

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA®



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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

WHERE THE WORLD COMES TOGETHER

[ELI.UA.EDU](http://ELI.UA.EDU)



Capstone International Center  
English Language Institute

# Intensive English Program (IEP)

For individuals who want to improve their English and experience U.S. culture and student life on a large, traditional university campus

All ELI teachers have master's degrees in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), and many have lived and taught outside of the United States.

## 5 levels of study (high elementary to advanced)

The ELI Placement Exam on the first day of the session is used to place you in the appropriate level for each class.

Students will study 20 hours per week of core classes and can also take 1-5 additional hours per week in optional classes, workshops and seminars.

## Core Classes

Reading/Writing, Speaking/Listening, and Structure (Grammar)

## Student Activities

Concerts, shopping, recreational sports, weekend trips to nearby cities

## Sample Seminar Topics

Seasonal holiday celebrations

Sporting events

U.S. southern culture

Movies & music

## Program Details

### Session length

8 weeks (fall/spring)

6 weeks (summer)

Short sessions available (3-4 weeks)

### Enrollment/study period

1-12 months

Single session (full or half)

Multiple sessions

### Classroom instruction

20-25 class hours per full week

Small classes

Professional teachers

### Cultural activities outside of class

### Campus immersion

### Certificate awarded at end of session

## Academic Calendar

Fall 2025 8 weeks	1 August 18 - October 9
	2 October 14 - December 11
Spring 2026 8 weeks	1 January 5 - February 26
	2 March 3 - April 29*
Summer 2026 6 weeks	1 May 4 - June 15
	2 June 23 - July 31
Fall 2026 8 weeks	1 August 17 - October 8
	2 October 13 - December 10

\* Spring 2 dates include one week of no classes (Spring Break).

## Cost per Session

(U.S. dollars)	Fall/Spring (8 weeks)	Summer (6 weeks)
Tuition	\$2,496	\$2,496
UA student fee	\$780	\$576
Medical Insurance	\$440	\$350
Books	\$190*	\$190*
**Housing	\$1,700*	\$1,755*
Food	\$1,175*	\$1,175*
Total cost/session	\$6,781.00	\$6,542.00

\* estimate / \*\* on-campus, limited availability

## How to Apply

1. Choose your start date from the sessions listed in the Academic Calendar.
2. Complete and submit the online application\* ([eli.ua.edu](http://eli.ua.edu)).
3. Pay the required, non-refundable \$75 application fee.
4. Upload your passport and financial support document.

\*Minimum age for students is 17 years old.

For more information, visit [eli.ua.edu](http://eli.ua.edu) and click on the **How to Apply** tab.

When the ELI receives and approves all documents, you will receive an email with instructions on how to pay the required, non-refundable \$250 tuition deposit.

## After you are accepted for admission, you will receive:

1. An email confirming your admission
2. An email that includes:
  - a. Your letter of acceptance for admission
  - b. Your I-20 OR your DS-2019 document
  - c. More instructions about IEP admission, enrollment, and your travel to the U.S.

Please review your documents carefully and follow the instructions. Contact the ELI office if you have questions or concerns.

## Accredited Program





## Highlighted Programs

### Meet U.S. Students

There are many ways to meet native English speakers.

#### Culturally Speaking

- Free optional class
- Meets twice a week
- Includes small groups
- For students in levels 2-6

#### Culture & Language Exchange Program

- Request a language partner
- Be matched with a university student
- Meet for conversations

#### Speaking/Listening 5 & 6 Courses

- University students join these courses twice a week
- Students discuss a wide range of topics in small groups
- A great way for higher level students to improve their English

#### Multi-Cultural Coffee Hour

- Enjoy free coffee, tea and snacks
- Get to know and speak with university students, faculty and staff
- Meets weekly

## Academic Admission to UA

### Conditional Admission

Apply for conditional admission to The University of Alabama (UA) if you need to improve your English.

#### Conditional admission is available to:

- Undergraduate students (Bachelor's degree)
- Graduate students (Master's or Doctoral degree)

If you have conditional admission, you will begin your studies in the UA English Language Institute (ELI).

### Pathway to UA

#### English+Academic Credit

*Pathway to UA* allows students to earn academic credit toward their degree and improve their English at the same time.

#### Program Details

Students will study in *Pathway to UA* for two semesters. After completing this program, students will have 15 credits and will begin taking full-time courses for credit.

#### Two-semester program

- English requirement = 72-78 iBT, 5.5 IELTS, or DET 100 with IEP Level 5.
- Possible start dates = January or August
- Academic credit earned = 15 credit hours
- Tuition cost = \$26,745 (estimate)







Student Services Center & Plaza



UA Student Center



NASA Space & Rocket Center - Alabama



Game Day Fun



Multi-Cultural Coffee Hour



Hiking at Lake Lurleen

## Accommodations

**On-campus housing available:** Walk to classes, enjoy the convenience, make friends, and experience campus life! Most ELI students live in dormitory-style residence halls, though sometimes apartment-style housing is available at a higher cost.

