

English Language Program at California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State L.A.) offers students a beautiful 70-hectare hilltop campus close to Los Angeles' civic and cultural center and within driving distance to Hollywood (the entertainment capital of the world), the Pacific Ocean, and mountain and desert resorts – all conveniently accessible by car, bus, and rail. A distinguished comprehensive urban University with a long history of commitment to access and excellence, Cal State L.A. has been a leader in providing high quality higher education since 1947 and now counts more than 210,000 alumni.

Six colleges offer more than 60 nationally recognized graduate and undergraduate programs in the sciences, arts, business, criminal justice, engineering, nursing, education, and the humanities. The University maintains strong connections to the biotechnology and entertainment industries, and it provides an extensive array of involvement and enrichment opportunities through service learning and collaboration among students and faculty.



The English Language Program

The mission of the English Language Program (ELP) is to develop the English language skills of students whose native language is not English and to prepare them for entrance and success at the college and university level. The ELP accomplishes this by providing affordable instruction in a non-credit, intensive, multi-skills academic program specifically designed to prepare students to succeed in the English-medium, college or university credit classroom. The curriculum of the program includes instruction in grammar, writing, reading, listening, speaking, and academic preparation. There are six proficiency levels, with level 1 as the entry level and level 6 as the highest level. Classes average in size between 12 and 18 students. The program provides a full course of pre-academic study that consists of at least 18 clock hours of classroom instruction per week for a 10-week quarter (academic term). The fall quarter starts in mid September, the winter quarter begins in early January, the spring quarter starts in mid March, and the summer quarter begins in early July. This skills-based program prepares language learners to meet and surpass the minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score required for admission to California State University, Los Angeles and other colleges and universities.

English Language Program instructors are internationally-minded people, and many of them have traveled and taught throughout the world. With advanced degrees and solid teaching experience, they use their extensive knowledge to create positive learning environments in all classes. While classroom training is important, ELP students also have opportunities to experience cultural events and socials outside the classroom. This way, students have a chance to meet others in the program and share time together.

In addition to enjoying a creative learning environment, English Language Program students have free access to the Kennedy Library, Writing Center, University Student Union, conversation clubs, computer labs, campus email accounts, wi-fi access, gym workout facilities, basketball and tennis courts, and two heated swimming pools.



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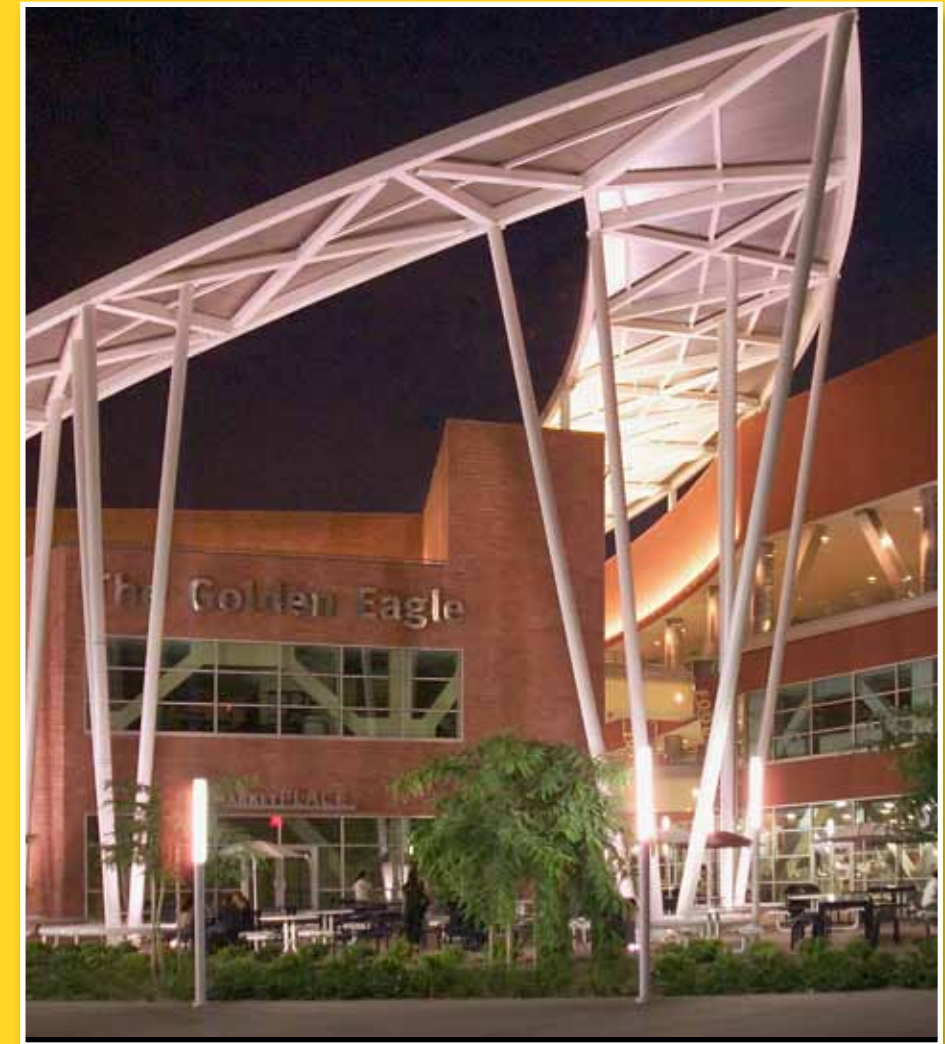
La Kretz Hall - Annenberg Integrated Sciences Complex



University-Student Union



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Student Housing

There are a variety of options available, including:

- On-campus fully furnished apartment residences with kitchens and an optional meal plan
- Homestay arrangements with local families in the area
- Private apartments in the nearby communities of Alhambra, South Pasadena, Pasadena, Monterey Park, and San Gabriel



Student Health Center

Services include high-quality, affordable health care and health education for all students. In addition, international students are required to buy health insurance. Insurance plans especially designed for international students are available for a very reasonable cost.

Transportation

The University is easily accessible by frequent train and bus service from Union Station, the transportation hub of the city and county.



Programs, Services, and Technology for the 21st Century

With approximately 20,000 students, California State University, Los Angeles offers innovative programs in engineering, business, nursing, television, film and media production, music, visual arts, design, and theatre and dance. Other popular fields include natural and social sciences, education, languages, and poetry and literature.



The campus features many networked classrooms, six large open access computer labs with printing capability, two training labs, wi-fi hotspots, and additional “smart” classrooms. Access is easy both on and off campus. A \$40 million renovation has produced some of the most advanced engineering and technology labs in the nation. The Music building offers state-of-the-art digital studio modalities and the newly completed La Kretz Hall features cutting-edge science laboratories.



A Barnes and Noble-operated bookstore, a food court, and a major conference center are at the heart of the campus – conveniently connected to the new University Student Union. Starbucks and other coffee cafes are available throughout the campus. The University Club, a full-service restaurant on the ground floor of the Golden Eagle building, features chef-created cuisine that reflects the California style.



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