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ELS/St. Paul

- Has been open for over 30 years!
- Located on the campus of the University of St. Thomas
- 6 miles (10 kilometers) from both downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis
- Hours of operation are 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Recent Activities

- Minnesota Twins baseball game
- Valleyfair Amusement Park
- Minnehaha Falls for hiking and biking
- Summer picnics and other outdoor activities

ELS/St. Paul Student Profile

- Average about 150-155 students per session
- Students from Saudi Arabia, China, Japan and other countries
- Average age of students is about 23 - 29 years old

Special Programs

Skills Enhancement Classes being offered on a regular basis at ELS/St. Paul include:

- Intensive reading courses for beginner, intermediate and advanced students
- Writing Workshop for intermediates and advanced levels
- Grammar review for all levels
- Special Level 100 Structure and Speaking Practice and Reading/Writing courses
- TOEFL[®] Preparation course
- Research Skills and Writing offered frequently



The University of St. Thomas is a Catholic, comprehensive university that fosters a tradition of service to the public and an energetic, thoughtful approach to the challenges of contemporary life. UST is the largest private universities in St. Paul, with a student body of close to 11,000 and over 300 students from more than 69 countries.

ELS/St. Paul



Benefits of studying at ELS/St. Paul

- Located on the campus of the University of St. Thomas, a private institution located on 78 picturesque acres and built near the banks of the Mississippi River
- Access to a number of institutions of higher education located in and around the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area
- Knowledgeable and friendly team of faculty and staff
- Homestay options for students, which provide accommodations with local families, allowing students to further immerse themselves into the culture and language
- "Minnesota Nice," a nickname depicting the encouraging, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere of Minnesota and its residents
- Affordable cost of living, efficient modes of public transportation, easy access to other parts of the state and country

Testing Services

ELS/St. Paul offers the following exams:

- IELTS[™]
- TOEFL[®]
- TOEIC[®]



UNIVERSITY of ST. THOMAS

University of St. Thomas

- Founded by Archbishop John Ireland, St. Thomas was established in 1885
- St. Thomas is a private, four-year institution, providing both undergraduate and graduate degree programs and is Minnesota's largest independent college or university
- 10,800+ enrollment (6,100 undergraduate and 4,700 graduate)
- University of St. Thomas offers 96 undergraduate majors, 58 minors and 48 graduate degree programs in seven academic divisions. These divisions include: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and the School of Engineering, among others
- St. Thomas is in the third tier in the national university-doctoral category. St. Thomas is also ranked by the Institute of International Education in the top five nationally for the percentage of undergraduates who study abroad.
- Over the past thirty years, Tommies have won 240 men's and women's titles in Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.
- There are approximately 100 student interest-based clubs and organizations on campus which ELS students may join. Examples of these clubs include S.T.A.R. (St. Thomas Activities & Recreation) and Globally Minded Student Association
- **Scholarships Available!** Last year, St. Thomas students received more than \$2,000,000 in private scholarships (a monthly e-newsletter is provided to help students learn more about scholarship opportunities for students). St. Thomas also offers a limited number of scholarships to international students, which can cover up to 40% of tuition costs

Special advantages UST offers to ELS students

- Individual class visits to St. Thomas for students (ELS students can select classes they are interested in to visit)
- ELS classes meet with St. Thomas classes (offers more interaction between students of both participating classes)
- USTEP (allows qualified students in Level 110 – 112 to take St. Thomas classes for credit while finishing their English classes)
- Free shuttle access between campuses in St. Paul and Minneapolis (the Minneapolis campus is located in the heart of downtown; offered only to ELS and UST students)



In winter months, St. Paul is active with the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, a tradition originating from 1886 when a New York reporter called Saint Paul "another Siberia." Attended by 350,000 visitors annually, the event showcases ice sculpting, an annual treasure hunt, winter food, activities and an ice palace.

