LSI San Diego 2015

CITY DETAILS

San Diego is a beautiful coastal city located in Southern California just 20 minutes from Mexico. It is known for its warm climate that remains moderate throughout the year. Seascapes, beaches, mountains, and deserts make up the varied landscape of this area, making San Diego one of the premier vacation destinations for people worldwide.
San Diego is a very easy-going city with spectacular scenery and many entertainment possibilities. There are many great places to visit, including Balboa Park, which is a short walk from the heart of downtown and LSI. Full of museums, gardens, artist colonies, fountains, walking trails, architecture, and gorgeous views of the San Diego Harbor and downtown area, this park is known as one of the favorite spots for both locals and visitors alike. While visiting the park, many people enjoy stopping by the world famous San Diego Zoo. Known for its lush foliage, unique and rare inhabitants, including many animal species, the zoo is truly a site to see! It is a wonderful place to walk around and take photos. Voted as having the second most perfect weather in the world and with a multitude of outdoor adventure opportunities, San Diego is a top tourist destination. While you are out enjoying the beautiful San Diego weather, you can also feel comfortable knowing that you are in the safest big city in the United States. With seventy miles of beaches and plenty of sun, “America’s Finest City” is sure to be a place you will remember for years to come!

SCHOOL DETAILS

What is the building/area like?

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The school occupies a three-story building that it shares with one local tenant (a successful architect). Classes are held on all three floors and the reception/administrative office is located on the third floor. We are located in downtown San Diego. Nearby entertainment includes Balboa Park, Little Italy, the Gaslamp Quarter, the harbor, and Seaport Village-- all within walking distance of the school.

LSI San Diego is located in the downtown area of San Diego. The building is located at 1706 Fifth Avenue, about a 10-minute walk from the city center. The building is within walking distance of several bus stops and the Fifth Avenue trolley stop at C St.

**LSI SAN DIEGO FACILITIES**

**What facilities are available to students?**

LSI students may use the Student Lounge/Resource Room and Study Rooms. The Student Lounge has vending machines with snacks and beverages, plus a sink, microwave, toaster, and refrigerator for student use. The area around the school includes several restaurants and cafes, where students may purchase inexpensive meals for breakfast and lunch in the $5 to $15 range. LSI San Diego is wheelchair accessible. We also have 10 computers which provide students with free internet access. Free wireless is also available at the school.

**How many classrooms are there?**

We are currently operating 16 rooms of varying sizes.

**Do you have a cafeteria?**

No, but we are very close to many affordable cafes, restaurants, sandwich shops and markets. Students may also bring lunch and eat it in our student lounge, where there are vending machines, a refrigerator, and a microwave.
OUR TEACHERS

How many teachers do you have?

We employ approximately 10 to 12 regular teachers and 6 to 8 additional part-time teachers.

What are your teacher qualifications?

All our teachers are qualified, experienced English speakers with native proficiency and teaching credentials in either a Bachelor of Arts degree or a Master of Arts degree with a focus on English as a Second Language (ESL).

OUR STUDENTS

Where do your students come from?

Nationalities and percentages vary widely during the year, however even in the low season we still average 85-140 students. In the summer we see an influx of South American nationalities and Europeans, in the winter more Asians, and recently we have also seen an increase of Saudi Arabians throughout the year.

How many students do you have during high and low seasons?

We have over 200 students during the high season (summer months) and about 60-140 students during the low season (winter months).
What is the minimum and average age of your students?

Our average student age is 25. However, students tend to be slightly older in the fall and winter and younger in the spring and summer. The minimum age is 16 years old, except for our Junior Programs.

OUR COURSES

How do we teach?

LSI’s goal in our general English classes is to give students the opportunity to practice their English. To make the learning process more enjoyable, we use a range of multi-media tools with a variety of teaching techniques. LSI wants to give students the chance to learn English in a practical way so that they can confidently use these skills in the future. During their first morning at LSI, students are welcomed before being assessed for their current skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking English. Following this session, our Academic Director will create a “Personal Study Plan”
with each long-term student before placing them into the class level which will benefit the student the most. Regular review of project work, weekly test results, and personal attention all help to improve students’ English skills. Upon successful completion of their course, students receive our “Certificate of Completion”.

When are the start dates?

For General English courses start dates are any Monday. Beginner level start dates are the 1st Monday of every month. Other courses such as Cambridge Exam classes and Executive courses follow their own course schedules. Visit wwwlsi.edu for more information.

