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ELS/Santa Barbara

- Opened in 1997
- Located in downtown Santa Barbara
- Hours of operation are 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Nearby Cities and Attractions

- Old Spanish Days Fiesta Celebration
- I Mondonari Chalk Art Festival
- Concerts in the Park (famous bands play for free)
- The beach is a short walk away
- Los Angeles is a short drive away

Recent Center Activities

- Hiking the Douglas Preserve to go dolphin-watching
- Beach Volleyball on West Beach
- Picnic at the Santa Barbara Courthouse Sunken Garden
- Graduation party on the beach

ELS/Santa Barbara Student Profile

- 45 students in an average session.
- The most prominent nationalities come from: Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Japan, South Korea and China.
- The average age of students ranges from 16 to 30 years

Benefits of studying at ELS/Santa Barbara

- Safe and friendly—Santa Barbara is home to some of the nicest neighborhoods in California!
- Conveniently located downtown—a short walk from hundreds of restaurants, shops, museums, gyms and historic buildings. The beach is a 15-minute walk away.
- Great transportation—the bus terminal is one block away. We have a great bus system, so students don't need a car.
- We have great teachers who love teaching! All our teachers are certified and have an average of 14 years of teaching experience.
- Beautiful, sunny weather—Santa Barbara is sunny 310 days out of every year. We average 18°C summers and 12°C winters.

Special Programs or Skills Enhancement Classes

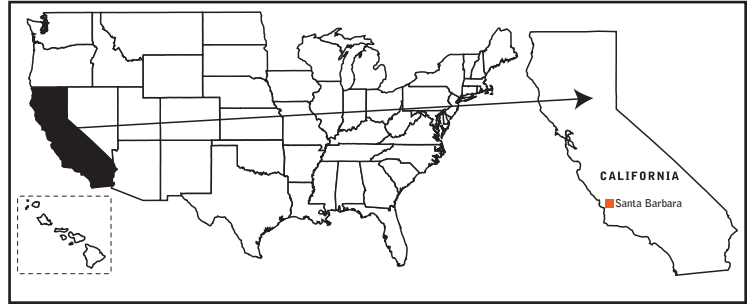
- ELS/Santa Barbara offers exciting Skills Enhancement Classes, Complete iBT TOEFL® Prep Programs, and English for Executives.

Testing Services

ELS/Santa Barbara offers the following exams:

- IELTS™
- TOEFL® iBT

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Santa Barbara and the state of California

- **Capital** - Sacramento
- **Nickname** - *The Golden State*
- **State bird** - California valley quail
- **State tree** - California redwood
- **State flower** - California poppy
- **State Population** - 36,962,000 (2009)
- The Santa Barbara area is suburban, with 220,000 residents.
- Santa Barbara is a short drive from: the San Diego Zoo, Seaworld, Disney World, Hollywood, and Six Flags Magic Mountain.
- Santa Barbara has also received accolades for its quality of life by:
 - National Geographic: Best Adventure Towns in America
 - Country Home: Best Green Cities in America
 - Huffington Post: Top 10 Happiest Cities in America

Climate

- Year-round mild climate.
- Winter evenings are cool with showers.
- Most days tend to be sunny, warm, and breezy.
- Santa Barbara has an average of about 300 sunny days per year. Summer temperatures average 22°C, while winter temperatures average 13°C.

Public Transportation

- Students walk or ride bicycles—we also have an excellent bus system and are right next to the downtown bus terminal.



Did you know...?

- The following are all from Santa Barbara: Edwin Burr Babbitt (US Army Major General), Ryan Church (athlete), Kami Craig (Olympian), Randall Cunningham (athlete), Jay Dee Daugherty (drummer), Dishwalla (rock band), Anthony Edwards (actor), Cole Hauser (actor), Cady Huffman (actress), Kathy Ireland (supermodel), Jason Johnson (athlete), Chuck Liddell (athlete), Alex Mack (athlete), Bobby Martinez (athlete), Katy Perry, (singer-songwriter), Jeffrey Peterson (technology entrepreneur), Todd Rogers (athlete), Ryan Spilborghs (athlete), Sugarcult (rock band) and Marco Gonzalez (photographer).
- Santa Barbara is sometimes referred to as the American Riviera.
- The history of the city begins at least 13,000 years ago with the ancestors of the present-day Chumash.
- The current TV series Psych is set in Santa Barbara.
- One of the more popular beach locations in Santa Barbara is Mesa Beach located just below Shoreline Park. The wooden steps that lead down to Mesa Beach are only usable during low tide as all of Mesa Beach is submerged beneath ocean water during high tide.
- The original #1 Motel 6 opened in Santa Barbara in 1962 and is still operating today, offering affordable lodgings just steps from the beach.
- The architectural image of Santa Barbara is the Spanish Colonial Revival style of architecture adopted by city leaders after the 1925 earthquake destroyed much of the downtown commercial district.
- With its abundance of seafood, awareness of farming methods, and nearby wineries, Santa Barbara has many restaurants. In 2010, the SantaBarbara.com Restaurant Guide listed 693 separate restaurants, coffee shops and bakeries in the region.
- The city of Santa Barbara has passed ordinances against billboards and regulates outdoor advertising, so the city is relatively free of advertising clutter.



- For more than 50 years, California has led the USA in producing 350 different crops and commodities. Almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, kiwi fruit, olives, pistachios, pomegranates, prunes, raisins, and walnuts are all US crops grown exclusively in California.
- California produces over 17 million gallons of wine each year, and according to the Wine Institute, is home to more than 800 commercial wineries.
- San Francisco Bay is considered the world's largest landlocked harbor.
- California is bigger than eighty-five of the smallest nations in the world.
- More turkeys are raised in California than in any other state in the United States.
- Death Valley in southern California is the lowest point in the United States at 282 feet (86 meters) below sea level. The highest point in the contiguous 48 states is also in California: Mount Whitney, which is 14,491 feet (4.5 kilometers) above sea level.
- 104 of the 500 fastest growing US technology companies are based in California.



- Three time world champion Tom Curren, 10 time world champion Kelly Slater, and other popular surf icons such as Jack Johnson call Santa Barbara home.
- Santa Barbara is famous for the annual Fiesta (originally called "Old Spanish Days"), which is celebrated every year in August. The Fiesta is hosted by the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the Native Sons of the Golden West in a joint committee called the Fiesta Board. Fiesta was originally started as a tourist attraction, like the Rose Bowl, to draw business into the town in the 1920s.
- Approximately 8% of Californians are vegetarians.
- Everyone knows Los Angeles is the entertainment capital, but it is also a fine arts Mecca that boasts over 300 museums.
- California is the birthplace of the Frisbee, Barbie dolls, skateboards, and video arcade games.

