

USC International Academy

# INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM



USC University of  
Southern California

# About the USC International Academy



The University of Southern California invites extraordinarily talented students to cross geographic and linguistic barriers to pursue their educational goals and maximize their success through our unparalleled USC International Academy. Experience the transformative power of USC while gaining the tools to express your ideas powerfully, pursue knowledge across boundaries, and successfully navigate academic life in the United States.

## WHY USC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY?

- Support from a dedicated team of academic, immigration, and student advisers
- Full access to campus facilities: libraries and computer labs, medical center, gym, swimming pool, restaurants and cafes
- Certificate after successfully completing your program
- High-quality English instruction held on USC's campus
- Focus classes and conversation groups geared to your interests
- University housing available year-round

## Explore Los Angeles with your classmates!

As a student at the USC International Academy, you can join weekly activities at some of Los Angeles' best attractions, such as:

- Hollywood and the Walk of Fame
- Santa Monica Pier and Beach
- Los Angeles Auto Show
- LA Live/Staples Center: LA Lakers Basketball and LA Clippers Basketball
- Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball
- The Broad Museum
- Fashion Institute Museum (FIDM)
- Lectures and talks
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- Silicone Beach
- Walt Disney Concert Hall
- Film Screenings

# Intensive English Program

The Intensive English Program at the University of Southern California provides personalized language instruction for academic and career advancement, cultural activities and support offered at six convenient start dates each year.

With levels of instruction from beginning to advanced, the Intensive English Program courses meet the needs of each student's unique skillset.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Small, interactive classes taught by expert instructors on the USC campus
- Fast and focused curriculum to rapidly improve English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills
- Conversation Groups and Drop-in Tutoring are in addition to the 20-hours per week of instruction
- Undergraduate admission workshops available (a number of partner institutions accept completion of USC International Academy levels instead of TOEFL/IELTS scores)
- Gain admission to select universities without taking the TOEFL or IELTS

## DEVELOPING YOUR SUCCESS

### CONVERSATION GROUPS

Each week, you can sign up to join a Conversation Group outside of class at no additional cost. This is a great way to practice your English language skills while developing friendships with other USC native English speaking students in an informal setting. Conversation topics include American culture, university life, current events, and other topics of interest.

### TUTORING CENTER

Available by drop-in or scheduled appointment, the Tutoring Center provides one-on-one support for students needing test prep or additional assistance.

### UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS SUPPORT

Students looking to transition into a US College or University are uniquely supported with expert admissions advising, test preparation and Intensive English courses.

### OPTIONAL SAT PREPARATION

Undergraduate level students who reach Level 5 (equivalent to min. TOEFL iBT 70 / IELTS 6) can choose to enroll in our SAT Preparation course, specifically designed to meet the needs of international students, at an additional cost.



## USC NATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL RANKINGS, US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

<b>#1</b>	USC Annenberg for International Communication and Media Studies (QS World University Ranking)
<b>#1</b>	USC School of Cinematic Arts (ranked by the Hollywood Reporter)
<b>#1</b>	USC Davis School of Gerontology (ranked by College Choice)
<b>#1</b>	Roski School of Arts and Design (Best Colleges for Design in America, ranked by NICHE)
<b>#3</b>	USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
<b>#3</b>	USC Price Graduate School for Public Affairs
<b>#9</b>	USC Marshall School of Business, Entrepreneurship
<b>#9</b>	USC School of Pharmacy
<b>#9</b>	USC Viterbi School of Engineering
<b>#12</b>	USC Rossier School of Education

# Course Description

## READING AND WRITING

### BEGINNING LEVELS

Students are introduced to reading and writing in English using an integrated skills approach. Starting with writing on the sentence level and then writing paragraphs, beginning level students learn how to use supporting details to develop main ideas and the grammar necessary for accurate language production. Level-appropriate texts selected from high interest topics expand students' vocabulary and teach strategies for comprehensible reading.

### INTERMEDIATE LEVELS

Students in intermediate levels build proficiency in writing three to five paragraph essays, beginning with personal response-type writing and moving toward formal writing styles. Grammatical structures are taught in the context of reading and incorporated directly into writing assignments. Fluency is increased by extensive reading and written analysis of authentic texts taken from the news and published articles. By the end of the high intermediate level, students are proficient in the five-paragraph essay paradigm and writing compare-contrast, cause-effect and persuasive essays.

### ADVANCED LEVELS

Advanced level students develop the sophisticated language needed to read freely and use the critical thinking skills necessary for success in an academic setting. Familiar with the standards and norms of the university classroom environment, advanced level students practice timed and process writing in the following modes: exemplification for persuasive purposes, comparison/contrast of concepts based on academic readings, summary of articles and argumentation. Research skills are introduced and advanced grammar is taught extensively for writing clear and grammatically correct multi-page essays.