Courses we offer

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### Exam Courses

- LSI 30 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (CPE)
- TOEFL Preparation Courses
- LSI 30 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (CAE)
- LSI 30 Cambridge English Language Assessment Courses (FCE)
- IELTS Preparation Course

### Executive Courses

- Executive One to One (5 lessons per week)
- Executive One to One (10 lessons per week)
- Executive One to One (20 lessons per week)
- Executive One to One (30 lessons per week)
- Executive One to One (40 lessons per week)
- Executive One to One (50 lessons per week)
- 9 Day Compact Course (82 lessons)
- 9 Day Compact Course (92 lessons)
- Mini Group (20 lessons per week)
- Mini Group (30 lessons per week)

### Junior Courses

- Junior with Homestay Accommodation - shared room (winter only)
- Junior with Homestay Accommodation - shared room (summer only)

We offer both intensive and semi-intensive programs with durations of one to 48 weeks which include General English, Business English, Junior Programs or preparation programs for Cambridge FCE, CAE, CPE, or TOEFL exams.
**Do you offer work experience?**

No, LSI USA students are not allowed to work, not even part time, while they are in the United States on an F-1 (Student) Visa or any other non-immigrant visa (B-1, B-2, or WT). However, if a student transfers to a US college or university after completing the course at LSI, he/she may be able to get a part time job on the college campus. This is permitted by DHS.

**What is the length of each lesson?**

All lessons are 50 minutes.

**What is a typical class time table like?**


**What is the maximum/average class size?**

The maximum class size is 15. Our average class size is 12.

**What levels are offered and how fast does a student progress from level to level?**

There are 6 levels: Beginner, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-Intermediate, and Advanced. Students usually advance levels after 10 weeks of study depending on the student.

**Are textbooks included in the fees?**

Students use materials in class free of charge for the duration of their course. Students have the option of purchasing their textbooks if they choose to do so.

**Do you receive a free certificate once the course has ended?**

Yes, as long as you have attended at least 80% of the course and academic requirements have been met.

**Can I switch my course type/length once I have started it, or decide to add an additional course?**

Course changes are generally not encouraged after the course has started. However, students may add extra lessons, e.g. afternoon or individual lessons. Also students can add additional weeks to their course. The student can make arrangements to do so through the LSI San Diego office or with their booking agent. Bookings should be made as early as possible. If students wish to extend their accommodation, this is fine too, but is subject to availability. If they extend late, it is possible that the host family may be booked up with other students. However it may be possible to find another available host family even on short notice. Please provide our LSI staff with enough notice to process
the request.

**When are the school holidays?**

We are also closed on holiday dates. Please check our current for dates on the LSI San Diego Center page at [www.lsi.edu/en/sandiego.html](http://www.lsi.edu/en/sandiego.html).

**What is a typical class time table like?**

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**ORIENTATION**

**What time should I arrive on my first day and what should I bring?**

Please bring your original travel document with passport and I-94 departure stamp. As part of orientation you will be given a placement test and receive information about your stay in San Diego. If you have booked afternoon classes you will join them your first day, for Standard 20 students you will join class the following day.

**AIRPORT TRANSFER**

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San Diego (one way) | USD 110.00  
San Diego (return) | USD 220.00

Yes, at an additional cost, depending on the airport. Please let us know the date, time of arrival, flight number and prefix, airport of departure and airport of arrival; for example, 12th March 2013, 13.00, BA 007 from Tokyo, to SAN Terminal 2. If you are unsure of the terminal number, we can find out for you provided we have all the other specified information.

**Who meets me at the airport and where?**

After booking the airport taxi transfer, we will send you a letter which explains the airport procedure, including information on how to identify the driver.

**What alternative transport is there from the airport to the City or my host family accommodation?**

Taking a taxi in San Diego is very safe and simple. Outside of each airport terminal there will be taxis waiting to transport passengers to their destinations. Also, San Diego’s transit system includes city buses, the trolley, Amtrak and the Coaster (to name a few). There are also car and bicycle rentals.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

**Bus System**

Bus and trolley routes cover the entire San Diego area, making it easy to reach major attractions and destinations. Buses and trolleys can both accommodate bicycles at no additional charge. You can plan your trip beforehand by visiting [www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com)
Other Travel Options

The Coaster is the name San Diegans use for the train system that runs up the coast from San Diego to Oceanside. It is available every day of the week except Sunday and costs roughly $5.00 to $6.50 one-way. One-trip, two-trip, and ten-trip tickets may be purchased at any station; monthly passes are available at the Transit Store in downtown San Diego. Visit GoNCTD.com for more. North of Oceanside, the train system becomes Metrolink. This is a separate company that offers travel every day of the week throughout Los Angeles. Fares may vary: metrolinktrains.com. Amtrak is a national train service company that offers transportation between San Diego and Los Angeles, as well as throughout the country. The trains run daily and prices vary depending on where you are traveling to. More information can be found on Amtrak.com

PAYMENTS/ CANCELLATIONS/ REFUNDS

How do I pay for my LSI course?

Course fees must be paid before your course starts. Payment can be made in cash, by wire transfer or by providing us with your credit card/debit card details. Once payment and the required financial statement are received, we will send you a letter of acceptance and your I-20 immigration documents, if required. If you do send a wire transfer, please quote your agency name (if applicable) and the student name, and fax/email a copy of the wire transfer receipt to us. LSI accepts cash, traveler’s checks, personal checks, money orders, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diner’s Club, Carte Blanche, and JCB). Please ask us for a credit card authorization form. Please note we accept the US dollar as currency for payment. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. San Francisco, CA. Language Studies International 9637112898 WFBIUS6S (International Only) 121000248 (Domestic Only)

Can I receive an invoice?

