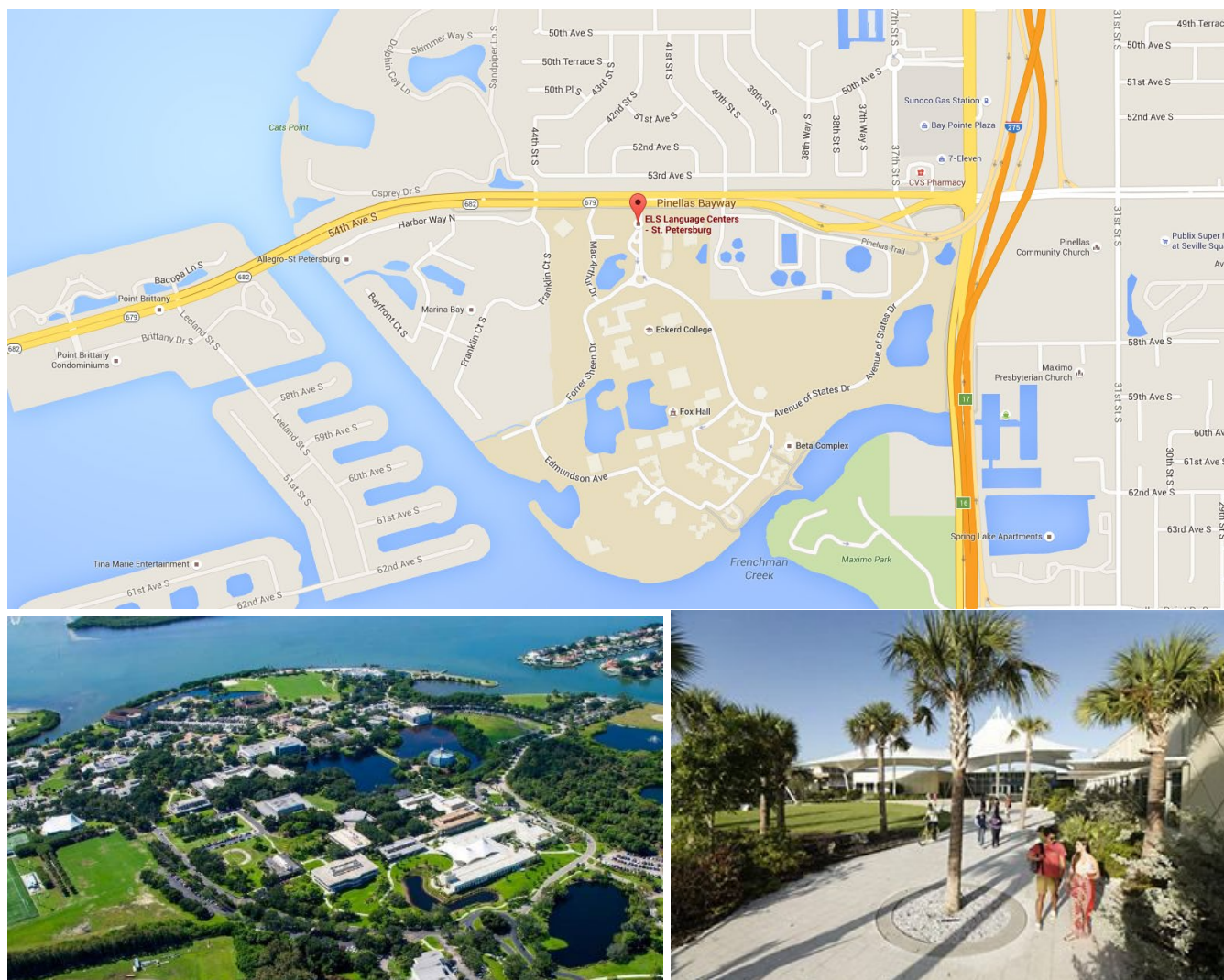
### Programs at ELS St. Petersburg

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



## Physical Address of ELS St. Petersburg

[4200 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711-4700](#)