## LISTENING AND SPEAKING

### BEGINNING LEVELS

Beginning level Listening and Speaking classes provide a supportive and motivating environment for students to function independently in English. Speaking practices develop students' confidence in everyday interactions through role-play, group work, and short, informal presentations. Communicative abilities are increased by listening to and telling stories, explaining the steps in a process, giving and receiving directions, and other language functions.

### INTERMEDIATE LEVELS

Students in intermediate levels develop their speaking and listening skills for academic and professional environments. They learn how to determine main ideas, distinguish important details, and infer meaning in academic lectures and presentations. Speaking skills increase by interviewing native speakers and delivering oral presentations with attention to content, organization, speaking voice, body language, and grammar. Grammatical structures needed for these interactions are taught and incorporated into students' spoken English.

### ADVANCED LEVELS

Advanced level Listening and Speaking students demonstrate interpersonal communication skills and strategies appropriate for a university classroom in the United States by being able to state clearly, speak with "authority," give appropriate feedback, and by facility in analyzing and alleviating communication problems and resolving conflicts effectively. Students research, plan, create, and deliver informative and debate-style speeches and presentations using learned platform skills and guidelines for integrating multiple sources of information.

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## FOCUS SKILLS COURSES

Focus courses concentrate on a specific area of interest. Students choose one focus course each term. Focus course offerings may include:

- TOEFL iBT Preparation
- IELTS Preparation
- Business Communication
- Journalism
- Pronunciation
- Vocabulary
- English through Film
- Current Events



# Program Dates, Tuition & Application Info



## PROGRAM DATES AND TUITION

### INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM ACADEMIC SEMESTER (14 WEEKS)

**Program Fee:** USD 6200

**University Service Fee:** USD 950

- January 9, 2020- April 22, 2020
- February 27, 2020- June 19, 2020
- April 30, 2020- August 14, 2020
- September 3, 2020- December 11, 2020

*Price is subject to change for year 2021*

### SUMMER INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (7 WEEKS)

**Program Fee:** USD 3100

**University Service Fee:** USD 475

- April 30, 2020 – June 19, 2020
- June 29, 2020 – August 14, 2020

### INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM EXTENDED ACADEMIC SEMESTER (21 WEEKS)

**Program Fee:** USD 9300

**University Service Fee:** USD 1535

- October 15, 2020 – April 21, 2021

*\* Please note there is approximately three weeks of winter break.*

## COST

**Program fee includes:** tuition and academic advising.  
**The required university service fee covers:** textbooks and materials, health insurance, access to campus facilities (student health center, gym membership, libraries, and more), airport shuttle transportation (pick-up/transfer only on arrival), and FedEx mailing of immigration documents.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete online application:  
[international.usc.edu/intensive-english-admissions](https://international.usc.edu/intensive-english-admissions)
2. Prepare supporting documents
  - *Financial statement*
  - *Passport*
3. Pay USD 175 application processing fee

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 17 years old at the time of enrollment
- Obtain an F-1 Student Visa (we will issue the necessary documents for your visa application upon admission to the program)

**6 Nobel Laureates**

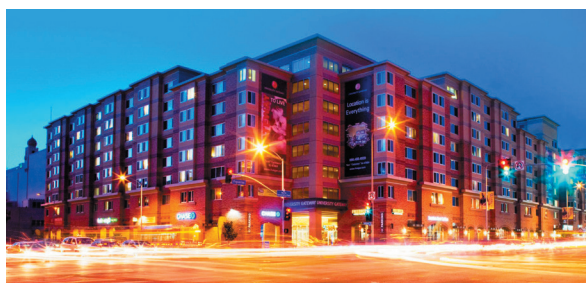
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# Accommodation Options

USC International Academy offers a variety of convenient and safe housing options, including on-campus dormitories and shared apartments. Accommodations are all within walking distance to public transportation which provides easy access to Downtown LA, Hollywood and beaches. All students who select housing will receive a welcome kit on Housing Move-In Day. Kits include bed linens, pillow, blanket, and towel.

## UNIVERSITY GATEWAY APARTMENTS



University Gateway is located across the street from USC International Academy, offering modern two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments and is a great alternative to living on campus.

### SITE AMENITIES

- Bedrooms, living/dining room and kitchen are furnished
- Upscale amenities include a fitness center, rooftop terrace, tanning domes, laundry rooms, student lounges, soundproof study rooms and relaxing courtyards
- Onsite Cultural Ambassadors provide guidance and support
- Free services include printing at onsite computer labs, personal training, bike repair, 24-hour entertainment lounge
- TV set provided
- Internet, cable, and utilities included
- 24-hour on-site security patrol with keycard system required to enter the building
- Bicycle room parking and storage; automobile parking may be available for an additional cost
- Air conditioning available and included at no additional charge

### MEALS

Students can purchase food at the various eateries on the ground floor, or on campus. Meals are not included in apartment price, but a USC meal plan can be purchased for an additional cost. Free bottled water and coffee is provided.

