



# Brochure 2019



California  
Language Academy  
Los Angeles | San Diego





# WELCOME TO THE CALIFORNIA LANGUAGE ACADEMY FAMILY LOS ANGELES | SAN DIEGO



*"Dear Students,*

*Congratulations on taking the first steps toward the adventure of a lifetime! All of us at California Language Academy are so excited to be a part of your journey. As you take the brave plunge into moving to a new country, whether it's to explore a new city or to study a language, we encourage you to immerse yourself in the new culture and surroundings and remember that we are here for you every step of the way. At CLA, we offer a broad range of English programs, accommodation options and student services to slowly ease you into this experience and to provide you with an authentic California experience. At CLA, we dedicate ourselves to creating a personalized and intimate language experience to provide you with a home away from home.*

*Over the past 8 years, CLA has grown into a highly-respected, boutique language school. We have received the highest level of ACCET accreditation and have been shortlisted for the ST Star Awards in the Best English Language School - North America category two years in a row. But, no matter how much we grow, we will never forget our core values and the roots of where we started. Our first priority is always you, the student. At CLA, we go above and beyond to ensure that we are meeting your personal and academic goals and guide you through the experience of your dreams.*

*We can't wait to meet you and look forward to welcoming you into our CLA Family!"*

  
ARI OLGUN  
CO-FOUNDER & CFO

  
ALISSA OLGUN  
CO-FOUNDER & COO

## “ THE CLA MISSION STATEMENT

CLA is passionate about the success of each of our students. Our mission is to provide high quality, personalized language training that can be immediately applied in the real world. At California Language Academy, you are not just a student, but part of a family! ”

# WHY CLA?

## TOP 8 REASONS TO CHOOSE CLA



### 1 Location, Location, Location

Two fantastic Southern California locations close to beaches and tourist attractions.

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### 2 Family Owned & Operated

We are your home away from home and welcome each student into our CLA family!

### 3 Award-Winning Programs

We do it all, customized to the student's needs!

- Full-time Academic English ( F-1/I-20)
- Short-term vacation English & study tours

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### 4 Ideal Classroom Environment

- Small class sizes (average of 6-8 students)
- Diverse nationality mix
- Student-centered classes with personal attention from teachers

### 5 Superior Teachers & Staff

We want to get to know the real you!

- Highly-qualified, certified & professional teachers
- Warm, caring and energetic staff

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### 6 Excellent Student Services

- Afternoon activities like surfing and yoga
- Weekend excursions like Las Vegas / Disneyland
- Homestay or Residence housing options

### 7 Pathway to College

Partnerships with many American Universities.

- Exam Preparation courses (TOEFL, IELTS, CAE/FCE, TOEIC).

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### 8 Accreditations & Awards





# MEET OUR DIVERSE CLA FAMILY

STUDENTS FROM 45 NATIONALITIES



"Studying at CLA was the best experience for me. Everyone was so friendly and helped me to improve my English! I hope to return to Los Angeles soon, and spend some time with my friends who I made there! I miss my classes and my teachers that made everyone feel like family!"

MARIO, COLOMBIA



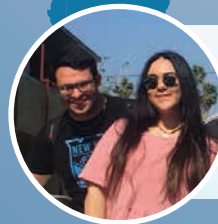
"I studied at CLA for five months and lived in a homestay and my experience was unforgettable. The staff is so adorable and patient. I made a lot of new friends, learned a lot about cultures, had so much fun and will never forget. My English is much better now, I can talk about so many things. Thank you CLA for everything!"

THAIS, BRAZIL



"I studied Business English at CLA for 4 weeks and I really enjoyed my stay. I was able to improve my pronunciation and advanced grammar structure and usage. Staying in a homestay helped me to further my skills outside of class. I also got to go on many activities with the other students and built great friendships. I love California."

NICOLAS, ARGENTINA



"Such an amazing school. I learned so much, the classes are perfect and the teachers the best. Thank you so much for taking care of me and treating me like a member of this amazing family. It was a pleasure to meet all the incredible persons that CLA has in LA. A big hug for everyone, and I'm sure that I'll come back to visit CLA soon, so soon :) Thanks and I love you guys :)"

INES, SPAIN



"Studying at CLA was the right choice because I wanted to learn English correctly. And you should do the same. It is a family school and you make a lot of friends with students and teachers. I made 3 sisters, hehe. I lived for 3 months in the greatest host family possible. I was able to participate in their activities and have progressed so much. I totally recommend this school and am so happy I came here. I want to stay longer, much longer and will be back. Merc!"