St. Paul and the state of Minnesota

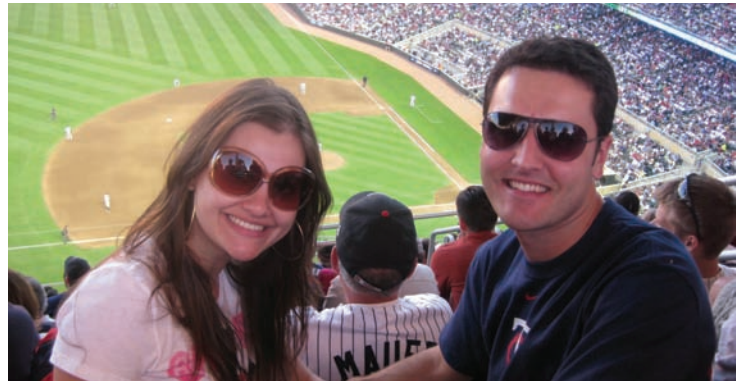
- Capital - St. Paul (Minneapolis, St. Paul's "twin city," is the state's largest city)
- Nickname - *The Gopher State. The North Star State.*
- State bird - The Common Loon
- State tree - Norway pine
- **State flower** - Pink and white lady's slipper
- State Population - About 5,000,000 residents!

ELS/St. Paul is located close to:

- Target Field, opened in 2010, home of the Minnesota Twins baseball team.
- Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, home of the Minnesota Vikings football team.
- Target Center, home of the Minnesota Timberwolves basketball team.
- Mall of America, the largest shopping mall in the USA.
- Rochester, Minnesota (85 miles / 137 km), home of the world-famous Mayo Clinic.
- Duluth, Minnesota (155 miles / 250 km), a beautiful port city on Lake Superior.



St. Paul is the capital and second-most populous city of the US state of Minnesota. The city lies mostly on the north bank of the Mississippi River, and adjoins Minneapolis, the state's largest city. Known as the "Twin Cities", these two cities form the core of Minneapolis-St. Paul.



Students at ELS are in a sports haven in Minnesota, as the Twin Cities area plays host to numerous professional, semi-professional and amateur sports teams, including the Major League Baseball's (MLB) Minnesota Twins, the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Minnesota Timberwolves, the National Football League's (NFL) Minnesota Vikings, the National Hockey League's (NHL) Minnesota Wild, the United Soccer League's (USL) First Division Minnesota Thunder and many more!

- Located in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" and with four distinctive seasons, ELS/St. Paul offers easy access to a number of outdoor activities year-round, including hiking, biking, fishing, boating, skiing, snowmobiling and more.
- Several theaters, museums, art galleries, and a wide array of restaurants, offering a variety of cuisine.
- The Guthrie Theater, the largest regional playhouse in the country.
- The Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, located at the Walker Art Center in downtown Minneapolis, is the largest urban sculpture garden in the country.
- Minneapolis Aquatennial (a 10-day festival held annually the third week in July)
- Minnesota State Fair (mid-August through Labor Day)
- Minnesotans are known for being nice, hence the nickname for their demeanor being labeled "Minnesota Nice." They are known for being hospitable, helpful and kind!

Public Transportation

- There are several methods of public transportation.
- Minneapolis-St. Paul is home to the largest and busiest international airport in the upper Midwest.
- AMTRAK train service operates locally, with a station just minutes from ELS/ St. Paul, providing service to major cities across the United States.
- Greyhound bus service has several stations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and provides bus transportation across the nation and into Canada and Mexico.
- Locally, there are several bus lines operating in and around the St. Paul metropolitan area as well as the Hiawatha Light Rail, a train service that moves between downtown Minneapolis and the Mall of America.

Climate

- Four distinct seasons, the climate varies all year.
- Temperatures can average and vary from 13°F (-11°C) in the winter to 73° (23°C) in the summer.

Did you know...?

- Known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes."
- Offers over 90,000 miles of shoreline (more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined!).
- Madison, Minnesota is the "Lutefisk Capital of the United States."
- Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House on the Prairie" series, once lived in Walnut Grove and wrote books depicting her childhood in Minnesota.
- Rollerblades were invented in Minnesota so hockey players could train in the off-season!
- The first open-heart surgery was done at the University of Minnesota.
- Minnesota inventions include Masking and Scotch Tape, Wheaties cereal, Bisquick, HMOs, Aveda beauty products and Green Giant vegetables.