### 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 a session is not at all recommended.)

\* Centers with the same start schedule: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Melbourne, Nashville, New York  
Manhattan, Philadelphia



## About the Host University



# ECKERD COLLEGE

## Eckerd College

Eckerd College is a private liberal arts college founded in 1958. Total student population is approximately 2,000 students on a spacious 188-acre campus. The campus lies on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico so you can enjoy the nature and weather of St. Petersburg, which is warm and sunny all year round. Eckerd College offers more than 40 undergraduate majors, and is famous for marine science, environmental studies, and animal behavioral sciences. Students enjoy free access to the private campus beach and water sports such as boating, kayaking, and paddleboarding. If you successfully complete ELS 112 level, you can enter undergraduate programs without an official English score such as TOEFL or IELTS, and scholarships are available for international students.



**Conditional admission available through ELS UAS: Yes**

**ELS Level Accepted: Level 112**

**University Rankings** based on 2022-23 US News Ranking

#130 in National Liberal Arts Colleges

## Popular Majors

Marine Sciences; Animal Behavioral Sciences

## Campus Facilities

Baseball field

Basketball court

Cafeteria

Computer lab

Fee for parking at the university

Free parking at the center

Gymnasium

Library

Music practice rooms

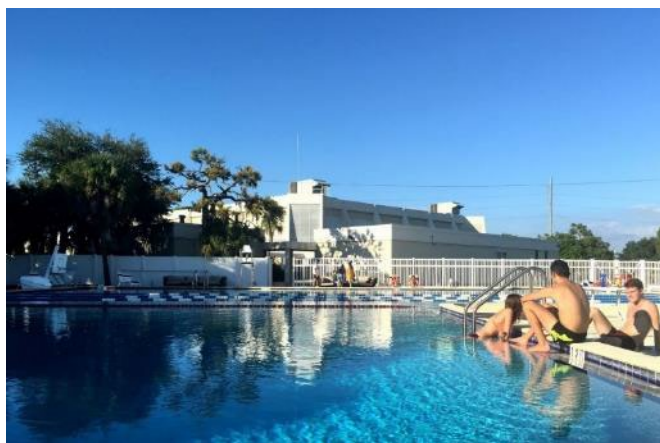
Soccer field

Student Health Center

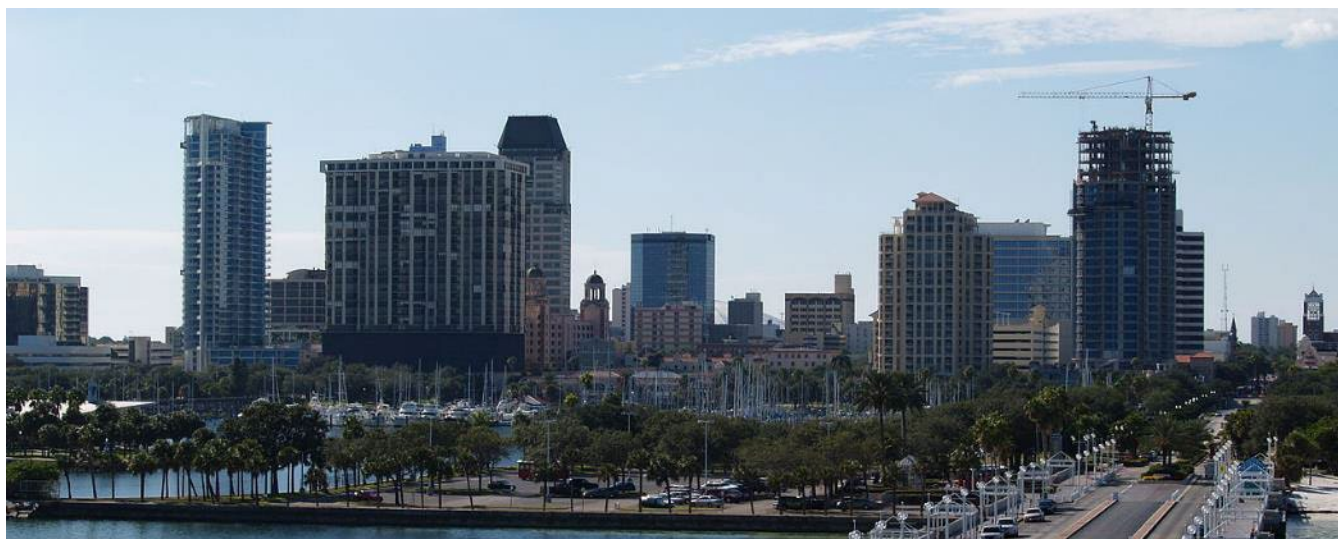
Swimming pool (outdoor)