FLORIAN, FRANCE



"I loved my experience. I made friends for life, I am sure. When I was here there were daily activities going on and I was able to join a few. I got to see Los Angeles like the locals do. My favorite was Beverly Hills. My classes and teachers were great. I feel like my grammar improved a lot and I am able to communicate better now. Thanks for a fun summer!"

DOLORES, SWITZERLAND



"Thank you for all my memories in CLA. I love the class, teachers, friends, everything. If I chose another school maybe I couldn't have made this many real friends and improved so much because I am so shy. The classes are small and there are many kinds of activity. So I could participate in every class very positively and I am more confident. If it is possible for me to come back I will for sure. I will miss you all."

AYANE, JAPAN



"I spent the summer studying in California and it was so so much fun. We joined all of the activities and Disneyland was my favorite. I stayed in a homestay, Lulu and Pete. They were wonderful, we swam every day and they were our second family. I tried tacos for the first time too. Our classes were great and teachers fun. We went outside a lot and were forced to speak English which helped me a lot. I love."

TERRY, SOUTH KOREA



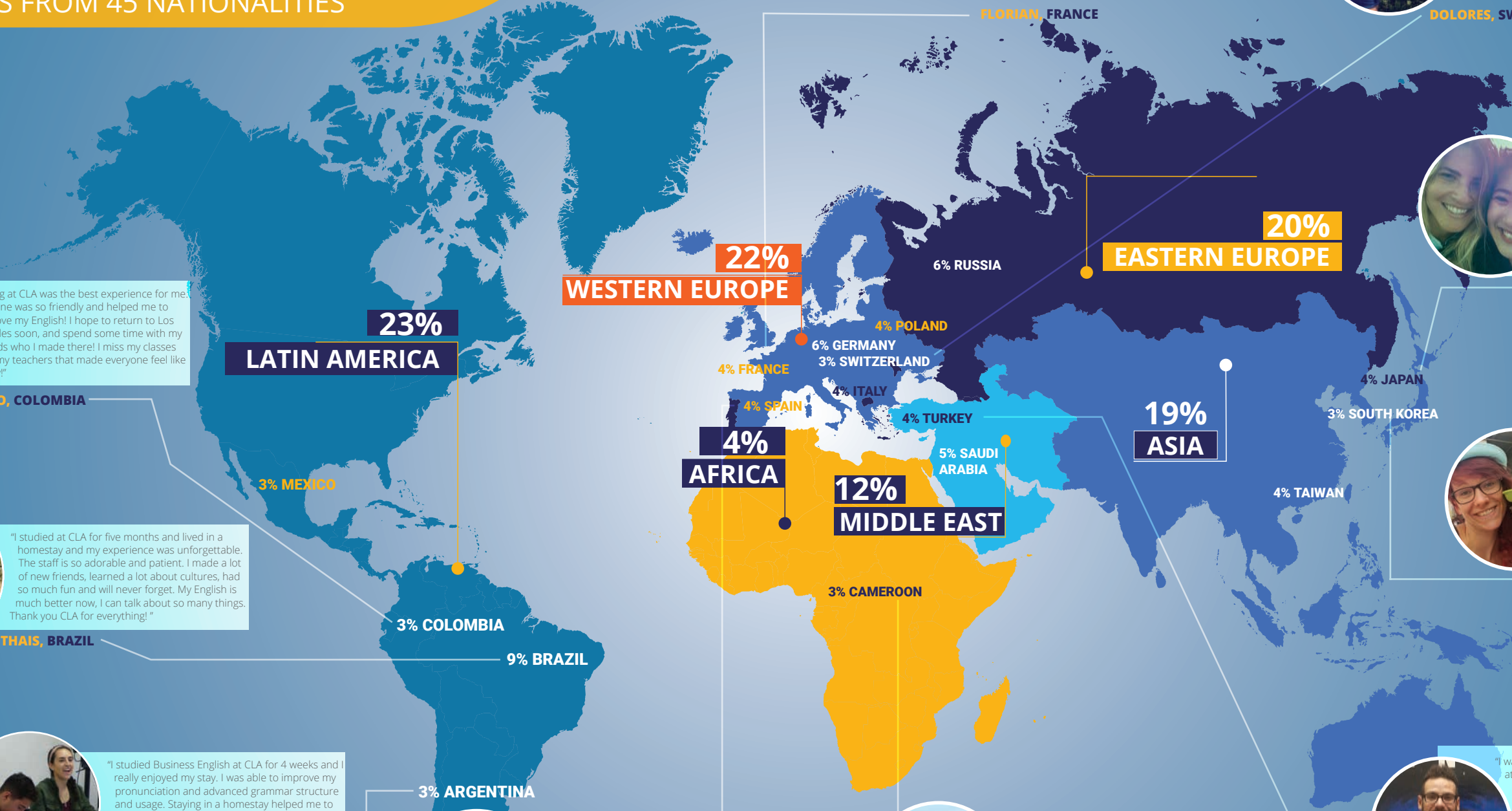
"I was a beginner when I first came. My goal was attending post-graduate education. They arranged homestay for me and my host family was so helpful. After then I attended TOEFL and IELTS preparation class. I got better day by day. Finally I reached my goal and I succeeded on IELTS exam. So UCSD approved my application. During the application process CLA family supported me a lot. For example they helped me on reference letter, some documents, online search etc. Also we did a lot of different activities. It was unforgettable memory for me."

