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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

DANA SAIF

Welcome to the International Language Academy of Washington D.C., also known as ILA. We understand that traveling to a new country can be overwhelming, but rest assured ILA has all the tools to help you succeed. Whether you are looking to complete your education at an American university or just simply want to improve your English, you'll find your perfect fit at ILA.

Our knowledgeable staff will guide you through the application process, assist you with completing and fulfilling all of your non-immigration documents, and designate time to sit and speak with you one-on-one about our programs to ensure we satisfy all of your goals while here. Upon completion of our program, our staff can provide assistance with university admissions with one of our partner universities. ILA strives to set each and every one of our students up for success through our personalized approach and commitment to student achievement!

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to help students master the skills required to pursue their education in American universities, enter the US workforce, and be successful in all aspects of life in the United States, through a combination of classroom teaching and social activities.

ACCREDITATION

ILA's accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). The CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the United States.



ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH ILA'S UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

At ILA, one of our primary objectives is to help international students smoothly transition into American Universities. Not only do our programs prepare you to pass your IELTS and TOEFL exams for university entry, but we also work hard to partner with universities in the DC area and across the United States.

Through our range of university partnerships, qualified students will experience a streamlined admissions process with our partnered schools. Our Academic Pathways programs are ideal for prospective university students who need to strengthen their English language skills. These partnerships provide a strong foundation for academic study and a smooth transition through the application process.

Students have the option to study at the McLean campus or in Fredericksburg at the University of Mary Washington

"Our Several Bridge Programs provides a strong foundation for academic study and a smooth transition."

- Dana Saif, Founder



- Fredericksburg, VA
- Acceptance upon completion of ILA's Intensive programs
- Advanced students may attend ILA Campus at the University of Mary Washington



- Arlington, VA
- Marymount University will now accept ILA students who have completed Level 12 with a final score of 85 percent or higher



- Washington, DC
- Catholic University will now accept ILA students who have completed Level 12 with a final score of 85 percent or higher



- Fairfax, VA
- ILA is a proud partner of the INTO Pathway Program and INTO George Mason University Program. Admissions eligibility varies. Please contact our admissions office for more information

ILA ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAMS



ACADEMIC PATHWAY English Program

- 25+ hours of class time per week with levels ranging from beginner to advanced and includes test preparation courses and electives.
- The course focuses on Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation, Vocabulary, and Reading and Writing.
- The Intensive English program consists of 12 levels; students can successfully complete one level during each four-week session.



GENERAL English Program

- 18 hours of class time per week, has levels ranging from beginner to advanced, and includes test preparation courses.
- F1 Student requirements by providing a minimum of 18 hours a week of class time.
- Like the Intensive English Program, this program focuses on Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation, Vocabulary, and Reading and Writing.



SEMI - INTENSIVE English Program

- 16 hours or less of English study per week.
- This program is designed to help individuals and students achieve English language proficiency through a more relaxed class schedule.
- The program focuses on Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation, Vocabulary, Reading, and Writing from beginner to advanced levels.

BUSINESS

English Program

- This professional training course incorporates current business theory with practical and critical thinking skills, to provide a context-based approach to business English.
- We customize the Business English course to the needs of the students and their sponsor, with special emphasis on Marketing, Finance, Management, and Human Resources.



CONVERSATION

English Program

- Our conversation class helps people practice their day-to-day conversations and accent reduction.
- This class is perfect for those looking for a more flexible, relaxed, informal way to learn English.
- Available in the evenings
- This program can also act as an additional elective for students already enrolled in another ILA program.



1:1, TEST PREP & MORE

- ILA offers one on one sessions to better meet individual needs and time frames.
- ILA offers a variety of test preparation classes to better prepare students who are taking TOEFL and IELTS with sessions that are held during regular class hours, the evening, and on weekends to better accommodate individual needs.



EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON D.C.

with ILA



As one of the most visited cities in the United States, Washington D.C. has something for everyone. The city offers its visitors and residents a variety of interesting experiences, from exploring our national monuments to seeing some of Leonardo Da Vinci and Raphael's most famous works at the National Gallery. Museums, parks, eclectic neighborhoods, and live music all make D.C. a unique and amazing place.



The D.C. metro system is one of the most user-friendly in the country, with easy color-coded maps that extend into Virginia and Maryland. Looking for a scenic route? Hop on a bike and explore all that D.C. has to offer its guests. Walk the halls of Smithsonian museums, paddle board or kayak on the Potomac River, or climb on a double-decker bus and soak up some history. Local shops and funky market hot spots beckon by midday, as nighttime gives way to multi-course dinners and drinks from local breweries.

Activities can be found at every turn with an over abundance of parks, trails, and scenic walking areas! Washington D.C. is an extremely bike-friendly city. If you want a new view of the monuments, you can rent a paddle boat and make your way around the Tidal Basin.



Did you know

Washington D.C. was recently voted the most walkable city in the country!





Museums

Washington D.C. is the headquarters of the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum. The Smithsonian museums and galleries are only the tip of the Washington museum iceberg! All the Smithsonian Museums offer an unforgettable experience and are free of charge.

Outdoors

When visiting the District, you should know you're entering a city where locals love to hike, walk and play outside.

There are dozens of Capital Bikeshare racks across the city where you can borrow a bike with a day pass, or book a tour to see the sights via bicycle or kayak! Just a short bike ride away is the beautiful Great Falls Park full of hiking and biking trails!



Festivals

Washington D.C. offers some of the best cultural events and festivals in the United States.

The city hosts many free festivals and events hosted by the Smithsonian Institution that offer up theatrical works, concerts, art exhibits, and food fairs. Festivals provide a fun way to learn about the arts, music, food, and traditions of other countries.

Music

When it comes to D.C.'s music legends, the landscape is as diverse as the city itself. D.C. is a stop for almost every name in music! Each artist has influenced the local landscape for years. Whether you prefer jazz, go-go, hardcore punk, hip-hop, dance or anything in between, you can find it on any given night in the District at live music venues.



WHY CHOOSE ILA?

01

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Through our Bridge Programs, students that complete ILA's Academic English Program will be offered either guaranteed acceptance or waived language requirements

02

GREAT LOCATION

ILA is located just a block away from Tysons Corner, a major shopping center with restaurants, shops, and businesses. Washington D.C. is just a few metro stops away!

03

QUALITY TEACHERS

All of our teachers have either a masters or bachelor degree with a minimum of 3 years of experience teaching ESL.

04

SMALL CLASSROOM SIZE

Students never have to worry about overcrowded classrooms. Our small student to teacher ratio ensures that our students always have a personal experience in their classroom.

05

CEA ACCREDITED

The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) is a specialized accrediting agency that focuses on post-secondary intensive English language programs and institutions.

06

TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBLE

ILA is just a metro ride away from the heart of Washington D.C. Our prime location enables students to easily explore all there is to see in both Washington D.C. and Tysons Corner.

07

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

ILA prides itself in organizing engaging social events for its students. Our events showcase the city while giving our international students a true American experience.

08

DIVERSITY

ILA students represent over 50 countries. Our diverse classes create an exciting environment that is welcoming of all cultures and opinions.

09

EXCEPTIONAL STAFF & SERVICE

From the moment you first contact us to program completion, ILA Staff will assist in everything from getting your visa to getting you into a college or university.

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GREAT FACILITY

ILA's campus provides its student with a comfortable and modern learning facility. Our school provides students with computers for academic use, a lounge area, and a cafeteria.





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