Tennis court

Wi-Fi



## About the City and Region – St. Petersburg, Florida



St. Petersburg is known as the Sunshine City because of its clear, sunny, year-round weather. The St. Petersburg – Clearwater – Tampa Bay region attracts many tourists and Americans relocating from Northern cities like New York, Boston, and Chicago. Outdoor sports such as golf, tennis, fishing, swimming, boating, and cycling are very popular. The city also hosts the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team, world-famous Salvador Dali Museum, the Chihuly Glass Pavilion and museums of Fine Art and Science & Industry. Located just 30 minutes from Tampa and about 90 minutes from Orlando, students can also enjoy major attractions like Disney World (6 theme parks), Universal Studios (3 parks), Sea World, Busch Gardens, and professional soccer, ice hockey and basketball.

### Distances to Nearby Cities

- Orland, FL: 1 hour and 30 minutes by car
- Tampa, FL: 30 minutes by car

### Area Attractions

- Internationally famous white sand beaches including Fort De Soto, St. Pete, and Clearwater Beach
- Disney World, Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Sea World, Busch Gardens, and Waterparks
- Watersports and boating tours including fishing, dolphin watching, sunset and dinner cruises
- Premium shopping and outlet malls, many concerts, theaters, fine dining, and nightlife venues

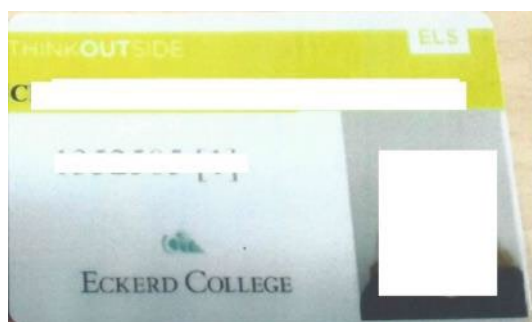
### Local Transportation

- Local bus system (see Google maps) with bus stop on campus (2 mins walk from ELS Center). Free and discounted bus routes available with Eckerd College ID card. Uber and Lyft rideshare apps also popular.



## Distances to Key Locations (from ELS Center)

Local Places:	Away	Mode of Transportation
Airport	60/45	Bus/Car
Bank	5/5/5	Walk/Bike/Car
Downtown St. Petersburg	60/30/10	Walk/Bus/Car
Post Office	5/5	Walk/Car
Restaurants	10/5/5	Walk/Bus/Car
Shopping Mall/Outlet	10/10/5/5	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Supermarket	10/5/5	Walk/Bus/Car
Public Transportation	5	Walk
Pharmacy	10/10/5/5	Walk/Bike/Bus/Car
Sports Stadium	30/10	Bus/Car