MURAT, TURKEY



"Thank you for the teachers teaching me. I am very happy I came here with LA Galaxy. I didn't know how to speak English and now I speak a little English. The teachers in my class are very funny. They teach very good. They are attentive to what we say and make us feel better during class. Thank you, I love you all."

YANNIK, CAMEROON





# WELCOME TO CLA LOS ANGELES



**292**  
AVERAGE  
SUNNY DAYS



**72°F / 22°C**  
AVERAGE  
HIGH TEMPERATURE



**35**  
ANNUAL  
RAINY DAYS



**FREE**  
WIFI



**STUDENT**  
LOUNGE



**SNACKS &**  
KITCHEN



**8 BRIGHT**  
CLASSROOMS



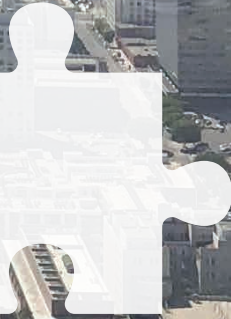
**FREE**  
PARKING



**AVERAGE**  
CLASS SIZE: 8



**OCCUPANCY:**  
120





### WHY STUDY AT CLA LOS ANGELES

- Located in Silicon Beach, near Google, Yahoo!, YouTube and more
- Los Angeles is a melting pot. We love and embrace other cultures and ethnicities
- Californians love it casual. T-shirts and flip flops are commonplace
- Lots of restaurants and bars in walking distance
- Venice is a skater heaven, with a big skate park right on the beach
- Go surfing in the morning and snowboarding in the afternoon

### THINGS TO DO AROUND CLA LOS ANGELES

- Nearest beach:** 15 minutes to the beach, Playa del Rey
- Nearest shopping center:** several within 2-minute walk
- Nearest bus stop:** 1-minute walk
- Nearest Starbucks:** Across the street
- Nearest restaurant:** Downstairs
- Nearest supermarket:** 5-minute walk
- Hollywood Walk of Fame:** 40 minutes by car
- Beverly Hills & Rodeo Drive:** 30 minutes by car
- Nearest post office:** 5-minute walk
- Nearest bank:** 2-minute walk



“My teachers are always correcting me, and I can see the changes the class made on my vocabulary, and the improvement on my texts. The conversations help me to improve naturally. My teachers make sure we understand the content, and applied different classes, for example a day we went to a public library. I will be back next year.”

### TILL, FROM GERMANY



### NATIONALITY MIX TOP 5



### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



# WELCOME TO CLA SAN DIEGO



**266**  
AVERAGE  
SUNNY DAYS



**73 °F / 23 °C**  
AVERAGE  
HIGH TEMPERATURE



**2<sup>nd</sup> BEST**  
WEATHER  
IN THE COUNTRY



**FREE**  
WIFI



**STUDENT**  
LOUNGE



**SNACKS &**  
COFFEE



**10 BRIGHT**  
CLASSROOMS



**STREET**  
PARKING



**AVERAGE**  
CLASS SIZE: 6



**OCCUPANCY:**  
150





## WHY STUDY AT CLA SAN DIEGO

- Located in the famous Gaslamp Quarter
- Close to restaurants and shops
- San Diego is one of America's safest large cities
- San Diegans love different cultures and ethnicities
- It is a surfer's paradise & is also called America's Finest City
- San Diego beaches have been rated the most gorgeous beaches in the world

