



LASC
American Language and Culture



Globalize yourself through LASC!

Globalize Yourself!

ABOUT LASC

For nearly three decades, LASC has been one of the nation's premier ESL institutes. Today, we are proud to continue that unparalleled tradition of excellence for an entirely new generation seeking to add full English fluency to their skill set.

Our students come to us from every possible background (from academics to professionals to diplomats) and every proficiency level (from complete beginners to current speakers). But like you, they all have the same goal of learning English for their future. We will help you meet - and surpass - that goal.

At LASC, we don't just teach you the language . . . we teach you the most effective way to USE that language to improve every facet of your personal, educational, and professional life.

At LASC, we know that skills must be effectively applied to be of use. It is not enough to simply have knowledge about a subject because one must also be able to put into practice what he or she has learned. Thus LASC's program goes beyond merely focusing on memorization, theoretical concepts and/or general comprehension. LASC teaches students how to truly communicate well and achieve fluency in English.

And unlike typical ESL instruction, our curriculum is a living, growing, and evolving program. Our former graduates often return to contribute their real-life experiences. This continually refines our curriculum, so that the knowledge we pass on to you is always personalized, always relevant, and never outdated. Many students even return after graduating from American colleges and universities to become instructors themselves.

Since LASC is located in greater Los Angeles – one of the greatest cities of the modern world – our students can experience world-class education, science, history, art, culture, and of course – entertainment.

This provides a completely natural and ideal setting in which to absorb American culture as well.

Why entrust your education to lesser ESL courses when LASC is the only ESL institute dedicated to providing you with true learning excellence. Our school offers you an enthusiastic and supportive learning environment to maximise your learning potential.



LASC ADVANTAGES



- LASC has offered proven and unparalleled learning programs since 1980.
- ESL and TOEFL programs are taught by professional instructors and native speakers in small classes.
- Each LASC campus is state-of-the-art and fully-equipped with the latest technology.
- LASC is an ETS-Certified TOEFL Testing Center, so you can take the exam right on campus.
- Each LASC campus is Federally-approved to issue SEVIS I-20's.
- Approved by the State of California School Board (BPPVE) and Federal Immigration Bureau (USCIS).
- Simultaneously learn English (ESL/TOEFL) and prepare for universities and grad schools (GRE/GMAT).
- LASC partners with The Princeton Review to offer first-class test prep (GRE/GMAT/LSAT/etc.).
- LASC's Home Stay Assistance Program can arrange stays for students seeking full immersion.
- We also offer professional study, transfer, and higher education counseling services.
- LASC assures that you'll receive a top-tier education at each and every one of our campuses.



LASC FACILITIES

Our campuses include the following facilities:

- Custom classrooms arranged to promote learning.
- State-of-the-art computer labs with high-speed Internet.
- ETS-Certified iBT/PBT TOEFL Testing Centers.
- Resource libraries featuring a variety of materials.
- Student lounge for socializing and group exercises.

In addition, there are many restaurants, markets and a number of other amenities near each campus.



After taking a break from college in Japan, I came to America just two months ago. My desire is to live overseas and this goal requires me to be fluent in English. I was supported by a reliable staff, including teachers and counselors. Thanks to a very friendly, relaxed atmosphere, the students are learning English. International friends from Korea, Thailand, Italy, and Portugal are all studying together in the United States which gives us the opportunity to learn the culture of various countries which makes me happy!

- Sayaka Kai / Japanese





LASC's atmosphere is like home and the people are friendly, just awesome! They helped me adapt to American life. The native teachers and foreign students kindly assisted me in understanding my weaknesses. When I first came to LASC, I could not speak English at all. Now I am a confident English speaker. Thanks.

