Program Features
MiraCosta College’s English Language Institute (ELI) offers international students the opportunity to increase their English language proficiency and develop the skills needed for success in a U.S. college or university.

The intensive English as a Second Language Program provides language immersion, and individualized instruction in small classes (average 12 students). Dedicated professional faculty and state-of-the-art computer software make learning experiences more effective.

The program is designed for students with a minimum of one year English language training at the high school or college level. The program may not be appropriate for advanced ESL students or students with a TOEFL score greater than 500. ELI is appropriate for levels Advanced Beginner and Intermediate.

ELI students attend class 20 hours per week. There are five sessions per year and each session is eight weeks long. Students may attend multiple sessions. All classes are held on the MiraCosta College Oceanside Campus.

Typical Daily Schedule

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“ELI has been helpful to significantly improve my English skills and to use English in my everyday life. This is a great place for international students who want to improve their skills in order to enter college or simply to become more confident with their English.”
—Nattawee from Thailand

“ELI is a good English program for people like me who want to enhance their English skills. In addition, it is a good training program if you are looking for a great score on the TOEFL test. The classes and teachers are very nice. The college’s surrounding areas are fantastic. The ELI program will be so helpful to me to become a successful person in my professional and everyday life.”
—Eduardo from El Salvador
Ensure Your English Success Through ELI

Students can meet their educational and professional goals through MiraCosta College’s program. Program highlights include:

- Exceptional faculty who work with both ELI and college credit students to ensure smooth transition into college.
- Easy acceptance into MiraCosta College’s degree programs for qualified applicants.
- High college transfer rate.
- Professional and career language growth.
- Personal attention and academic support.

Student Services

MiraCosta College has a full-service international student office with advisers to help with all immigration documents and cultural adjustment. They also help students plan their classes and education to ensure successful transfer into MiraCosta College credit classes or other California colleges and universities.

ELI students have access to the library, computer labs and health center. Students are also welcome to join MiraCosta College clubs and organizations.

Off-campus housing is available through local Home-Stay Services companies. Students reside with a carefully-screened local family and learn more about American culture while improving spoken English skills.

The College and the Surrounding Area

MiraCosta College is a fully accredited California two-year college located just a few minutes from the beautiful San Diego County beaches. The college has provided a full spectrum of programs and services to a diverse local and international population for 75 years. MiraCosta College is situated just 35 minutes north of downtown San Diego and offers easy access to many Southern California attractions and activities. The campus is located in a suburban area that is both protected and safe for students. The average temperature in Oceanside is 20°C–27°C year round, attracting tourists from around the world. Our beautiful buildings, landscaping and ocean views make MiraCosta College a great place to study!