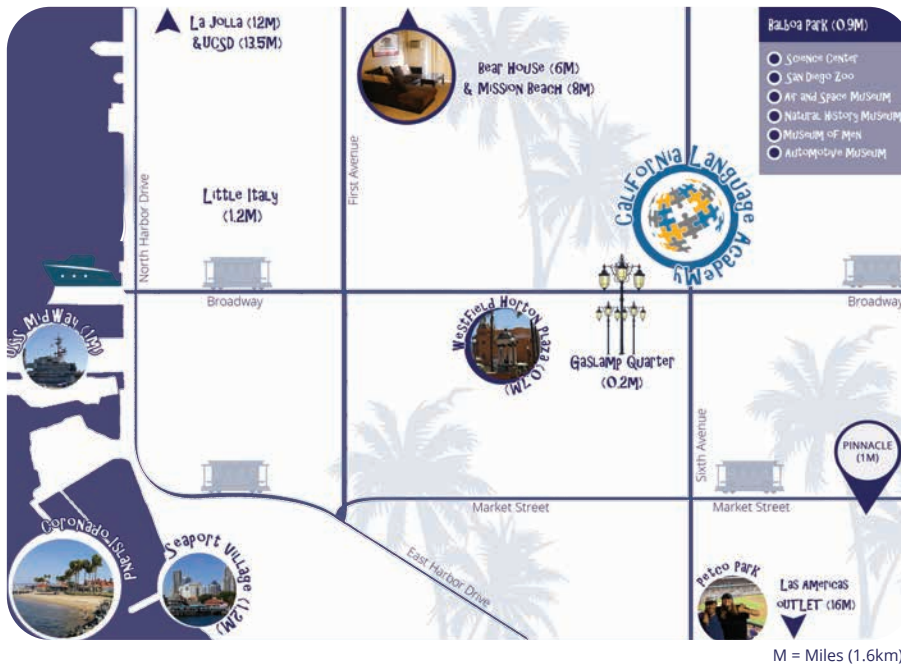
## THINGS TO DO AROUND CLA SAN DIEGO

- Nearest shopping center:** 12-minute walk, Horton Plaza
- Nearest bus stop:** Around the corner on C St/6th Ave
- Nearest Starbucks:** Across the street
- Nearest restaurant:** Downstairs
- Nearest supermarket:** 12-minute walk
- Nearest park:** 14-minute walk, Balboa Park
- Nearest surf spot:** 35 minutes by bus, Ocean Beach
- Nearest post office:** 7-minute walk
- Nearest bank:** 2- minute walk
- Seaport Village:** 12 minutes by foot
- Balboa Park:** 12 minutes by foot
- San Diego Zoo:** 20 minutes by bus



"CLA San Diego is in the heart of the downtown area. You can spend part of your day exploring the Gaslamp District, head to the beach for a fish taco and surf, then end the day with a beautiful view at Sunset Cliffs. Our small class sizes really enable me to have the chance to get to know each and every student. I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people from all over the world. If you enjoy adventure then San Diego is a great place to find it."

**RACHEL,  
ACADEMIC STUDIES MANAGER**



## NATIONALITY MIX TOP 5



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# GENERAL ENGLISH PROGRAM



**Number of Levels:** 6  
**Minimum Enrollment:** 2 weeks  
**Levels Offered:** Level 1 to Level 6  
**Suggested Start Dates:** Every 4 Weeks

CLA LEVEL	1	2	3	4	5	6
CEFR LEVEL	A1	A2	B1	B1+	B2	C1

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Our most popular program, programs available for 2 weeks or up to 3 years
- Everyday English skills, including listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar
- Full-time and Part-time programs available (I-20 for F1 student visa offered)
- Experienced and highly-qualified English teachers
- Packages to study in Los Angeles and San Diego available
- Choose from a variety of Elective Courses to strengthen skills

