



ELS 2+2 PATHWAY PROGRAM

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ELS 2 + 2 PATHWAY TO A TOP RANKED UNIVERSITY

COMBINE ELS STUDY WITH TWO YEARS AT ONE OF ELS' PARTNER COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOLLOWED BY 2 YEARS AT A TOP-RANKED UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in guaranteed admission to a top-ranked American University even if you have not yet mastered English? The ELS 2 + 2 Pathway can help you realize your dream of earning a degree from a world-recognized university.

BENEFITS OF THE ELS 2 + 2 PATHWAY:

- Lower tuition fees than 4-year institutions. (save up to \$35,000, per year in comparison to studying the first two years at a University of California campus)
- Smaller class sizes with more individualized attention and professor interaction.
- Credits earned with the advice of your advisor will transfer into the University of California and California State University systems.
- Six University of California (UC) campuses and other highly-ranked, out-of-state universities such as the Illinois Institute of Technology offer guaranteed admission to community college graduates who meet defined admission criteria.
- No TOEFL, or IELTS required! Satisfy the English proficiency requirements of our community college partners at ELS Language Centers, the recognized leader in academic English preparation. ELS has 13 centers located across the US and two in California, making it easy to choose a location convenient for you.



ELS 2+2 PATHWAY: 5 STEPS TO EARNING YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A TOP RANKED UNIVERSITY



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STEP 1 – SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO ELS UNIVERSITY ADMISSION SERVICES

Consult your Counselor and plan your pathway. Begin the application process with the help of ELS University Admission Services.

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STEP 2 – RECEIVE A LETTER OF CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

While still in your home country, you will receive a letter of conditional admission permitting your enrollment at one of our select partner community colleges.

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STEP 3 – COMPLETE LEVEL 109 OF THE ELS INTENSIVE PROGRAM AT ELS SAN FRANCISCO NORTH BAY, OR ELS LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Completion of ELS level 109 fulfills your Community College's English proficiency requirement. At ELS you will develop the English language skills you need for success, while at the same time experiencing life on a traditional American university campus. ELS' experienced center staff will also offer you counseling on the American Higher Education system so that you will better understand how to take advantage of all your opportunities, including the possibility of qualifying for scholarships, and the rules on paid work opportunities during and after your degree studies.

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STEP 4 – YEARS 1 & 2. ENTER THE ELS CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAY PARTNER OF YOUR CHOICE & GUARANTEE TRANSFER CREDIT

All universities guarantee transfer credit to admitted students with an adequate GPA. If you plan to transfer to one of the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) system campuses, your community college transfer advisor can advise you specifically which courses to take to be sure that all credits will transfer to your chosen university. Your transfer advisor can also assist you in understanding the guaranteed admission requirements.

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STEP 5 – YEARS 3 & 4. ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YOUR CHOICE AND GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE FROM A TOP RANKED UNIVERSITY!

The six UC campuses participating in the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program are: Davis, Irvine, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Merced, and Riverside. Out-of-state universities offering TAGs include Arizona State University and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

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ELS LOS ANGELES COUNTY (CA) AT UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

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- ELS Los Angeles County is located on a beautiful small campus located in the suburban community of La Verne
- ELS students have access to all campus facilities and amenities, including: gym, library, game room and lounges
- The center is located minutes away from major cities, attractions and theme parks: Old Town Pasadena, Santa Monica Promenade, Huntington Gardens, Hollywood, City Walk, Universal Studios, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farms, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Los Angeles Zoo and many more!

Located on the beautiful campus of the University of La Verne, ELS Los Angeles County offers you the experience of living in a quaint and friendly community where you can meet friends from across the country and around the world. When you're not in the classroom, enjoy some of the advantages of culturally diverse Los Angeles, the second largest city in the U.S. With the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop to this picturesque city, you'll get to experience nature through the historic outdoor beauty while still living in a modern and contemporary city. From the big, bustling city of Los Angeles to the small-city life that is La Verne, you can experience it all!