Yes, we will send you an invoice along with a course confirmation letter upon booking.

What are your payment terms and conditions?

Please refer to the terms and conditions online at http://www.lsi.edu/en/terms.shtml or if you are an agency, refer to the contract which was provided to you by our Marketing Department or email them at marketing@lsi.edu.
How do I cancel a course and will I get a refund for the course and/or the accommodation?

Course refunds are given according to the U.S. refund policy. Please refer to the back of the enrollment form for these policies. Accommodation refunds are given as long as LSI is provided with a two week notice (weeks run from Sat-Sat or Sun-Sun). For information on the charge for cancellations and late postponements, please refer to the policy in the Cancellation and Refund Policy, which can be viewed online at [www.lsi.edu/en/terms.shtml](http://www.lsi.edu/en/terms.shtml).

WHAT MAKES LSI SAN DIEGO SO SUCCESSFUL?

Careful Assessment

On the first day of school, new students will be evaluated for level placement and given an overview of our programs. From the results of the placement test given before orientation, students are placed into the level appropriate for them. In the classroom, teachers use a communicative approach to teach English. The students develop language skills which will also prove useful in everyday situations while living in San Diego. The entire curriculum is structured to follow a progression from level to level. New skills are introduced, while existing skills are reinforced through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Interactive Classroom Techniques

Our goal in all classes is to provide ample opportunity to practise the target language. To make the learning process as engaging and enjoyable as possible, we use a variety of communicative teaching techniques, including the use of DVDs, CDs, role play, pair work, project work, and group work, all of which give you the opportunity to hear and use the language in realistic situations.

Like A Family

Students feel at home in LSI. We are large enough to cope and small enough to care.

Well Established

We have over 40 years of experience.

Value for Money

The goal of LSI is simply to provide each student with a quality education. We do this by tailoring our programs to their needs.

International Atmosphere

We have had students from 37 countries this year. Studying at LSI gives students a wonderful chance to interact not only with Americans, but also with professionals and other students from around the world. Because of this interaction, students develop a better understanding of other cultures and learn more about themselves and each other.
Excellent Location

LSI is conveniently located close to the heart of downtown San Diego and is an easy walk from dining, entertainment, shopping, major transportation routes, and many major attractions.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

How much spending money should I bring?

If you have booked homestay half-board accommodation, we recommend you allow for $120-$150 per week for spending money and transport, as well as some activities. If you are staying in a hostel or in a homestay bed & breakfast accommodation, you will need to allow more money for food.

Can I arrange work experience through LSI?

No, students are not eligible for work through LSI USA

Can I open a bank account?

Students can open a bank account. On the first Monday at Orientation, LSI staff explains how to open an account at one of the various banks close to school. A bank staff member will help the student determine whether to open a checking or savings account to serve his/her needs while staying in San Diego. With the account, students receive a Bank Card, an ATM debit card that gives them easy access to their money.

Who can I talk to if I have a problem? Can I speak my own language?

If you have a problem, please come speak with our LSI staff. For questions regarding accommodations, you may speak with the Accommodations Coordinator. For academic-related questions, speak with the Assistant Director. The LSI Registrar, Student Services, Accommodations Coordinator, Assistant Director, or your teacher may suggest you speak with the Director of the School. Although our LSI Staff does speak a variety of languages other than English, we may not speak your specific language. If we do speak your language, please try speaking in English first before relying on your mother tongue.

What happens if I get sick?

LSI USA can refer you to a doctor or hospital if you are sick. Please call the school in the morning if you are too ill to attend class.
Can I get a job while I am studying at LSI?

Students studying at any LSI in the United States are not eligible to work.

Do you offer insurance?

Medical Insurance may be purchased from LSI upon booking; further information and prices are available on request. We strongly urge that you purchase a health and accident policy before your arrival as you are required to have health insurance while visiting the United States and will be asked for proof during orientation.

Can I take a holiday during my course?

In accordance to US Immigration Law, students must complete the equivalent of an academic semester to be eligible for a ONE TIME vacation or holiday. The granted weeks must be taken at the same time. LSI defines an academic semester as 26 weeks of the Standard 20 or Intensive 30 program. Students must also have a good attendance record at LSI to qualify for the vacation. Any student wishing to take a vacation must make an appointment with the Assistant Director to make a formal request for a vacation. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis. Students will be eligible for a vacation of 1-3 weeks with the Assistant Director's approval.

Do I need a visa to study at your school?

We recommend that students come with a proper visa. For all countries, including Visa Waiver countries, such as Western Europe and Japan, it is up to each individual to obtain the documentation necessary to coincide with the purpose of his/her visit to the United States. Often the immigration authorities look at “intent” of the visit. If the main intent and purpose of your visit is to study, a student visa should be considered. If the main intent and purpose of your visit is tourism, then a tourist visa or tourist waiver may be acceptable. Please use this link for any other questions regarding visas: [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html)

If you have any additional questions that we have not answered please contact us at...

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We hope to see you soon!

Accreditation and Membership