- Oscar Tri-mura / Italian



PROGRAMS

COURSE	ESL LEVEL 1 - 4				ESL LEVEL 5 - 6		TOEFL	
	ELECTIVES	Basic Conversation (L1 or Above)	Pronunciation (L1 or Above)	Vocabulary Reading (L3 or Above)	American Language & Culture (L4 or Above)	Advanced Grammar (L5 or Above)	Situational English (L4 or Above)	Level 7 TOEFL PREPARATION
MAIN	ESL Level 1	ESL Level 2	ESL Level 3	ESL Level 4	ESL Level 5	ESL Level 6		
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ELECTIVES	Basic Grammar (L1 or Above)	Writing Practice (L3 or Above)	Topical English (L5 or Above)	American Language & Culture (L4 or Above)	Current English (L5 or Above)	Business English (L5 or Above)		

* There may be minor program differences between the campuses, and the schedule is subject to change without notice.

• ENGLISH PROGRAMS

ESL STANDARD: Our standard ESL curriculum progresses through six levels of proficiency, ranging from basic ESL courses (Level 1) to advanced ESL courses (Level 6). The average course load is approximately 20 hours of class time per week.

ESL INTENSIVE: For those students who wish to accelerate their English education, we offer an intensive combination course. This consists of the ESL Standard program above PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL elective course of your choice.

ESL SPECIALIZED: In addition to our comprehensive list of basic and elective courses, LASC also features a selection of specialized programs dedicated to ensuring you a deep and intimate knowledge of both the English language as well as American culture.

If you are considering any kind of extended stay in the United States (i.e. college, employment, permanent residence, citizenship), you will definitely want to take advantage of our ESL Specialized courses.

• TOEFL



The iBT TOEFL comprises four sections: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. All of these sections will be comprehensively covered in LASC's TOEFL test prep course.

We will also cover the crucial skill of note-taking . . . a necessary skill for both the exam and any future education at an institution of higher learning. Our TOEFL Testing Center will provide free practice tests which are identical to the actual exam.

• GRADUATE TEST PREP



Our partnership with The Princeton Review affords our students world-class instruction directly from their experienced instructors at our institute. Graduate-level test prep courses include the: GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and CBEST. In addition, we also offer SAT and SAT II test prep for high school students seeking to pursue undergraduate studies.

• AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Utilizing film, television, newspapers, magazines, and the internet, this class provides students with an in-depth look at the various media that have shaped American culture. The class examines popular genres of film, including drama, comedy, adventure and suspense. In analyzing the dialogues and themes of films and television shows, students will learn colloquial and idiomatic expressions. In reading magazine and newspaper articles, students will keep abreast of current events as well. These invaluable lessons allow students to improve their conversational skills and help students to understand the nuances that shape American English. By surveying various forms of media, students will learn both formal and informal ways of expressing themselves, gaining the confidence that they need to speak and understand the language in a wide variety of settings.

• BUSINESS ENGLISH PROGRAM

LASC offers a unique program tailored to business persons and professionals seeking to augment their existing working knowledge of English. Topics covered in this no-nonsense program include advanced ESL, a specially-tailored course in Business English supplemented with topical speaking drills, and a course in business computing (using Word/PowerPoint/Excel).

• SPECIAL ENGLISH CAMPS

These special camps are for students who wish to visit and tour the United States, while learning English, without visas (or with a B-2 visa). We offer two types of camps, a shorter 4-week camp and a longer 8-week camp. Both are on open enrollment so you may register for either the 4-week or 8-week camp at any time.



• COMPUTER PROGRAMS

BASIC COMPUTER: This 40-hour program is a comprehensive course for those who are just starting out with computers, and who want to learn all about the basics of personal computing.

GRAPHIC WEB DESIGN: This program provides comprehensive training in all aspects of front-end design and coding for the Internet.

3D ANIMATION: The educational objective of this course is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and experience required for entry-level employment with companies utilizing computer animation.

ADMISSION

• ENTRY VISA STUDENTS

We will issue SEVIS I-20s to students who are 18 years of age or older.

Step 1 Prepare the Following Documents

- A copy of your current and valid passport.
- A personal bank statement (or bank letter) verifying a minimum balance of US\$12,000.00
- A letter of support from your parent/sponsor to cover education and tuition expenses for one year, if you do not have your own funds.
- Due to new US Government requirements, all international students are also required to obtain an I-901 form.

Step 2 Apply For Admission

- Download and complete the application form and then send by fax, mail, or on-line.
- Download and complete affidavit of support from our website, if necessary.