**Meals in campus cafeterias, nearby restaurants or in your residence hall:**

Buy a meal plan, pay for your meals individually, or buy groceries from a local supermarket and prepare your own meals!

## Campus Life

The University of Alabama has one of the largest and most beautiful campuses in the United States, with lots of trees, flowers, grass and open spaces.

**UA events:** Participate in a wide variety of academic, cultural, recreational, and social events on campus, including lectures, concerts, theater performances and sporting events.

**Special activities for ELI students:** Participate in special cultural and recreational activities for ELI students, including weekend trips to nearby cities and attractions as well as weekly local activities.



# LIFE AT UA



Crimson Ride



Fresh Foods Dining Hall



The Quad, Denny Chimes



Starbucks, UA Student Center



Burke Residence Hall



Student Recreation Center



Student Health Center

## Transportation

### From and to the airport

The ELI assists with arrangements for transportation between the Birmingham, Alabama airport (BHM) and the UA campus. Please contact the ELI office for more information.

### From and to the local train or bus station

The ELI assists with arrangements for transportation between the local train or bus station and the UA campus. Please contact the ELI office for more information.

**In the city:** Public transportation is available within the city of Tuscaloosa. Walking is also very common; for example, it takes 30 minutes to walk downtown from the UA campus.

**On campus:** Students can easily move around campus by walking, riding a bicycle or taking one of the free campus buses.

## Safety

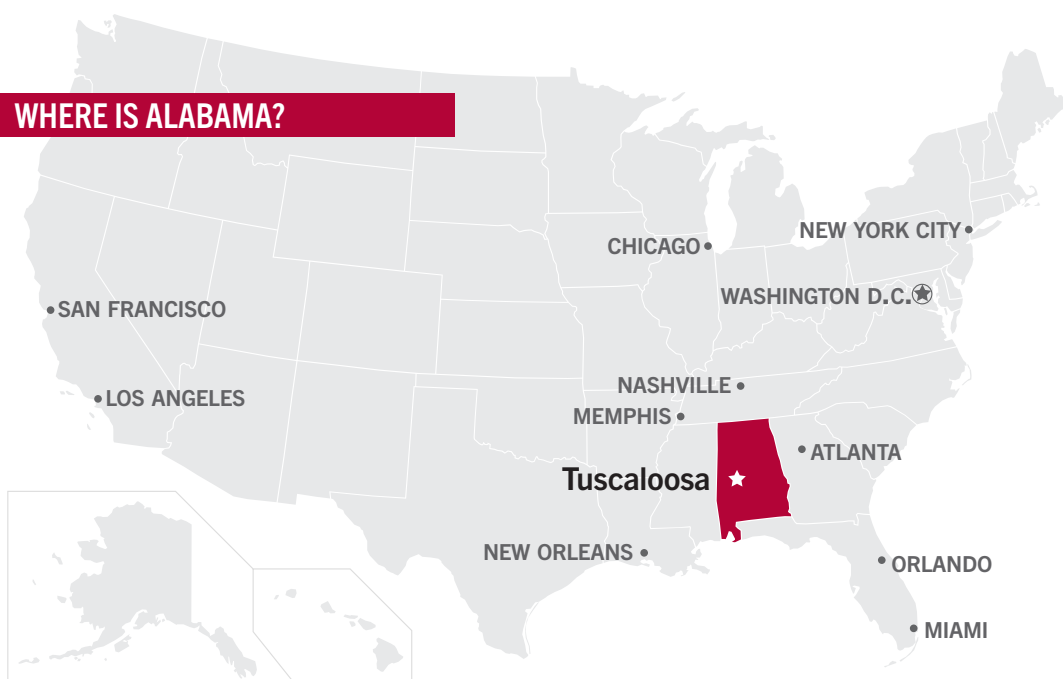
**READY.UA.EDU:** UA's portal to safety resources available to you on campus: university police, emergency preparedness, counseling, UA alerts.

## Facilities

ELI students have access to campus facilities, such as libraries, computer labs, dining halls, recreation centers (gyms), Student Health Center, Writing Center, and Career Center.



## WHERE IS ALABAMA?



The UA English Language Institute, established in 1982, offers a year-round, 5-level Intensive English Program for non-native English speakers. With over 7,000 alumni in roughly 95 countries, the ELI enrolls students from around the world in each of its 6 annual sessions.

### The University of Alabama (UA)

- Public university
- Founded 1831
- 40,000+ students
- 200+ degree programs
- Large, beautiful campus

### English Language Institute (ELI)

- Established 1982
- Students from around the world
- 20-25 hours of class per week
- Professional teachers
- Small classes (5 levels of study)
- Campus housing & meals
- Cultural/recreational activities

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