## Housing

### Homestay

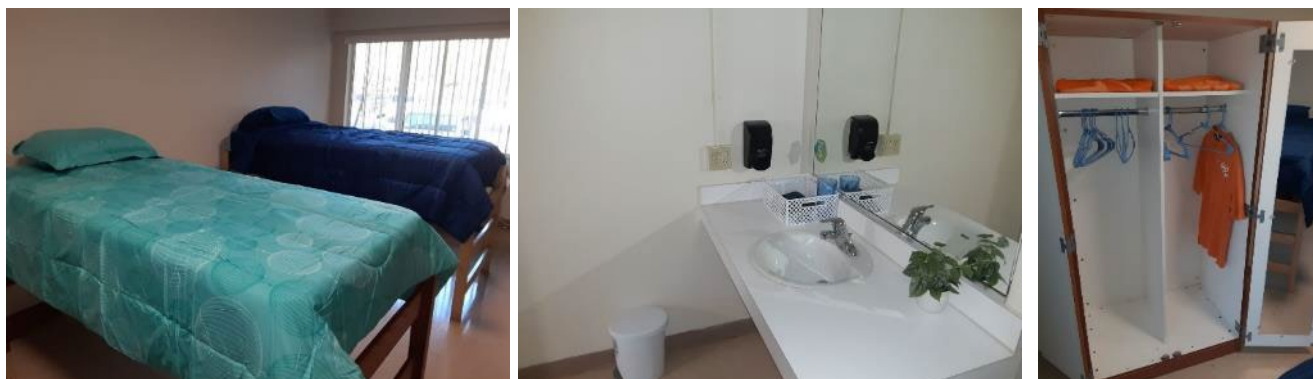


- Room Type: Single occupancy
- Meals: 14 meals per week (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Distance from homestay to ELS Center: Average 15minutes by car (Maximum 1 hour)
  - Some are within walking distance; if walking is not possible, the homestay will provide rides to and from school Monday-Friday.
- Minimum Age: 16

You will live in the host's home, practice your English, and experience authentic American culture. All hosts are background checked and homestays regularly visited by the Center's onsite Homestay Coordinator.



## Eckerd College Residence - Sigma (On-Campus)



- Room Type: Double occupancy
- Meals: 19 per week at 2 on-campus cafeterias (Starbucks also available) (summer meal plans may vary)
- Distances to ELS Center: one-minute's walk
- Minimum Age: 18 Maximum Age: 25
- This is a dorm room with 1 large bedroom and 1 bathroom shared by 2 students
- Each student is provided with a bed, desk, and wardrobe
- Males and females may not share the same room; males and females are housed on the same floor
- There is a common lounge and kitchen facilities in the housing complex
- Laundry facilities are available in the dormitory. Small fees may apply to wash and dry.
- Free Wi-Fi access is available for all students
- Registration required for minimum 8 weeks with move-in on a published session start date
- Immunizations are required for this housing (no immunizations for homestay or class attendance)

### More information about Sigma Hall [Click here](#)

#### Check-in Time

12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday before session start date

Students will be checked in by ELS or Eckerd College Campus Safety staff

#### Check-out Time

7:30am-11:30am Saturday after session end date

Leave rooms in good condition and return room key for deposit return

## College Class Visitation

Class Visitation allows students to observe classes at Eckerd College. Students are only allowed to visit specific classes and for a set number of times. Student cannot receive college credit for university course completion.

Students may be eligible to audit 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 must request this option from the Center's Academic Director when they reach the required ELS level. Eckerd College will make the final decision on whether to accept the student and to observe/audit which classes. Additional costs may be incurred in some cases and cost information will be provided by the Academic Director.