ELS SAN FRANCISCO - NORTH BAY (CA) AT DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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- 18km north of the Golden Gate Bridge
- Access to campus gym, pool, library, health center, cafeteria and student clubs
- Mild winter weather
- Easy access to downtown San Francisco by bus and ferry
- Weekend Trips: Yosemite National Park, Muir Woods, Berkeley, Wine Country, Point Reyes National Seashore, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Big Sur, Twitter, Google, Facebook & Apple. Day trips to top-ranked universities

Choosing to study English at ELS San Francisco North Bay means studying in an inclusive environment on the park-like campus of Dominican University of California. You'll be studying in the safe, charming and artsy small city of San Rafael, just 18 KM North of the Golden Gate Bridge. One of the unique things about living in San Rafael is that you'll get to experience both small-and big-city environments. You can explore everything San Rafael has to offer, then take a short ferry or bus ride to various attractions around the San Francisco Bay Area!

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFILES

FOOTHILL AND DE ANZA COLLEGES



Foothill College and De Anza College are located in the heart of Silicon Valley, south of San Francisco, California. Foothill College, home to about 13,000 students, offers a scenic and peaceful atmosphere. De Anza College is home to about 24,000 students and provides a lively urban campus atmosphere. Together, the colleges welcome students from 110 countries and offer personalized attention, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, small class sizes, athletics facilities, theaters and more. Students from Foothill College and De Anza College are regularly accepted into the third year at prestigious institutions such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis, USC, Columbia, Yale, Stanford, NYU and Indiana University. Alumni include founders of Apple Inc. Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

Silicon Valley is home to top companies such as Apple, Google, Adobe, Tesla, Intel, NASA Research Labs and Facebook, and cities in the area including San Francisco and San Jose have been named as top cities for young professionals. With 300 sunny days a year, the area allows students to enjoy some of the best beaches, hiking, golfing and sightseeing, all very close to the campuses! The nearby cities of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose are consistently ranked as the country's safest.

- **Location:** Los Altos Hills, California and Cupertino, California (approximately 1.5 hours away by car from ELS San Francisco – North Bay Center)
- **Tuition** \$9,720. *Cost is an estimate per academic year and subject to change.*
- **Scholarships:** No
- **Housing:** No campus housing is available, although a Host Family Program exists for international students who would like to live in an American home. Also available is a rental listing for students looking for independent housing arrangements.
- **Key Majors:** Biological, Health, and Environmental Sciences, Film/TV (Broadcasting), Business Administration/Marketing, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science
- **University Pathways:** Top-ranked 2+2 Guaranteed Pathways include University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Riverside;

Arizona State University, Illinois Institute of Technology. California Community Colleges also offer a curriculum fully articulated with ALL the University of California campuses including Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego. Although the Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego campuses do not offer guaranteed admission, students graduating from a California community college enjoy the first priority among all transfer student applicants. California Community College graduates also transfer to private, and/or out of state universities throughout the United States. Most universities have a lower grade point average entrance requirement for transfer students.

• **Application Requirements**

- Transcript
- Financial documentation
- Passport copy
- ELS Level Accepted: 109



| ADMISSION TERM | APPLICATION DEADLINES | TERM DATES |
|----------------|---|----------------------|
| Fall Quarter | August 15 • September 5 (applicants in the U.S.) | September - December |
| Winter Quarter | November 15 • December 5 (applicants in the U.S.) | January - March |
| Spring Quarter | February 15 • March 5 (applicants in the U.S.) | April - June |
| Summer Quarter | April 15 • June 1 (applicants in the U.S.) | June - August |

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFILES

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE



Founded in 1918, Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is one of the oldest publicly-funded community colleges in California. The Santa Rosa Campus is located approximately 60 miles north of San Francisco in Northern California’s scenic wine country. With its ivy covered brick buildings, towering oak trees, flower

gardens and manicured lawns SRJC is one of the most beautiful campuses in the California Community Colleges system. In addition to its state-of-the art classroom facilities and laboratories, the Santa Rosa campus houses an Art Gallery and a Multicultural Museum.

The friendly and dedicated faculty and staff at SRJC are happy to assist international students with priority registration, employment, housing on campus or with a host family, university transfer, scholarships and more. SRJC offers over 100 majors. In addition to offering programs in business, computer studies, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), SRJC is proud to be training future winemakers, chefs and concierges to showcase their talents in numerous fine restaurants, hotels and wineries throughout Sonoma County and worldwide.

