



Students and professionals can choose from short-term or long-term programs of intensive English with multiple start dates.

FAST FACTS

4+

Number of weeks

23+

Hours of instruction per week

7

Number of levels

Included

Electives, pronunciation clinics, homework clinics, sports facilities, conversation groups, language and computer labs, student advising, the SDSU library, and academic advising

Requirements

Prior instruction in English

► **Dates and Fees** | See page 33 or visit ali.sdsu.edu/calendar

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Native-speaker Facilitators** – Many Intensive English for Communication (IEC) classes have one or more additional English-speaking facilitators to model language, help students gain exposure to different accents, and have more contact with Americans.
- **Interaction with Native Speakers** – IEC students have the opportunity to practice their English speaking and listening skills and to improve their knowledge of American culture by interacting with native speakers. The Student Life Office helps international students make contact with SDSU students and other English speakers outside of the classroom.
- **Observing University Courses** – High-intermediate and advanced students can receive assistance from advisors in arranging observations of university courses (with permission from the professor) in select departments.
- **Student Life Activities** – ALI students can participate in many outside-class activities within ALI, SDSU, or around San Diego. Activities include trips to local destinations, sporting and cultural events, hiking, and volunteering in local community projects. Students can enjoy many new activities, meet new people, and practice their language skills.
- **Intramural Sports and Conversation Groups** – Students can practice speaking English while playing team sports and participating in conversation groups.
- **TOEIC Workshops** – The ALI offers workshops and electives to help students prepare for and improve their TOEIC score.

- **Level Advisors** – Each IEC level has an advisor who helps students with program procedures, deadlines, and policies. Advisors also keep students up-to-date on social activities and events, and refer them to office personnel for assistance with immigration, housing, accounting, social activities, and more.



CURRICULUM

- **Oral Communications Classes** – Students receive 8 hours per week of Oral Communications classes to improve fluency, listening comprehension, spoken grammar, and pronunciation, as well as develop confidence in spoken English skills for business, travel, and social interaction.
- **Listening, Grammar, Reading, and Writing** – Students receive 12 hours of courses in listening, grammar, reading, and writing that develop communicative skills used in professional, social, and practical situations.
- **Speaking Skills** – Students in Oral Communications classes interact with instructors and with assistant teachers to improve their speaking skills and help to promote intercultural understanding.
- **Optional Business Classes** – Intermediate and advanced students who want to improve their knowledge of business concepts, vocabulary, and idioms can choose to follow a business track leading to a Business English for Global Practices certificate (page 11) or a Social Entrepreneurship certificate (page 13).
- **Customized Schedules** – Advanced students can customize their schedule by choosing Oral Communications Advanced Seminar classes which focus on a variety of skills and interests.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING	Oral Communications	Oral Communications	Oral Communications	Oral Communications	ELECTIVE 1 American Idioms and Slang ELECTIVE 2 English Through Sports
	Grammar for Communication	Writing for Communication	Grammar for Communication	Writing for Communication	
LATE MORNING	BREAK				
	Reading for Communication	Listening for Communication	Reading for Communication	Listening for Communication	

SAMPLE ELECTIVES

- ▶ Accent Improvement
- ▶ American Idioms and Slang
- ▶ English Through Dance
- ▶ English Through Sports
- ▶ Understanding American Film
- ▶ Internet-based TOEFL Prep
- ▶ TOEIC Prep
- ▶ Mysteries of Spelling
- ▶ Introduction to Surfing
- ▶ 18-24 electives available each semester

Note: Choices vary by session and placement level.

TESTING AND PLACEMENT

The IEC program offers instruction to all levels of English, from beginning to advanced. Students are given individual speaking tests and written tests that assess their level in grammar, reading, writing, and listening. Students are then placed in appropriate classes for their level.

FLEXIBLE START DATES

New IEC students may begin their studies after the term begins on any of the published flex-entry dates for four weeks or longer. Students may extend their stay into the next session for a minimum of four weeks in that session.

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

In addition to daily speaking classes and electives, the ALI offers students language support outside of the regular class schedule:

- ▶ Pronunciation Clinic
- ▶ Grammar Lab
- ▶ Homework Help Lab

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— Gizem Tezyurek,
Turkey

