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AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTITUTE



California State University
SAN MARCOS

Overview

The American Language and Culture Institute (ALCI) is located on the campus of California State University San Marcos . ALCI provides teachers, professionals, students and area residents with English language instruction and cultural training that improves knowledge, understanding and awareness of U.S. language standards, linguistic idioms and cultural norms. ALCI programs include:

- Intensive Academic Preparation (IAP) for international students or professionals preparing to study at any U.S. college or university and/or requiring advanced English fluency
- Semester at CSU San Marcos is designed for international students wishing to study for a year or semester at CSU San Marcos
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) training for international teachers of English
- The American Culture Experience including home stay, interactive English language classes, excursions and cultural immersion.



Intensive Academic Preparation (IAP)

Designed for students and professionals seeking advanced English fluency, IAP prepares participants to succeed in the U.S. both academically and professionally. The program features:

- Small class size
- Challenging coursework
- Outstanding, highly-rated instructors
- Opportunity to live on campus, off-campus or with home stay families
- Opportunity to customize schedule and take one university class for credit
- Custom options available for teens, adults, businesses, professionals and associations.

Conditional admission is available to qualified students and CSUSM waives the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement upon completion.

Semester at CSU San Marcos

Created for international students with advanced English language proficiency the program includes:

- Semester or year-long programs of study at CSU San Marcos
- Up to 12 undergraduate credits or 9 graduate credits per semester without going through the traditional CSU admissions process — courses may be taken alone or in conjunction with intensive English language courses.
- One year of Optional Practice Training (OPT) after 2 semesters of university courses in the major

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Training

This intensive course of study provides international teachers of English with:

- An immersion in “best-practice” training
- Peer teaching, discussion and curriculum development
- Classes taught by master teachers who have extensive experience in international teacher training
- An opportunity to improve language skills, develop more constructive lesson plans and tests, and establish techniques for more effectively teaching reading, writing, grammar, oral/aural skills, culture, video and computer use.



Located just 24 Kilometers from the Pacific Ocean in the heart of Southern California, CSUSM is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, offers over 40 degree programs and is well known for its safety record, small class sizes, state of the art facilities and excellent support services.

American Culture Experience (ACE)

The ultimate Southern California lifestyle experience, participants will enjoy:

- Surf, sun, beaches, mountains and desert all within a one hour drive of the university
- World-famous theme parks such as Disneyland, Sea World and the San Diego Zoo
- English classes with outstanding instructors in a small, personalized setting
- Social events such as picnics and beach barbeques

Program is open to groups ages 15-55+ and individuals ages 18 and older.

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