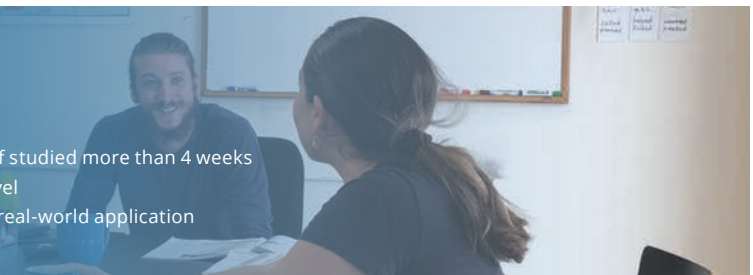


## THE CLA DIFFERENCE

- REAL-WORLD APPLICATION**
- SMALL CLASSES (AVERAGE OF 8)**
- ACCET ACCREDITED**
- EXPERIENCE THE LANGUAGE**
- BECOME CONFIDENT IN YOUR SKILLS**
- CUSTOMIZED LESSONS**

## SUCCESS IS OUR GOAL

- Every student takes a level test on his/her first day
- Weekly unit tests & monthly presentations to assess skills
- Progress reports tracked to monitor improvements weekly
- Student's level is assessed at term end and his/her last day if studied more than 4 weeks
- On average, it takes one term (12 weeks) to complete one level
- National Geographic materials & TED Talks used in class for real-world application
- Certificate of completion



## Part - Time & Vacation English Programs

Program Title	# of Courses	Courses	Hours per week
Standard 12	2	1 & 2 or 2 & 4	12
Standard 15	3	1, 2 and 3	15

## Full - Time Intensive English Programs\*

Program Title	# of Courses	Courses	Hours per week
Intensive 18	3	1, 2 & 4	18
Intensive 21	4	1, 2, 3 & 4	21
Super Intensive 27	5	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	27

\*CLA can issue I-20 for F1 student visa.

## Class Schedule

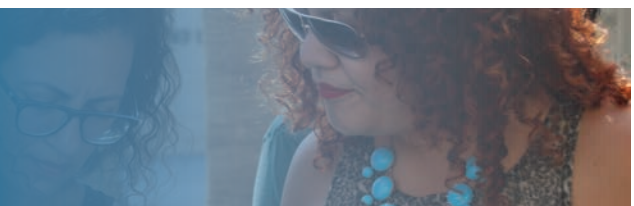
Time	Monday - Thursday	Friday
9:15am - 10:45am	<b>Course 1:</b> Listening & Speaking	<b>Course 3:</b> Accent Reduction
10:45am - 11:00am	Break	
11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>Course 2:</b> Reading, Writing, & Grammar	<b>Course 3:</b> Vocabulary Builder
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Break	
1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Course 4:</b> Elective Course	
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break	
2:45pm - 4:15pm	<b>Course 5:</b> Elective Course	

## OUR MOST POPULAR ELECTIVE COURSES

- EVERYDAY ENGLISH**
- AMERICAN IDIOMS**
- CONVERSATION SKILLS**
- CREATIVE WRITING**
- FILM & ENTERTAINMENT**
- TED TALKS**
- AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE**

## ELECTIVE COURSE DETAILS

Elective Course topics change approximately every 4 weeks  
 Suggested start dates: every 4 weeks; usually 1st Monday of the month  
 Certification of completion given after each 4-week Elective Course term  
 Elective Courses can be upgraded to Premium Electives (see page 10)







# PREMIUM ELECTIVES

## PREMIUM ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Exam Preparation | Business English | Pathway to College

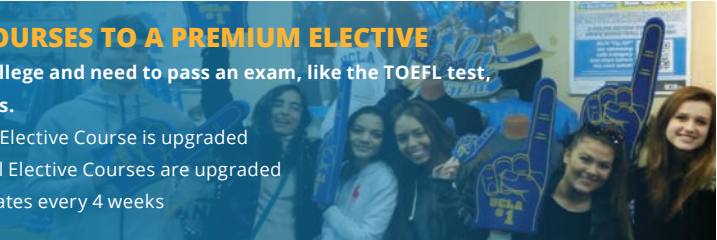
## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Levels Offered:** Level 4 to Level 6  
**Class Size:** Average of 5 students  
**Progress Tracking:** Weekly tests  
**Minimum Enrollment:** 2 weeks  
**Length of Term:** 12 weeks  
**Suggested Start Dates:** Every 4 Weeks

### UPGRADE ANY OF THE GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSES TO A PREMIUM ELECTIVE

These courses are designed for students who want to go to college and need to pass an exam, like the TOEFL test, or want to improve their academic and business English skills.