**Required ELS level to attend Class Visit at Eckerd College:** Minimum Level 110

**Recent classes visited (2023):**

**Introduction to International Relations**  
**Introduction to Communication Theory**  
**Japanese Studies**  
**Introduction to Global Business**





## 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

Example Timetable

<div>Time</div> <div>Programs</div>	Intensive 30Lessons/week	Semi-Intensive 20Lessons/week	American Explorer 15Lessons/week	
8:30 - 9:20 AM	<b>Mon-Fri</b> SSP, LTC & Skills Class	<b>Mon-Fri</b> SSP, LTC & Skills Class	<b>Mon-Fri</b>	
9:30 - 10:20 AM			SSP, LTC or Skills	<b>Mon-Fri</b> 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	<b>Mon-Thu</b> 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]

- 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



26 <b>WELCOME TO ELS ST. PETERSBURG!</b> 	27 <b>ELS EVENT</b> NEW STUDENT TESTING AND ORIENTATION NO SCHOOL FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS!	28 <b>ELS EVENT</b> ACTIVITIES ORIENTATION IN LTC CLASS 	29 <b>SUGGESTION</b> <b>Stay Hydrated!</b>  BRING YOUR ELS WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL AND REFILL IT AT OUR WATER FOUNTAINS DURING CLASS BREAKS!	30 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> <b>Donut Day!</b>  COME HANG OUT AND GRAB A DONUT DURING LUNCH!	31 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> kayaking, Fishing and Paddle boarding  2:00PM-4:00PM YOU MUST TAKE YOUR SWIM TEST FIRST!	1 <b>SUGGESTION</b>  Baseball 1:00pm & 4:00pm Free with Eckerd ID @Turley athletic complex
2 <b>SUGGESTION</b> GO SEE THE RAYS BASEBALL GAME TODAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS!  GAME STARTS AT 1:10PM ASK ROB ABOUT TICKETS 1 Tropicana Dr., St. Petersburg, FL 33705	3 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b>  <b>BONUS LAB!</b> 3:45-4:45PM FREE TUTORING	4 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> CELEBRATING APRIL BIRTHDAYS!  DURING LUNCH	5 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> SSP CLASS EASTER ACTIVITY 	6 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> <b>Easter EGG HUNT AND EGG GAMES!</b> 	7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 	8 <b>SUGGESTION</b>  Sail Boat Race Free with Eckerd ID @Doyle sailing center
9 <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> 	10 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> <b>Class Photos</b>  Smile!	11 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b>  Conversation Hour in Flamingo 3:55-5:00pm	12 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>  IN STUDENT LOUNGE @ 10:20	13 <b>Follow us on Instagram!</b>  @els_stpete	14 <b>FREE</b>  FESTIVAL OF CULTURES 4:30PM-7:30PM AT THE GO PAVILION	15 <b>ELS EVENT</b>  Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom 8:30am-11:30pm \$210
16 <b>The Eckerd College pool is open when the temperature is above 70. Its also free for all students! Ask Rob for current pool hours</b>	17 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> <b>HORROR MOVIE</b>  3:45pm-5:30pm in the Flamingo Room.	18 <b>SUGGESTION</b> <b>FREE</b>  DO YOU LIKE TO EXERCISE? CHECKOUT THE FITNESS CENTER ON CAMPUS!	19 <b>ELS EVENT</b> <b>FREE</b> <b>Ping-Pong Tournament and Board Games</b> 3:45-4:45pm  In student lounge	20 <b>STUDY HARD!</b>  FINAL EXAMS	21 <b>ELS EVENT</b>  <b>Graduation Ceremony</b> 10:45 am AND PIZZA PARTY ELS SOCCER CLUB 1:30PM-3:25PM @ SOCCER FIELD	22 <b>HAPPY eid al fitr</b>  HAPPY EARTH DAY TOO



## Session First Day / Orientation Day Sample Schedule

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

Below is a sample orientation schedule. Actual orientation times may vary by Center and start date.

8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Arrive and begin new student registration paperwork New Student Orientation Placement Test if not taken online pre-arrival Campus tour and receive college ID card Lunch
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## Minimum Age Requirements

- No ELS Housing: 16 (younger students may be approved after discussion with Center Director)
- Homestay: 16 (younger students may be approved if accompanied by older sibling(s) after discussion)
- Student Residence: Eckerd College Residence Halls: 18-25 age range only (no exceptions)

## Contact information of ELS St. Petersburg

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