



Intensive English Language Center
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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Intensive English Language Center (IELC) at California State University, Bakersfield.

The IELC program offers four 11-week sessions throughout the year in fall, winter, spring and summer. The program is designed to help students who want to improve their English language skills in preparation for entrance into an American college or university, or who simply want to learn and improve their English for personal and/or professional reasons.

High school graduates with at least two years of English language study are eligible to apply for the IELC program. Individuals possessing insufficient English skills needed for Level One may be accepted for study, but they will be required to enroll in tutoring courses for one or more quarters to gain the skills needed for entrance into the main program. All entering IELC students must take a placement test and the results determine the level of academic study.

The center provides up to 5 hours of instruction daily, five days a week, with courses in reading skills, writing and grammar, oral communication, and a variety of enrichment courses, including TOEFL preparation. Qualified ESL instructors teach IELC courses. Classes are small, allowing for individual attention and help for each student. We do not require a TOEFL score for admission to the language program.

If you are interested in attending our program, please complete the application form inside the application package. After we have received your application and the \$100.00 fee, and your financial statement is received and approved, we will send you a letter of admission and the appropriate immigration documents.

IELC is only authorized to enroll nonimmigrant students and issue the necessary paperwork (I-20s) needed when applying for an F-1 Student Visa to attend the language program. However, if you wish to apply for a "Conditional Letter of Admission" from CSUB, you will also need to mail in a completed application package for the university with your IELC application. Once received, your university application will be sent to the appropriate department with a request for the conditional letter. You may obtain a university application from the International Student Webpage at <http://www.csub.edu/isp/>.

Please indicate on your application what type of housing accommodations you would like to have. We offer a homestay program for those students who wish to have more exposure to the English language and American culture. Students reimburse their host families \$25.00 per day for room and board. A limited number of dormitory spaces are available, and the campus is surrounded by many low cost apartments that are conveniently located near the school and shopping center. PLEASE NOTE: IELC does not assist students in the rental/leasing of off-campus apartments, nor serve as co-signers; however, we will provide a list of apartment complexes located near campus.

Bakersfield is a small, friendly, and safe community that welcomes international students. It is one of the most affordable metropolitan cities in the state of California.

Again, thank you for your interest in our intensive language program. If you have any further question, please call (661) 654-2014, e-mail ielc@csub.edu, or fax (661) 654-6914. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karen Hurley'.

Karen Hurley, Director
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