



LANGUAGE EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL

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BOCA RATON / FORT LAUDERDALE AREA



Our Boca Raton campus is walking distance to the beach



Beautiful Boca Raton Beach



A wealth of activities



World famous Boca Raton Resort and Club, a 5-star, 5-diamond hotel



Lively Mizner Park, with its wonderful shops and cafes, is located just five minutes from our campus and is a very popular destination for our students



Fort Lauderdale's Las Olas Boulevard



Fort Lauderdale Beach



LEI's campus is located in Boca Raton on Florida's "Gold Coast" in the exciting Fort Lauderdale/Palm Beach area, just walking distance to the beach. Beautiful Boca Raton has a small town atmosphere with all the amenities of a big city. The school is situated in a lovely tree-lined plaza with fountains and plenty of free parking. The 12 bright and spacious classrooms are decorated in an international theme. The school's proximity to wonderful shopping centers, excellent restaurants and numerous cultural activities, make it a prime location for studying English. Students can enjoy visiting nearby Fort Lauderdale, Miami, South Beach, the Everglades, the Kennedy Space Center, Walt Disney World and so much more. Boca Raton, a safe and friendly town, has become a much preferred and desired destination for international students and executives.

Located only approximately one half hour away from Fort Lauderdale, this outstanding location offers the best of both worlds to its students -- the security of a small town and the proximity to famous big cities. Our students have easy access to famous Fort Lauderdale, known as 'the Venice of America,' as well as to Palm Beach and Miami, and regular enjoyable excursions are planned each week to these fun locations.



Students can enjoy the lovely tree-lined plaza during breaks.



The beautiful spacious classrooms are decorated in an international theme.

# PROGRAMS



## A DYNAMIC APPROACH TO LEARNING

Make your trip to the United States a worthwhile experience as you enjoy the pleasures of learning English in its natural surroundings. Language Exchange International is known for its dynamic, hands-on approach to teaching and its lively and informative classes. Programs are taught at a quick and exciting pace by a team of teachers who coordinate their lesson plans by separating listening, speaking, reading and writing skills into four or more lessons daily. As you learn to speak English fluently, you will also learn about the United States and American culture. Language training is combined with sightseeing, informal get-togethers and first-hand experiences such as shopping and dining out.



## SMALL CLASS SIZE

LEI prides itself on its small class size in order to provide individualized attention for all students. Classes average 6-8 students with a maximum of 12. Nationalities are carefully blended in order to enhance our policy of "English only" in the classroom. Courses begin every Monday with the exception of TOEFL prep, Executive English and Travel and Hospitality which have specific start dates (*see school calendar*).

## ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES

Following completion of level 6 advanced), You may choose from a variety of exciting Courses which include Advanced writing, Business and Conversation. LEI prides itself on the high quality and flexibility of its programs and new courses based upon student requests Are offered on a regular basis.

## GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The curriculum is organized into self-contained weekly modules which allow you to advance to the next level of proficiency upon acquiring the necessary skills. Students are placed into one of seven levels (*Beginning to Post-Advanced*) according to specific skills at their individual level. In this way, possible differences between speaking and writing abilities are addressed. Tape recorders, computer facilities, and CD-ROM's are available for your use and you are welcome to study at the school after class at no additional charge. All students are provided with Internet access free of charge

## CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

After taking an oral and written entrance exam, you will be placed at your individual level of listening, speaking, reading and writing, thus enabling your specific needs to be met. An exit exam is administered to all students to determine their progress. Those who attend at least 80% of their classes are awarded a Certificate of Achievement.



# A UNIQUE APPROACH TO LEARNING



## STANDARD

This course, consisting of 20 lessons weekly, is taught from Monday through Friday and consists of four group lessons daily with listening, speaking, reading and writing emphasized as separate skills.

## TOEFL PREP

This specialized course reinforces language and test taking skills for students who wish to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language Exam (TOEFL) in order to gain entrance into an American university. This four-week course begins the first Monday of every month and requires that students be at an advanced level. *(Test fee not included).*

## TEACHER TRAINING

Teachers can enroll in a variety of courses and seminars from enhancing their skills in English to learning dynamic approaches to teaching both English and foreign languages. Teaching language effectively is an art and truly effective language teachers are rare. LEI's TEFL (*Teaching English as a Foreign Language*) Teacher Training Program offers an exciting and innovative program to beginners as well as experienced teachers as they learn to add new sparkle to their Language classrooms. English as a Foreign Language teaching techniques are presented through the use of enjoyable and effective activities. Thanks to LEI's affiliation with Florida Atlantic University, teachers may also earn graduate credits for some of these courses.

## EXECUTIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

The Executive English program is a two-week course (*with additional weeks available*) and is designed for students who desire business English for professional purposes. A needs analysis is completed prior to the student's arrival so that a specific course of study can be planned. This course often includes guest speakers and visits to local business institutions, which are arranged according to the student's interests and objectives.

Executives may choose from small groups in the mornings with optional private lessons in the afternoons. All executives have access to our executive center where they can keep in touch with their home office via the internet, phone or fax with their home office.

