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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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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 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.





UNIVERSITY OF
MARY WASHINGTON

where great minds get to work

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Through our exclusive Bridge Program with the University of Mary Washington, eligible students can complete their English studies at ILA and gain guaranteed acceptance to the University of Mary Washington.





University of Mary
Washington campus

GUARANTEED ADMISSION FOR ILA STUDENTS

Prospective students who require English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction prior to enrollment will now have a path to the University of Mary Washington, thanks to a new partnership with the International Language Academy of Washington, D.C. (ILA).

ILA will provide an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructional program at both the University's Fredericksburg campus and ILA's campus in McLean, Virginia. In addition, ILA will provide a Bridge Program at UMW. The Bridge Program would allow students to directly transfer into Mary Washington upon completion of ILA's Intensive English Program.

"Mary Washington offers a variety of academic programs that not only give students wide options from which to choose, but will also provide them with the resources they need to succeed. The academically-focused curriculum ILA offers will be the basis for a smooth transition for students who are interested in either the Bridge or the Non-Bridge Program."

-Dana Saif, Executive Director of ILA

"The ESL and Bridge Programs are important new resources for prospective students who need to strengthen their English language skills, and for those students who are seeking to attend UMW, The Bridge Program will provide a strong foundation for academic study and a smooth transition through the application process to becoming a successful UMW student"

- Nina Mikhalevsky, UMW Acting Provost

Students have the option to study at the McLean campus or in Fredericksburg at the university.

"The Bridge Program provides a strong foundation for academic study and a smooth transition."



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CHOOSE THE PROGRAM FOR YOU

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ILA offers a variety of English programs that cater to individuals looking to accomplish their academic goals. Whether you are seeking a university prep program or a more flexible schedule, we have just the fit for you.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Open the door to new experiences. Strengthen your communication skills and achieve your professional or personal goals with one of our professional skills programs.



ACADEMIC English Program

The Bridge Program is available to highly advanced students who wish to begin their studies at the University of Mary Washington while completing the Intensive English Program. The Program will provide students with a combination of both ESL classes and introductory college courses. Students will get a jump start toward earning their UMW degree by enrolling at UMW concurrently. Bridge students will live on campus and will have the opportunity to take advantage of co-curricular offerings, academic support services, and more.



INTENSIVE English Program

Our Intensive English Program, which consists of 23-25 hours of class time per week, has levels ranging from beginner to advanced, and includes test preparation courses and electives. The courses focus on speaking, listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, and reading and writing. Completing the program will prepare students to begin their studies at American universities and help them achieve English language proficiency as they learn key English language skills and engage in practical, real-world conversations.



GENERAL English Program

Our General English program, which consists of 18-22 hours of class time per week, has levels ranging from beginner to advanced and includes test preparation. This program meets F1 Student requirements by providing a minimum of 18 hours per week of class time. Like the Intensive English Program, this program focuses on speaking, listening, pronunciation, reading, vocabulary, and writing. This program is ideal for students seeking an individually-tailored classroom schedule.

SEMI-INTENSIVE English Program

Our Semi-Intensive Program is designed for students seeking to complete 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. This program focuses on speaking, listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, and reading and writing.



DIPLOMAT English Program

English for Diplomats is a program specifically tailored to diplomats, their families and individuals working in Foreign Service, and encompassing all levels from beginner to advanced placement. The course covers conversational speaking, public speaking, reading and listening comprehension, and vocabulary enhancement while focusing on relevant current affairs.



PROFESSIONAL English Program

ILA offers a range of professional English programs designed for individuals looking to concentrate on language substantive to their professions or area of interest. Legal, Business, Medical, and Au pair English Programs are some of the many professional programs ILA is qualified to teach! These courses cover conversational speaking, public speaking, reading and listening comprehension, and vocabulary enhancement relevant to each specific field.



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 as there is an 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, and research complex. 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. From the Air and Space Museum and the National Museum of American History to the Natural History Museum and the American Indian Museum, you could spend hours at each museum and still not see it all.

Outdoors

When visiting the District, you should know you're entering a city where locals love to hike, walk and play outside. If you want to explore nature or tap into the city's local fitness, you can do it all in Washington, D.C. 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. As the nation's capital, the city is home to 175 embassies from around the world and attracts a diverse population to live, work, and play in the region. 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.



Find the **HOUSING SOLUTION** for you

Choosing a housing option can be a stressful process for international students as they are already occupied with preparing for their travels, studies, and cultural adaption.

ILA is here to help you find the right housing solution through our network of trusted housing partners.



APARTMENT LIVING

If you're more of an independent guy or gal, why not move into a private apartment off campus? Apartment living provides a quieter living environment than homestay or dorm rooms.

Living on your own in a private apartment is also a great way to immerse yourself in the local community. Instead of limiting your social life to the university bubble, you're more likely to meet a host of interesting people who are not just students. Living off campus also means you get to discover hidden gems in your neighborhood.

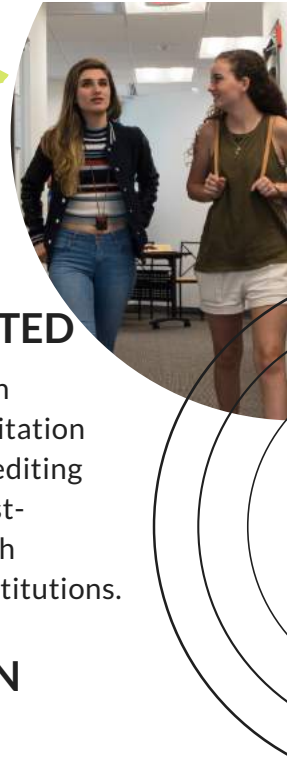
HOMESTAY

This option is for students looking to truly engage themselves in the language and culture by living with a family of native English speakers. Homestays provide students with a first-hand experience of daily life in another country. Home-cooked meals, host siblings, and a family pet can create a comfortable living environment, which can often ease the occasional bout of homesickness.



Visit housing.ila.edu

WHY CHOOSE ILA?



01

GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE

Into The University of
Mary Washington

Through our Bridge Program, students that complete ILA's Academic English Program will be offered guaranteed acceptance into UMW.

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.

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DIVERSITY

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

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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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