- 6 hours of Premium Elective Courses per week if *one* General Elective Course is upgraded
- 12 hours of Premium Elective Course per week if *both* General Elective Courses are upgraded
- Premium Elective terms are 12 weeks long, suggested start dates every 4 weeks



### EXAM Preparation Upgrade Details

- TOEFL, IELTS, CAE/FCE & TOEIC focus
- Learn essential test-taking skills and how to manage time
- Interpret and analyze graphs, lectures and historical and academic texts
- Improve speech patterns
- Learn Exam specific vocabulary and techniques

### Business English Upgrade Details

- Topics include:
- Resume writing, interview skills, email etiquette, communication and business vocabulary
  - Interpret business-related articles, ledgers, journals, emails and proposals
  - Practice presentation preparation and learn how to present with confidence

### Pathway to College Upgrade Details

- Topics include:
- University life preparation, university entrance essay, completing an application form, selecting your class schedule and more
  - University introduction presentations and tours
  - Practice academic behavior and gain confidence
  - Learn about university policies and practices
  - Learn to understand key information about program content



## GO TO ANY OF THESE UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT TAKING THE TOEFL TEST

Santa Monica College California	American University Washington D.C.	New York Film Academy California	Full Sail University Florida	University of Kansas Kansas	University of Central Florida Florida	Florida International University Florida	Auburn University Alabama	Louisiana State University Louisiana
University of South Carolina South Carolina	Adelphi University New York	NP College California	University of the West California	West Los Angeles College California	Westcliff University California	California International Business University California	Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology Denver	Academy of Couture Art California



# ENGLISH PLUS & ADVENTURE TOURS



ADD FUN ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO TO ANY OF THE ENGLISH PROGRAMS.\*

## SURFING

Available in Los Angeles & San Diego

### LOS ANGELES :

- 1.5-hour lesson
- Group or private lessons available
- **Includes:** Wetsuit and Surfboard
- **English level required:** 2

### SAN DIEGO :

- 1.5-hour lesson
- Group or private lessons available
- **Includes:** Wetsuit and Surfboard
- **English level required:** 2



## ADVENTURE TOURS

Explore from Los Angeles & San Diego

### THEME PARKS :

- Disneyland
- Universal Studios Hollywood
- Six Flags Magic Mountain
- **Includes:** Transportation and ticket

### DAY TOURS :

- Los Angeles & San Diego Day Tour
- **Includes:** Transportation and guide

### WEEKEND TOURS :

3 days, 2 nights

- San Francisco Weekend Tour
- Yosemite Weekend Tour
- Las Vegas Weekend Tour
- **Includes:** Transportation, guide & hotel  
*(different room options available)*



## PADDLE BOARDING

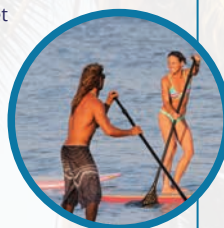
Available in Los Angeles & San Diego

### LOS ANGELES :

- 1-hour class available
- **Includes:** Paddle Board, Paddle, Life Jacket and Leash
- **English level required:** 2

### SAN DIEGO :

- 1-hour class available
- **Includes:** Paddle Board and Paddle
- **English level required:** 2



## YOGA

Available in Los Angeles & San Diego

### LOS ANGELES :

- 10 class package
- Vinyasa, Pilates, Yin Yoga and more
- **English level required:** 1

### SAN DIEGO :

- 10 class package
- Vinyasa or Yin Yoga
- **English level required:** 1



## SCUBA DIVING

Available in Los Angeles only

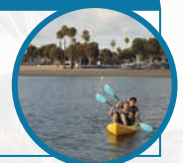
- Day 1: Full-day classroom and pool practices
- Day 2: Several ocean dives
- Crew package (dive log, manual and tables)
- **Includes:** Boat Fees, Tank, Wetsuit, BCD and regulator rental
- **English level required:** 3



## KAYAKING

Available in San Diego only

- Classes or kayak rental only available
- **Includes:** Wetsuit
- **English level required:** 2



\* Please contact a CLA representative for more information about our fun options and to check for availability.





