

## Program Information



I'm a Bearkat!

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: ADMISSION TO THE ELI DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ADMISSION TO SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY. PLEASE READ THE [ELI STUDENT HANDBOOK](#) FOR FULL INFORMATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE.

### Academic Calendar

Includes Orientation Dates for New Students

Upcoming Sessions	Dates
Spring I 2018	January 15 - March 16, 2018
Spring II 2018	March 26 - May 25, 2018
Summer 2018	June 11 - August 10
Fall I 2018	August 13 - October 12

Each student is placed into one of three levels based on the results of the Placement Test given upon arrival at the English Language Institute.

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### International Student Spotlights



Rasika Borse,  
from Canada,  
Major: Dance

"I absolutely love the SHSU orange pride spirit. From wearing orange on Fridays, to attending campus events, and joining various clubs, there is something for everyone. The options are endless for those who want to get involved!"

Level 3	High Intermediate
Level 4	Advanced
Level 5	University Transitional Level

\*Students are expected to complete one level per 8 week session. If a student fails to achieve the learning objectives for a level, the level must be repeated the following session.

#### ELI CLASSES INCLUDE:

- **Listening & Speaking:** Students develop oral communication abilities with a variety of media and activities. *(5 classroom hours weekly)*
- **Reading:** Students work on literacy skills to increase fluency while reading texts. *(5 classroom hours weekly)*
- **Writing:** Students work on literacy skills to increase fluency while writing texts. *(5 classroom hours weekly)*
- **Integrated Communication Skills:** Using a Project based approach, students work on advanced level literacy skills to increase fluency and gain confidence they need to continue in undergraduate or graduate courses in the university. Students study the structure of English grammar in context and apply it using integrated tasks. *(5 classroom hours weekly)*
- **Conversation:** Students improve conversational skills through authentic experience such as guest speakers and field trips while applying concepts learned in the core curriculum, including grammar, vocabulary, and idiomatic expression. *(2 classroom hours weekly)*
- **Pronunciation:** Interactive language lab where students improve their skills and performance in pronunciation of the English language. *(2 classroom hours weekly)*

#### CLASS SIZES

Enrollment is limited to eighteen students per class. If fewer than five students register for a particular core level, the ELI may choose to cancel classes for that level.

#### ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

To be successful, a language program must assess students' achievement of learning objectives and evaluate staff, textbooks and services. The ELI assesses students using:

- Grades based on attendance, participation, coursework and testing
- Student achievement of leveled learning outcomes

To evaluate the effectiveness of the staff, textbooks and overall program, the ELI uses:

- Annual performance appraisals for staff based on evaluation by the supervisor
- Classroom observations by supervisor and external curriculum consultants
- Student evaluations of the program services, materials, activities and staff

### TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Each semester, the Sam Houston State University Testing Center provides multiple chances to take the TOEFL iBT for use in university admissions . For more information on the test or to register, please click the button below:

[TOEFL](#)

ELI students may qualify to waive the TOEFL requirement for admission to SHSU Undergraduate Admissions. See the following policy for more information:

- [TOEFL Waiver](#)

### HOUSING

- **On-Campus Housing (optional):** If you would like to stay in university housing (approximate cost: \$15 per day), please contact the SHSU [Residence Life Office](#) or see this [application guide](#) to apply for on-campus housing. You will need to be conditionally accepted to SHSU and have a SAMID in order to apply.
- **Off-Campus Housing:** Many local housing units are walking distance from campus and some provide shuttle service to and from campus. [Apartment Listings](#)

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### ADVISING

Our professional staff in the Office of International Programs provides free advising and assistance with immigration issues for all ELI students.

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### INSURANCE

Health insurance is required for all international students. International students are automatically enrolled, and the premium will be added to their tuition bill.

## Contact Us

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