

Studying English as a Second Language in the U.S.

ESL: English as a Second Language

There are over 400 educational institutions in the U.S. that offer short term programs for international students to learn English as a second language. These programs can be very diverse, varying in length, cost, purpose, and affiliation. However, there is a program to meet the needs of any student.

To Search Online for Programs:

Directories:

- Intensive English USA (IIE)
- University & College Intensive English Program in the USA (UCIEP)

Search Engines:

- www.intensiveenglishusa.com
- www.aaiep.org/index.htm
- www.esldirectory.com

Search engines and directories can help students identify programs and provide overviews. However, students should investigate each institution's individual webpage for more information.

Types of Institutions:

Most institutions that offer ESL programs can be grouped into one of three categories:

- Programs run by university departments
- Private schools affiliated with universities
- Private schools not connected with a university

When considering a school students should investigate the purpose and cost of the program, but also how housing is handled and what services are available for students.

Helpful Websites:

- <http://esllist.sacm.org>
- <http://www.aaiep.org>
- <http://www.intensiveenglishusa.org/>
- <http://www.uciep.org/index.php>

Types of ESL Programs:

ESL programs can be different depending on the institution that offers them. However some common types are:

- Intensive (IEPS):
Full time and often geared towards college admissions
- Semi Intensive:
Part time, often in the summer and intended to supplement
- Specialized:
Full time or part time, they are intended to meet specialized needs for academic or professional English

<u>Guide</u>	<u>Links</u>
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