# JUNIOR STUDY TOURS PROGRAM

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Available in Los Angeles and San Diego
- Summer, Winter and Customizable Programs
- 15 hours of class per week
- CLA managed Homestay - shared, half-board
- 4 Half-day afternoon activities per week
- 1 Full-day excursion per week

### Meet students from all over the world:

- 8% Taiwan, 9% Germany, 8% Brazil, 7% Turkey, 6% France, 7% Japan, 7% Italy



"CLA is a family with love. They have the best teachers and people are so nice and friendly. I learned a lot. We went to a lot of activities with friends to beaches and fun parks like Disneyland and played in the sand that was a lot of fun. My family was nice, we went shopping, to the beach and ate American food. I want to come back and study in California and CLA. Thank you."

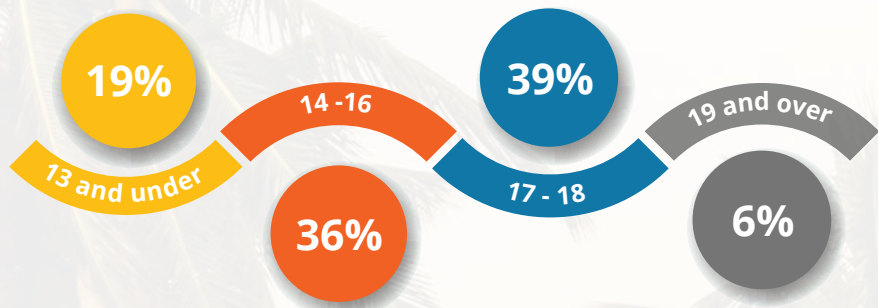
**JENNY, TAIWAN**



## Sample San Diego Calendar Summer 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>June 30</b> S.D. Tour (La Jolla Cove, Old Town, Point Loma, Blacks Beach & more)	<b>July 1</b> Orientation, Level Test & Welcome Party	<b>July 2</b> Class Lunch Break Mission Beach	<b>July 3</b> Class Lunch Break USS Midway	<b>July 4</b> Happy 4th of July Free Time with your Homestay	<b>July 5</b> Class Lunch Break Gaslamp Tour	<b>July 6</b> Free Time with your Homestay
<b>July 7</b> Disneyland	<b>July 8</b> Class Lunch Break Coronado Ferry and Island	<b>July 9</b> Class Lunch Break Boomer's Amusement Park	<b>July 10</b> Class Lunch Break Free Day	<b>July 11</b> Class Lunch Break Tour UCSD	<b>July 12</b> Class Lunch Break Shopping Day	<b>July 13</b> Free Time with your Homestay

## STUDY TOUR AGE BREAKDOWN



See CLA Fees page for prices and ask for our special Junior Study Tours Brochure.



# ACCOMMODATION

## LOS ANGELES | SAN DIEGO

"I stayed in Bear House and it was a great stay. I wish I stayed longer because it has a pool and my house mates are funny and friendly. It is pretty close to the beach and the distance to school is good. I take the bus often and did my homework on my way.

I like that I can spend time in a residence neighborhood and feel like I live in California. I enjoyed that."

**DANIELA, CLA STUDENT**



"If we wouldn't place our children there; we won't place our students there either!"

**ARI & ALISSA OLGUN, FOUNDERS OF CLA & PARENTS OF TWO**



**ILLONA, CLA HOMESTAY**

"We have enjoyed hosting a lot. Having Eric, Adria, Can and Saad in our home this summer. They are very mature and we enjoy spending time with them and showing them around. We have really had a great time talking and learning about their families, countries and cultures. They have created great friendships in our home and we can't wait to see them again one day!"

### SHARED APARTMENTS

#### LOS ANGELES :

Aqua Marina del Rey | Barrington Plaza | Park La Brea

#### SAN DIEGO :

Bear House | Pinnacle on the Park | Bay Pointe

#### DETAILS :

- Maximum of 60 minutes by bus, to and from CLA
- Single and Shared Rooms available in most apartments
  - Self-Catering, kitchen available
- Minimum Age: 18

### HOMESTAYS

#### DETAILS:

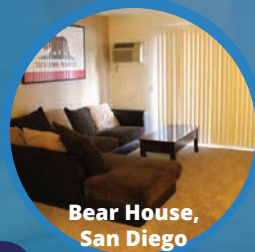
- All homestays are different!
- Families are the home away from home
- Available in Los Angeles and San Diego
- CLA managed and trained homestays
- Maximum of 60 minutes by public transportation
- Single and Shared Rooms available
- Half-Board (breakfast & dinner)
- Linen and towels provided
- Washer and dryer available
- Free Wi-Fi
- Minimum Age: 11



