

English Language Institute Summer 2008 Program

Daily Schedule

The classes will transition through the day from formal instruction to less formal.

9:00 – 12:30 pm Morning Class
12:30 – 1:30 pm Hosted Lunch
1:30 – 4:30 pm Afternoon Focus
4:30 – 5:00 pm Break
5:00 – 7:00 pm Evening Activities

This schedule is subject to change and should be considered as a guideline only.

The Program

The English Language Institute International Spouse/ Partner Program provides a welcoming environment where participants can meet other newcomers, develop friendships, learn about their new community and American culture, share many events with their spouses and partners, and improve English language skills.

The program creates a relaxed atmosphere for participants to ask questions about American culture and to develop English language skills at a comfortable rate. When the program ends, many participants choose to be involved in the International Spouse/ Partner Program for continued companionship, fun, support, and exploration of American and other cultures.

The International Spouse/ Partner Program is open to any spouse or partner of a University of Chicago international student. Eligibility is not limited to spouses or partners of students participating in the Summer English Language Institute. Children are welcome to accompany their parent to the morning classes and the afternoon activities.

Morning Class

During the morning session, participants explore their new community with the instructor and become familiar with the University of Chicago campus, local neighborhoods, shopping centers, grocery stores, public transportation and museums. In addition, the instructor exposes participants to English vocabulary that will help them to navigate their new surroundings and interact with others. The instructor also engages the group in dialogue about American culture, health care, homemaking, childcare, transportation, food, and personal interactions.

Afternoon Focus

Participants are invited to attend many of the afternoon programs planned for all participants of the Summer English Language Institute. These programs familiarize students with area resources and opportunities for international students and families.

Evening Activities

The International Spouse/ Partner Program participants are also invited to attend the evening social events. Evening activities vary and may include eating at a restaurant, watching a movie, attending an outdoor concert, attending a baseball game, or going on a boat cruise.

Instructor

The International Spouse/ Partner Program instructor is a trained ESL professional who has spent time living and working abroad. Her sensitivity to spouses' needs comes from her extensive experience working with spouses and partners of international students.

Location

Morning classes will be held at International House 1414 East 59th Street. Location of the afternoon classes and activities will vary to allow students to get acquainted with the campus, their academic departments, and the City of Chicago.

Meals

Lunch is included in the program and is hosted by the instructors, program assistants, and invited guests. This will provide participants the opportunity to practice informal discussion skills. The program will also offer some hosted dinners and weekend activities.

Cost

The International Spouse/ Partner Program fee is \$300. The fee includes instructional costs, lunches, some dinners, public transportation, and admission and tour fees.

Housing / Fellowships

International House welcomes applications for housing from all Summer Institute participants. Students who have signed a housing contract in advance with International House for the academic year of 2008-2009 will be offered a housing grant that will cover room rental expenses during the period of August 17 to September 19. In addition, Summer Institute students are eligible to apply for Graduate Student Fellowships to assist residents with housing and living expenses. Those students who wish to stay at International House only during the Summer Institute will be charged the discounted rate of \$210 a week for single- occupancy rooms and \$315 a week for double-occupancy rooms. Other housing options include Neighborhood Student Apartments or rental of non-University housing.

Health Insurance

Participants will have the opportunity to purchase university health insurance upon arrival if not already covered by a comparable insurance policy.

ELI Registration

August 18 - 29 and

September 8 – 19, 2008

Participants may register as late as the second day of the English Language Institute; however, early registration is recommended. Payment must be received by the second day of the program.

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| Name of Spouse/Partner | |
| _____ | _____ |
| (Last) | (First) |
| Email Address _____ | |
| Fee for Spouse/Partner Program: \$300 | |
| Name of Your Spouse/Partner | |
| _____ | _____ |
| (Last) | (First) |
| Department or School of your Spouse/Partner | |
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Applications should be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

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Spouses/partners with advanced English language skills may prefer to attend afternoon activities only. Doing so would allow spouses or partners to enjoy lunch together and to experience all the scheduled afternoon and evening events together.

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