With the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and several lakes and rivers nearby, sailing, hiking, water skiing, snow skiing, surfing, rafting, kayaking and cycling are all easily accessible. San Francisco is easy to get to by free public transportation, where students can go shopping, ride a cable car, visit museums, attend festivals, experience Fisherman’s Wharf and so much more.

- **Location:** Santa Rosa, California (approximately 40 minutes by car from ELS San Francisco – North Bay Center)
- **Tuition** \$11,175. *Cost is an estimate per academic year and subject to change.*
- **Scholarships:** Scholarships available to international students from \$450 - \$1,200 each. While new students are encouraged to apply, most scholarships require 12 or more units completed and a 2.0+ GPA at SRJC.
- **Housing:** New international students are encouraged to live on-campus, as this option is both convenient and affordable. Additionally, the college has a positive working relationship with several apartment managers and a homestay program in the area. SRJC welcomes questions regarding how to find furnished or unfurnished apartments or homestays within walking or bicycling distance to the campus.
- **Key Majors:** Agriculture, Biology, Business, Computer Science, Environmental Studies
- **University Pathways:** Top-ranked 2+2 Guaranteed Pathways include University of California, Davis; University of California,

Irvine; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Riverside; Arizona State University, Illinois Institute of Technology. California Community Colleges also offer a curriculum fully articulated with ALL the University of California campuses including Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego. Although the Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego campuses do not offer guaranteed admission, students graduating from a California community college enjoy the first priority among all transfer student applicants. California Community College graduates also transfer to private, and/or out of state universities throughout the United States. Most universities have a lower grade point average entrance requirement for transfer students.

• **Application Requirements**

- Transcript or High School Secondary School Proof of Graduation (if under 18)
- Financial documentation
- Passport copy
- ELS Level Accepted: 109

| ADMISSION TERM | APPLICATION DEADLINES | TERM DATES |
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| Fall Quarter | June 1st | August - December |
| Spring Semester | November 1st | January - May |
| Summer Session** | April 1st | June - August |



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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFILES

EL CAMINO COLLEGE



El Camino College (ECC), founded in 1947, is a public community college serving 29,000 students. The 50-hectare campus includes beautifully landscaped lawns and 42 attractive buildings. ECC offers 85 associate degrees and certificate programs. It is in the top 10 community colleges in transfers to University of California and California State University campuses. Many El Camino students take advantage of transfer agreements to complete bachelor’s degrees at some of the finest colleges and universities in the United States. More than 40 student-run clubs, including an International Student Club, and sports such as U.S. soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, martial arts and badminton, provide a variety of social and service opportunities.

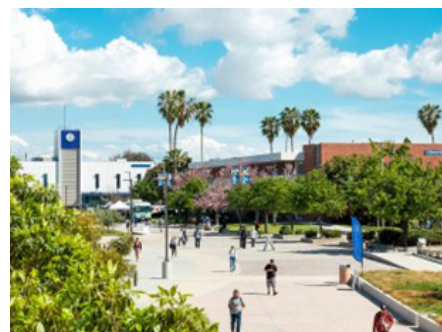
ECC is located in Torrance, between Los Angeles and Orange counties, on the beautiful Pacific coast of Southern California. Torrance is an important tourist and business destination. Freeways connect the city to any location in the metropolitan Los Angeles area and provide easy access to world-famous cultural and entertainment facilities. El Camino College is located within 10 minutes of Pacific coast beaches and Los Angeles International Airport. It is a 30-minute drive from Hollywood, Beverly Hills, downtown Los Angeles and Chinatown. Disneyland, Universal Studios and Pasadena are within an hour’s drive.

- **Location:** Torrance, California (approximately 1 hour away by car from ELS Los Angeles County)
- **Tuition** \$8,208. *Cost is an estimate per academic year and subject to change.*
- **Scholarships:** No
- **Housing:** No on-campus housing; the College is within easy walking distance of many apartment buildings. The International Student Program will assist students in finding local housing upon their arrival. El Camino College provides a variety of options including apartment locator service or homestay.
- **Key Majors:** Business, Computer Information Systems, Science, Film/Cinema, Fashion Design and Merchandising.
- **University Pathways:** Top-ranked 2+2 Guaranteed Pathways include University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Riverside;

Arizona State University, Illinois Institute of Technology. California Community Colleges also offer a curriculum fully articulated with ALL the University of California campuses including Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego. Although the Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego campuses do not offer guaranteed admission, students graduating from a California community college enjoy the first priority among all transfer student applicants. California Community College graduates also transfer to private, and/or out of state universities throughout the United States. Most universities have a lower grade point average entrance requirement for transfer students.

