

## I want to study English at IEI and I need a Student (F1) Visa

### What is the IEI program like?

- Session length – daytime intensive program sessions are 8 weeks in length
- Weekly schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading/Writing*	9:00 – 10:50	9:00 – 10:20	9:00 – 10:50	9:00 – 10:20	9:00 – 10:50
Grammar*	11:10 – 12:00	10:40 – 12:00	11:10 – 12:00	10:40 – 12:00	11:10 – 12:00
Communication Skills		1:30 – 3:20		1:30 – 3:20	
Module	1:30 – 3:20		1:30 – 3:20		

\*The Advanced Level classes combine Reading/Writing and Grammar. The Advanced Integrated Skills Class is M-F, 9:00 – 12:00.

- Class Levels – IEI has 3 main levels: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. A Foundations level is offered when needed for true beginning-level students. Advanced-Level students study topics such as Social Psychology, World or Memphis history, Dystopian Literature and Children's Literature
- Placement testing – As a new student, during the first week of the session, you will take a test to find your best level. As you continue, you will move up to new levels as your English skills improve. Many students stay in the same level for more than one session to strengthen their skills.
- Class size –each IEI class has no more than 15 students
- Class location – classes are held in-person on the main UofM campus
- Student Evaluation - Students in the Daytime Intensive Program receive a final grade of MP (Making Progress), RB, RI, RA, RU or RG (Ready for Basic, Intermediate or Advanced, or Ready for Undergraduate or Graduate study) or F (Failure to Make Progress). All grades reflect achievement, attendance, and cooperation. A certificate is awarded to participants who successfully achieve readiness for higher levels of study.

### What are the requirements?

#### For Applications

- Completed high school
- Sufficient financial support
  - Do you have scholarships or discounts? (No – non-credit classes)

#### For starting classes

- Immunizations
  - MMR- Measles, Mumps Rubella (2 Shots, positive blood work or medical/religious exemption)
  - Varicella – Chicken Pox (2 Shots, positive blood work or medical/religious exemption)

- Negative Tuberculosis (TB) test or positive TB test with a clear chest x-ray (Tests and x-rays will be done at the Student Health Center on the UofM campus. Test results and x-rays from outside the US or older than 6 months will not be accepted.)
- All university fees and health insurance fees must be paid before starting classes

### **How much does it cost?**

#### Fees (Each 8-week session):

- Tuition: \$1850
- UofM Service Fee: \$104.50
- Health Insurance

#### Books

Books are not included in the tuition fee. You will buy books from the UofM bookstore. You can make this cheaper by buying used books or renting them through the bookstore. The UofM bookstore will also price-match Amazon prices for identical new books.

#### Housing

If you want to live on campus, we recommend Centennial Place for the traditional dormitory experience or Carpenter Complex for apartment-style living. These locations are open during holidays and breaks for international students. IEI has a special application for campus housing.

#### Food

Food is available many different places on campus. If you want, you can choose to purchase a meal plan to pre—pay for meals.

### **What documents do I need to provide?**

During the application process, you will give us these documents:

- A copy of your passport photo page
- Affidavit of Financial Support signed by your sponsor(s)
- Bank letter(s) or bank statements from sponsor(s)
- Transcripts or diploma from most recent study

### **What are the steps in the process?**

1. Complete the IEI application and upload the requested documents.
2. IEI will review your application. If we have questions, we will contact you.
3. When your application has been approved, IEI will send you an Acceptance Letter for the ESL program and an I-20. The I-20 is the immigration document for people seeking student (F1) visas. During COVID-19, we are allowed to email these to you.
4. Pay the Homeland Security (SEVIS) fee. We will send you instructions for this.
5. Schedule your F1 Visa interview at a US Embassy or Consulate. There will be an appointment fee. Every Embassy is different. Look on the Embassy website for information about requesting interviews and visa wait times.

6. If you do not already have your MMR and Varicella vaccination records, begin working on getting these vaccinations or doing the blood work required.
7. Schedule your travel to Memphis. You may arrive in the US up to 30 days before the start of the session. Let the IEI office know if you wish to have an airport pickup when you arrive in Memphis.
8. If you plan to live in UofM campus housing, complete an online IEI housing application. ([link](#))
9. Come to Memphis! Check in to the IEI office on or before the first day of the session.