## PARKSIDE APARTMENTS



Parkside is located on the USC campus and includes a university meal plan with double-occupancy studio apartments.

### SITE AMENITIES

- Combined living/sleeping area, bathroom and kitchenette are appropriately furnished
- Upscale amenities include community rooms, fitness facility, outdoor lounge area, study areas and laundry facilities
- Onsite Resident Assistants provide guidance and support
- Free Internet access (Ethernet and wireless) and basic cable television are included.  
(A TV set is not provided)
- USC ID Card and fingerprint required to enter building, includes 24-hour security patrol
- Electricity, gas and water are included. There is heating, but no air conditioning in this building

### MEALS

A meal plan is included in the accommodation fee and cannot be waived. The meal plan, loaded on the student's USC ID card, includes 60 meals at any of the three campus cafeterias: USC Village Dining Hall, Everybody's Kitchen and Parkside Restaurant. Parkside Restaurant, located on the ground floor of the residential complex, offers international gourmet cuisine in an all-you-can-eat buffet style.

For more  
accommodation  
information

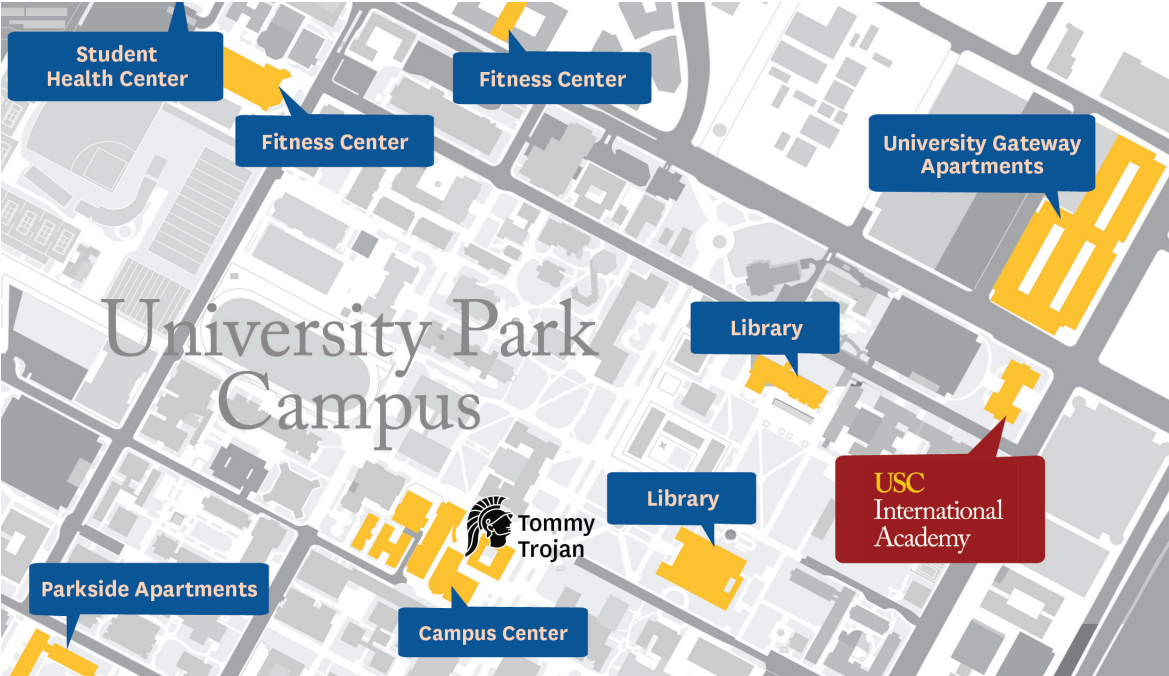




### ACCOMMODATION PRICING PER PERSON

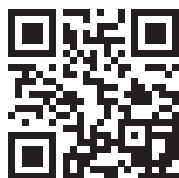
Program Length	University Gateway Apartments (2 bedroom, 2 bathroom)		Parkside Apartments (1 shared studio, 1 bathroom)
	2 persons per room (twin)	1 person per room (single)	2 persons per room (twin)
7 weeks	USD 2250	USD 4500	Not available
14 weeks	USD 4500	USD 9000	USD 5900 (60 meals included)
21 weeks	USD 6750	USD 13500	Not available

### USC CAMPUS MAP



*Tuition, program, housing, university service fees and start dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the USC International Academy website: [international.usc.edu](http://international.usc.edu).*

*USC International Academy reserves the right to place a student at any of the apartments or rooms and is unable to guarantee any particular room number or apartment location at the time of booking.*



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