- **Application Requirements**
 - Transcript & High School Secondary School Proof of Graduation
 - Financial documentation
 - Passport copy
 - ELS Level Accepted: 109

| ADMISSION TERM | APPLICATION DEADLINES | TERM DATES |
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| Fall Semester | June 15 July 15 (applicants in the U.S.) | August - December |
| Spring Semester | December 1 January 5 (applicants in the U.S.) | February - June |



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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFILES

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE



Diablo Valley College (DVC) is located in the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area, city of Pleasant Hill, California, a residential area approximately 45 minutes away by car from ELS San Francisco – North Bay Center. There is also a satellite campus in San Ramon, California and is one of the three colleges that make up the Colleges of Contra Costa. Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, the Napa Valley and the Pacific Ocean are within driving distance for weekend activities, as well as nearby Silicon Valley (Google, Facebook). The student body of 28,000 includes 10,000 full time students. Currently there are 600 international students representing 58 nationalities at DVC. An active student life is found on campus with more than 75 student clubs, International Student Club, International Education Week activities, and events for international students.

DVC offers tremendous value with smaller class sizes, free academic tutoring and educational planning. Student work/employment opportunities are also available through CPT, OPT, and on-campus employment.

- **Tuition** \$9,840* + Health Insurance (Fall - \$704.60, Spring - \$986.44)
 - *Cost is an estimate per academic year based on 12 units/semester (total of 24 units for the academic year) and subject to change.
- **Scholarships:** Partial scholarships available to currently enrolled DVC students only
- **Housing:** No on-campus housing; Several off-campus housing options for international students are near the college and include unfurnished and furnished apartments, rooms for rent, and living with a family (homestay).
- **Key Majors:** Business, Computer Science, Psychology, Communication Studies, Engineering, Film, Television and Electronic Media
- DVC is a top sender of transfer students to the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley)
- **University Pathways:** Six University of California (UC) campuses offer the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program to students from DVC, including UC Davis; UC Irvine; UC Santa Barbara; UC Santa Cruz; UC Riverside; and UC Riverside.
- **More Information:** www.dvc.edu/international | Email: iso@dvc.edu
 - Complete steps to apply and SEVIS transfer instructions will be detailed in conditional admission letter



| ADMISSION TERM | APPLICATION DEADLINES | TERM DATES |
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| Fall Semester | July 1 • August 5 (Transfer applicants in the U.S. from ELS) | August - December |
| Spring Semester | December 1 • January 10 (Transfer applicants in the U.S. from ELS) | January - May |

*3 additional intakes will be available beginning in Summer 2024 in Additional Bridge sessions .

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFILES

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE



Founded in 1929, Santa Monica College is located on the beautiful coast of Southern California in the city of Santa Monica, only 2 kilometers from the beach. The campus boasts one of the largest international student populations of any community college in the nation with 1,700-plus from more than 100 countries.

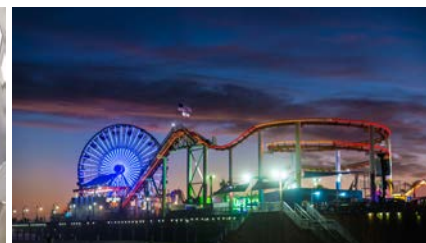
The college offers more than 180 degree and certificate programs, including a vibrant Business program with internship opportunities. Students can take a break from their studies at the outdoor Third Street Promenade, the famous Santa Monica Pier and the beach bike path, as well as The Grove outdoor shopping mall, Universal Studios and Disneyland. On the weekend, students may travel to Big Bear Mountain for skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. The local Santa Monica and Malibu mountains also offer trails for hiking and biking.