**Pinnacle on the Park, San Diego**



**Bay Pointe, San Diego**



**Bear House, San Diego**



**Aqua Marina del Rey, Los Angeles**



**Barrington Plaza, Los Angeles**

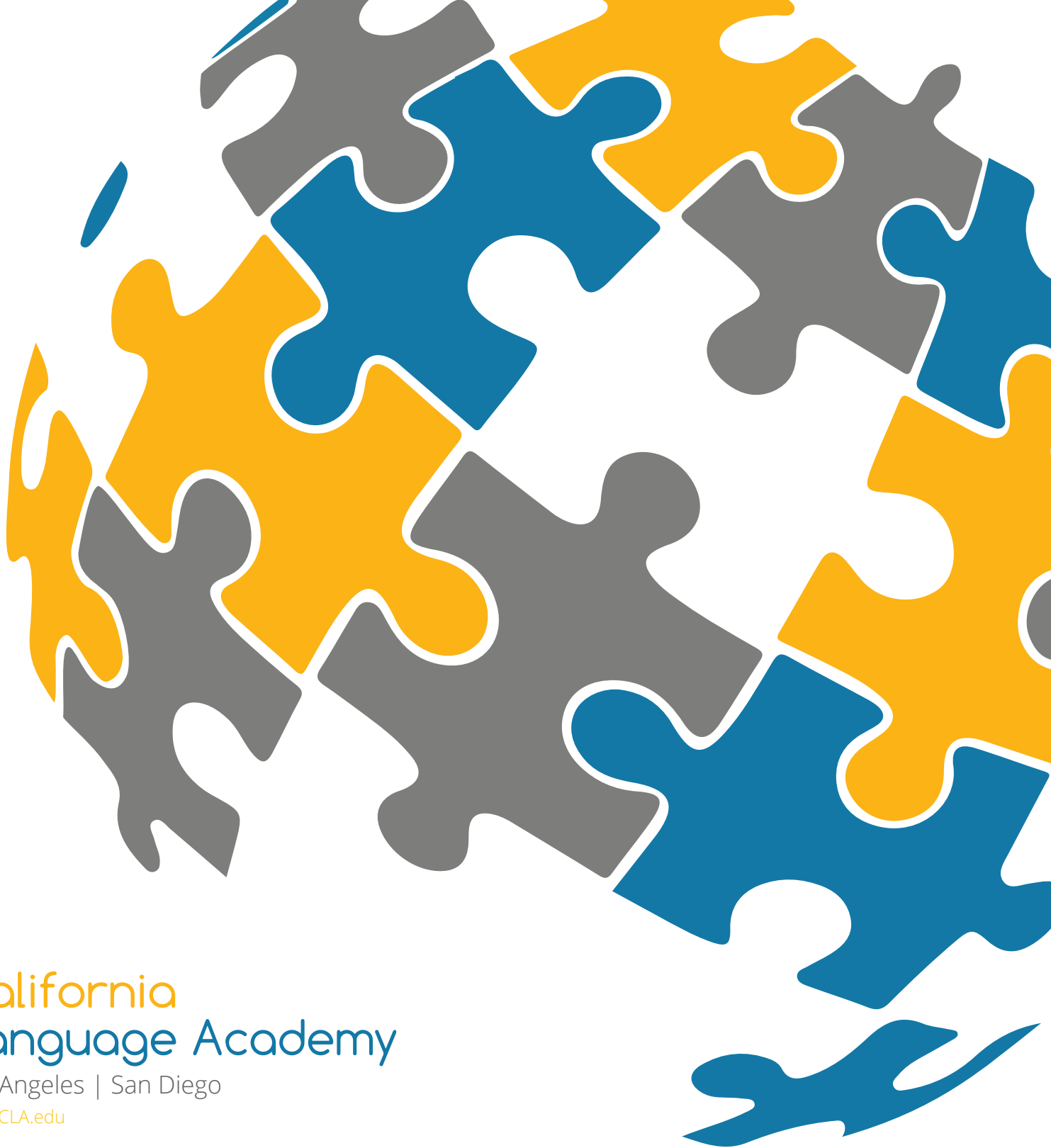


**Park La Brea, Los Angeles**



Other options available, depending on availability.  
Request Accommodation Pages for more information on individual accommodation options.





# California Language Academy

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