Is there conditional admission to UTEP? There is no conditional admission to UTEP; i.e., enrollment in ELI does not constitute admission to UTEP.

Why do I need health insurance? Medical services and medicines in the U.S. are very costly. Therefore, participants are required to have medical insurance coverage while they are attending UTEP. Because of our location on the Mexican border, students from Mexico are exempt from this requirement, but are strongly advised to have insurance coverage for medical emergencies while in the U.S.

What University facilities and services can ELI students access? Students enrolled in ELI courses may use the following campus services:

- UTEP Library
- Student Recreation Center (gym and swimming pool); this requires the purchase of a $50-$60 monthly membership
- Shuttle bus on-campus (free to use with the Miner Student ID)
- Metro Bus service around El Paso (for a reduced fee with the UTEP Student ID)
- Computer labs in the UTEP Liberal Arts Building

Do I have to take the placement test? The placement test is administered to establish your English proficiency and place you into the appropriate level.
The English Language Institute’s vision is to be the institute of choice for local and international students who seek to develop the English language skills needed to contribute to the El Paso community as an academic, professional and social asset. ELI’s mission is to provide an English as a Second Language (ESL) blended curriculum, which will help prepare local and international students to achieve a TOEFL grade of 550, as well as for enrollment in an American institution of Higher Learning.

Our educational philosophy is to transform the classroom beyond a traditional learning environment by creating a unique, memorable and personal experience for each student. In support of this philosophy, students will experience education in an environment that is “alive” with engagement and active learning.

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (ELI):

• To have a successful academic experience in an American institute of Higher Learning
• As part of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
• To receive essential language skills for everyday communication

Our classes are small so each student can get the individual attention they need; classes are also located on the UTEP campus – especially convenient for those students who already attend classes here. Classes meet for five hours a day and the core course is spread over an eight-week period. Classes for beginners and Advanced learners are available. Instructors have a wide range of teaching experience and knowledge and are well suited to assist students learning a new language. The Educational Testing Service TOEFL exam is offered every month.

ABOUT US

OUR INSTRUCTORS

A program as rich as ELI’s instructors need to be equal to the best around. ELI instructors are uniquely equipped to deliver successful and meaningful learning outcomes for ELI students:
• ELI instructors possess advanced degrees such as Masters in TESOL, Masters in Linguistics, or Masters in English
• ELI instructors have experience teaching abroad in countries like Mexico, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Vietnam.
• On average, our instructors have each been teaching 10 years, bringing a wealth of experience to the program.

Why you should choose ELI:

• To improve essential language skills for everyday communication
• To earn a solid TOEFL score
• To enhance one’s chances of finding a job

In this course, students will improve their conversational English skills, including pronunciation and listening. Strong emphasis is placed on achieving confidence in the ability to speak English. The course focuses on vocational, professional and general discussions. Students meet in the mornings from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m., or in the evenings from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

TOEFL INTERNET-BASED TEST (IBT) – EVENINGS AND WEEKEND COURSES

This course is designed to prepare students for the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Students from foreign countries must pass the TOEFL, to be admitted to most American universities. The course will cover all parts of the TOEFL: listening, comprehension, speaking, structure, written expression, reading comprehension and vocabulary. Test-taking strategies will also be presented.

APPLYING TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AT UTEP

The online ELI application process can take between 3 to 15 days to complete, depending on whether or not the student needs a F-1 student visa. A checklist, together with application forms, calendar and fee information are available for downloading at http://www.ppp.utep.edu/eli

HOW TO ENROLL

1. Visit us at http://www.ppp.utep.edu/eli
2. Click on the APPLICATION CHECKLIST – ENGLISH (link C of the list above) where you will find the application process explained and all required documents listed.
3. You will receive a prospectus. ELI students must read all the required documents. International students who require an I-20 should check the "Calendars and Fees" document. All necessary official documents are submitted prior to the I-20 request deadline.
4. Registration must be completed before the placement test can be taken.
5. After your application is received, you will receive an email from ELI on the status of your application within 5 to 14 days.
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7. Admissions to the ELI is not the same as admission to the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). If you wish to obtain admission to the University, you must apply directly to UTEP.