- **Location:** Santa Monica, California (approximately 30 minutes away by car from ELS Los Angeles County)
- **Tuition** \$9,264. *Cost is an estimate per academic year and subject to change.*
- **Scholarships:** Available for continuing students, based on SMC GPA and involvement.
- **Housing:** No on-campus housing available; The International Education Center has information available to students with many area housing options including homestay programs, hostels, rooms in private homes, apartment sharing and apartment rentals.
- **Key Majors:** Business Administration, Economics, Communication Studies, Fashion Design and Merchandising, Film/Theater, Mathematics
- **University Pathways:** Top-ranked 2+2 Guaranteed Pathways include University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Riverside;

Arizona State University, Illinois Institute of Technology. California Community Colleges also offer a curriculum fully articulated with ALL the University of California campuses including Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego. Although the Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego campuses do not offer guaranteed admission, students graduating from a California community college enjoy the first priority among all transfer student applicants. California Community College graduates also transfer to private, and/or out of state universities throughout the United States. Most universities have a lower grade point average entrance requirement for transfer students.

• **Entrance Requirements**

- Transcript & High School Secondary School Proof of Graduation
- Personal essay
- Financial documentation
- Passport copy
- ELS Level Accepted: 109



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| Fall Semester | July 15 • August 1 (applicants in the U.S.) | August - December |
| Winter Session | November 15 • December 1 (applicants in the U.S.) | January - February |
| Spring Semester | January 5 • January 15 (applicants in the U.S.) | March - May |
| Summer Session | May 15 • June 1 (applicants in the U.S.) | June - July |

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROFILES

ORANGE COAST COLLEGE



Orange Coast College (OCC) is a prominent 2-year community college situated in Costa Mesa, in the city of Costa Mesa in Orange County, California. It is renowned for its proximity to popular beaches and being the home of Disneyland Resort. OCC stands out as one of the largest community colleges in the state, providing education to approximately 22,000 students. The college offers a comprehensive selection of over 135 academic, vocational, and transfer degree, and certificate programs.

The OCC Transfer Center plays a vital role in assisting students in understanding the transfer process, offering extensive support and resources, including application workshops, university visits and college fairs. We also recognize that each student's transfer goal is unique, based on academic, personal, and financial fit. To support these individual needs, OCC offers a diverse range of programs, including a vibrant student life with over 60 clubs and organizations, a competitive and championship winning athletic program, and research opportunities through the OCC honors program, the largest 2-year program in the U.S.

OCC takes pride in our commitment to international students, attracting learners from more than 80 countries. Notably, OCC is the only community college in Southern California providing on-campus student housing, reinforcing its commitment to supporting the needs of a its diverse population.

- **Location:** Costa Mesa, California (approximately 1.5 hours away by car from ELS Los Angeles County)
- **Tuition** \$11,090. *Cost is an estimate per academic year and subject to change.*
- **Scholarships:** Not offered for new incoming students.
- **Housing:** On-campus apartment-style housing available; Off-campus and Homestay resources also available to students.
- **Key Majors:** Architecture, Astronomy, Aviation, Business, Culinary Arts, Computer Science, Engineering, Film, Marine Science, Travel/Tourism
- **University Pathways:** Top-ranked 2+2 Guaranteed Pathways include University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Riverside; Arizona State University, Illinois Institute of Technology.

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| Fall Semester | July 12 • August 23 (applicants in the U.S.) | Late August - December |
| Spring Semester | December 9 • January 13 (applicants in the U.S.) | Late January - June |
| Summer | June 2 (applicants in the U.S. only) | June - July |

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WHAT ARE OPT (OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING) AND CPT (CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING)?

International students are permitted to work short-term in the US after completion of their first academic year or after graduation through Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT).

Optional Practical Training (OPT) allows international (F-1) students to work up to 12 months in jobs related to their major field of study, either after graduation from their degree program or after completing at least their first full academic year. OPT is not tied to any specific employer. Students who have completed degrees in STEM fields are eligible for up to 3-years (36 months) of OPT.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) allows international (F-1) students to gain valuable experience directly related to their major through paid or unpaid internships, a practicum, etc. CPT must be completed before graduating, must be part of the program of study or provide course-credit, and is tied to a specific employer.





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