## PRIVATE AND CLOSED GROUP PROGRAMS

LEI offers customized programs for private individuals and closed groups throughout the United States. Please contact us for details



# SPECIAL SERVICES

## LODGING

### AMERICAN HOMESTAY

Our school places a strong emphasis on finding caring, enthusiastic people to host our students. Our homes are carefully selected and each student is asked to complete a homestay evaluation form so that we can monitor our Homestay Program on a regular basis. Most of our homes are within 5 miles of the school. Students are responsible for their own transportation. They have the option of walking, renting bikes or cars or using public transportation. Homestay students are provided with an information sheet describing their hosts prior to their arrival and every effort is made to accommodate any special requests. Since summer is our high season and homes are at a premium, submitting applications as far in advance as possible is recommended.

Included in our Homestay Program:

- Private or shared bedroom with access to a restroom and shower/bathtub.
- Two meals daily (*breakfast and dinner*).
- Linens and towels provided
- Day-to-day experience of living with an American family

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A variety of hotels, including those with apartment-like facilities, are offered as an alternative to our Homestay Program. Various locations accommodate the many different needs of our students. Hotels are close to shopping malls, restaurants and movie theaters. Rates are per room for single or double occupancy and students or couples booking together can share rooms.

Hotel rates vary depending on the season. Single or double rooms with full hotel services are also available at our special corporate rates. Please see our schedule of fees or contact us for exact rates.

It should be noted that Language Exchange International makes every effort to secure the lowest rates available from hotels. However, it is possible that hotels might sometimes offer special promotions to the local market which may reflect rates lower than those offered to us under contract.

## TRANSPORTATION

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

Transfers are available to and from Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami International Airports.



Hotels are either in town or on the ocean





## TWO FREE EXCURSIONS PER MONTH

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### BICYCLE RENTALS

LEI will be happy to assist you with bicycle rentals.. Because of year-round pleasant weather and the flat terrain in South Florida, cycling is both convenient and enjoyable. We will gladly assist in making these arrangements prior to your arrival.

#### AUTOMOBILE RENTALS

To rent a car, students must be at least 21 years of age, a licensed driver with photo identification and hold a major international credit card, such as Visa, Mastercard or American Express. For students under 25 years of age, an additional fee is charged. Many car rental companies operate at our airports, so that a car may be picked up by students at the time of arrival and returned upon departure. Language Exchange International will also be happy to arrange a car rental for you once you arrive at our school.

#### PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

Daily transportation to and from Language Exchange International is the student's responsibility. We can arrange private transportation at an additional cost.

Language Exchange International believes that learning English should be a social experience. Weekly welcome breakfasts, "hello-goodbye" parties, and holiday celebrations provide a lively atmosphere for students to meet each other and practice their English as they participate in American customs.

#### EXCURSIONS

Language Exchange International takes full advantage of the many wonderful near-by attractions by offering either day or weekend excursions to places like Walt Disney World, Cape Kennedy, Sea World, Key West, The Bahamas, South Beach and others. Popular one-day attractions may include :Miami Metro Zoo, Lion Country Safari, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens, Adventure Island and others. In addition, students can enjoy short local excursions to beaches, bowling alleys, movie theaters, etc.

The enclosed Application Form must be completed and signed by all students wishing to enroll at our school.

#### STUDENT VISA

Language Exchange International is authorized by The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service to issue the I-20 application for the F-1 student visa. . To qualify for the I-20 form, students must be studying 18 hours or more per week. Students requesting an I-20 must complete the school's Application for Admission being certain to complete the I-20 portion of the form and submit it to Language Exchange International along with the necessary visa, health, and financial documentation. The completed I-20 will be sent to the student for signature along with information about the I-901 service fee. This fee is paid to the U.S. Government and must be submitted prior to visiting the American Embassy or local consulate where the student visa is issued. Contact with the embassy or consulate should be made early in the process to verify local procedures and requirements which may vary slightly from country to country.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is required for all students at Language Exchange International and they must provide proof of coverage on their first day of class. Students without coverage will be required to purchase a policy at Language Exchange International at an additional monthly fee.



# STUDENT LIFE

Language Exchange International offers a variety of special activities and social events for its students from the welcome breakfast and orientation on their first day to the many interesting special occasions and field trips which are sponsored by the school. Our students form lasting friendships with their teachers, administrative staff, homestay families and each other. At Language Exchange International, we consider learning English to be an enjoyable and all encompassing experience.





# STAFF



## PRESIDENT

Connie Paladino, founder and President of Language Exchange International, is no newcomer to the field of language instruction. Having more than 25 years experience in the field of teaching languages to both children and adults, she has also organized teacher-training workshops throughout Florida. Connie completed her undergraduate studies at Montclair University in New Jersey and attended the University of Sorbonne in Paris. She completed her graduate studies at Middlebury College in Vermont where she holds a Master's degree in French. Having an outstanding reputation in her field, Connie is known for enabling her students to achieve a high level of oral fluency and comprehension in the language they seek to master. Her unique teaching method has become the trademark of Language Exchange International.



## FACULTY

Instructors at Language Exchange International are university educated and trained teaching specialists. They are patient, caring and always interested in our students' progress and special needs. The success of Language Exchange International is primarily due to its outstanding teaching staff.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Our Administrative Staff consists of highly qualified and experienced individuals. The overall well-being of our students is always their primary concern and they make every effort to accommodate each and every student request.