Step 3 Apply for a VISA

Once we have received all these documents, as well as the \$100 application fee, we will mail you an acceptance letter and your Form I-20. You may then take these documents to apply for a visa at your local American embassy or consulate.

Step 4 Entry and Registration

In order to enter the United States, you will need a visa, an I-20, and a I-94 (residence permit). Students must register with the admissions office on or prior to their program start date.



I attained the TOEFL score I need to enter Cypress College in less than a quarter. The TOEFL program here is excellent. The teacher has a great teaching skill.

- Min Hee Lim / Korean



• TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have a valid F-1 visa, and are studying at another institution in the U.S., may transfer to our schools at anytime.

Step 1 Prepare the Following Documents

- A copy of your current and valid passport.
- A copy of your current I-94.
- A copy of your current I-20.
- A personal bank statement (or bank letter) verifying a minimum balance of US\$10,000.00
- A letter of support from your parent/sponsor to cover education and tuition expenses for one year, if necessary.

Step 2 Apply For Admission

- Download and complete the application form and then send by fax, mail, or on-line.
- Download and complete affidavit of support from our website, if necessary.

Step 3 Process of Transfer

Once we have received all these documents, as well as the \$100 application fee, we will contact you with confirmation of your transfer. You can then pick up your I-20 and commence studying at LASC.

Step 4 Registration

Students must register with the admissions office on or prior to their program start date.



LASC ACCOMMODATIONS

LOS ANGELES CAMPUS

- One of the world's most diverse cities, Los Angeles is a multi-cultural experience where you will meet people from all walks of life and from virtually every country in the world.
- Los Angeles is one of the world's top tourism destinations, offering a wealth of world-class attractions that will be sure to both enlighten and entertain you.
- Easy access to some of the country's foremost colleges and universities.
- Convenient access to and from campus through a wide variety of transportation options.
- With a population of nearly 4 million residents, Los Angeles offers a wide variety of residential properties to suit just about any need.
- Located in the center of Southern California, Los Angeles is a jumping off point for visiting some of the most beautiful natural scenes in the world. From majestic seaside cliffs, to beautiful beaches, to majestic snow-capped peaks, to awe-inspiring desert vistas, it will forever change your view of the world around us.



ROWLAND HEIGHTS CAMPUS

- A pleasant suburban city located 25 miles from the downtown Los Angeles area.
- A business-friendly atmosphere where you can learn and live in comfort.
- Conveniently located less than an hour away from just about anywhere in Los Angeles.
- Quiet and comfortable accommodations with a large number of shopping options.
- A wonderful place to raise a family with excellent schools for people with children.

IRVINE CAMPUS

- Known throughout the U.S. for its high standard-of-living and public safety.
- As Southern California's "Silicon Valley", Irvine is home to some of the world's largest and most well-known technology and IT firms.
- Only 10 minutes away from Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, and the Pacific Ocean.
- Home to premium residential communities, excellent school districts, prestigious universities, popular business districts, and several Fortune 500 companies.
- If you are a business person with parallel studies, Irvine is the campus for you.



Nourish your life while Studying!

Enroll in LASC and enrich your life in one of the most impressive, dynamic, and culturally diverse cities in the world. Not only does Los Angeles have one of the best climates in the world, it is a city blessed with limitless resources. Whether you are riding a wave in Huntington Beach (the surf capital of the world), snowboarding in Big Bear or Mammoth, hiking beside the breathtaking waterfalls of Yosemite, or camping in the majestic deserts of Joshua Tree, the natural beauty of California is truly something to behold.

The historic landmarks and cultural centers are similarly astounding. Minutes from LASC, students can attend a symphony at Frank Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall, watch a film at Hollywood's legendary Grauman's Chinese Theatre, and visit museums such as the Getty Museum or the La Brea Tar Pits along the Miracle Mile on Wilshire Boulevard.

With all of these life-enriching activities at LASC students' fingertips, the sky is truly the limit. LASC students are bound to create lasting memories that they will cherish and carry with them wherever they may go.



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