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The English Language Institute at Gallaudet University

Application Packet

Academic Year 2009-2010

Dear ELI Applicant,

Thank you for contacting the English Language Institute at Gallaudet University. We provide a full-time, intensive instructional program in English as a Second Language, American Sign Language, and cultural studies for international deaf and hard of hearing adults who have completed a secondary program in their home countries. The ELI welcomes students who wish to increase their language skills in order to qualify for admission to university study or to enhance their professional development.

To save you time, we have included all the directions and forms you will need for applying to and enrolling in the ELI. As you collect and complete the required documents, mail them to:

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Please note that acceptance to the ELI does not constitute acceptance to the undergraduate or graduate programs at Gallaudet University.

We hope to see YOU in the ELI soon!

Asiah Mason, Ph.D., Director

Academic Calendar 2009-2010

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Fall Semester (August-December 2009):

August 16: New ELI students arrive
August 17 -28: ELI New Student Orientation Program
August 31: Business registration (pay tuition, fees, room, board, etc)
August 31: Fall ELI classes begin
December 11: Classes end
December 15-18: Final examination period
December 19: Dormitories close at noon. All students leave.

Spring Semester (January-May 2010):

January 9: Arrival for NEW students
January 10-17: New Student Orientation
January 19: Business registration (pay tuition, fees, room, board, etc)
January 19: Spring ELI classes begin
May 3: Classes end
May 5-8: Final examination period
May 9: Dormitories close at noon. All students leave.

Tuition and Fee Schedule

ELI Costs by Semester, International Students

All costs are approximate and can change at any time without notice

	Fall 2009	Spring 2010
Tuition	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
New Student Orientation Fee	*\$400.00	*250.00
Health Insurance Fee	\$1,698.00	**
Health Service Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Unit Fee	\$138.00	\$138.00
Room & Board	\$4,830.00	\$4,830.00
Books & Materials (estimated)	***\$250.00	***\$250.00
Totals	\$13,866.00	\$12,018.00

ELI Costs by Semester, American Students

All costs are approximate and can change at any time without notice

	Fall 2009	Spring 2010
Tuition	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
New Student Orientation Fee	*\$400.00	*250.00
Health Insurance Fee	\$1,698.00	**
Health Service Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Unit Fee	\$138.00	\$138.00
Room & Board	\$4,830.00	\$4,830.00
Books & Materials (estimated)	***\$250.00	***\$250.00
Totals	\$10,616.00	\$8,768.00

*New students entering for the first time pay the NSO fee only once. The NSO fee for new students entering in the Spring semester is \$250.00.

**Costs for Health Insurance for one year are paid in the Fall semester. If a student begins at the ELI in the Spring, the Health Insurance fee will be approximately \$849.00.

*****The estimate for books and materials is an out-of-pocket expense.**

Summer Programs. The ELI also offers occasional summer programs for an additional cost. Contact the Director for more information.

What is the ELI?

English Language Institute at Gallaudet University
A Language Learning Program for International Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

The English Language Institute (ELI) at Gallaudet University provides an intensive, full time program of study in English as a Foreign Language, American Sign Language, and cultural studies to international deaf and hard of hearing adults. Most students come to the ELI to prepare for undergraduate or graduate study in the United States; others to enhance their employment potential.

Program Priorities

- Provide the highest quality instruction;
- Prepare students to enroll in a post-secondary academic program or return to the world of work as soon as possible;
- Instill the confidence necessary for success in academic and social environments.

We strive to meet these priorities through the use of professionally trained instructors; continual program review to incorporate the best available methods; small class sizes; an intensive program 20+ classroom hours each week; personal attention to individual needs; and the establishment of a strong sense of community among students and staff.

Gallaudet University

Gallaudet University is the world's only liberal arts university serving primarily deaf and hard of hearing students. Established in 1864, Gallaudet has grown from a small college to a multifaceted university and the world's greatest resource on deafness. Located in the heart of Washington DC, Gallaudet offers academic programs leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees in many fields.

The ELI Approach

Learning English at the ELI is intensive, interactive, and integrated in a rich cultural context. Full time students spend over 20 hours each week in classes, excluding optional classes and tutoring. Students are expected to be responsible for and actively involved in their learning. Subjects are taught in a global and coordinated fashion, with an emphasis on visual approaches to learning.

Program of Study

The ELI offers courses in a 15-week semester format. Required courses (with weekly class hours) include:

English as a Foreign Language (15 hours). Offered at five levels of difficulty, depending on student proficiency, ESL provides instruction and practice in the grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing skills necessary for successful communication in academic environments.

American Sign Language (3 hours). Teaches receptive and expressive sign language skills and the basic grammar and vocabulary of ASL.

Cross Cultural Communication (3 hours). Introduces students to the principles of communicating across cultures, with an emphasis on special concerns of deaf people and the Deaf community. Students learn

to apply the principles to their own communication and to improve their ability to communicate effectively in the academy and in the community.

Applied English (3 hours) An in-depth study of English as a Second Language with emphasis on academic vocabulary, logical processes, research, public speaking, analysis, criticism and advocacy of ideas, and creating visual tools to communicate thinking.

College Success Strategies (2 hours) Introduces students to various strategies critical to college success with emphasis on skills and strategies which include time management, planning, learning styles, critical thinking, active learning and diversity

Optional courses sometimes are also offered, depending on student interest and staff availability. Individualized tutoring is available to all registered ELI students at no additional cost.

Program Length

Most students achieve their goals within two years in the ELI, though longer stays may be arranged with permission from the Director.

Progress Reports and Certification

Each student's progress is assessed throughout the semester. At the end of each semester, teachers provide a written report on the student's progress and performance. Students who do not perform satisfactorily may be dropped from the program. At the end of each academic year, students who make satisfactory progress are awarded a Certificate of Attendance. Students performing exceptionally also are awarded a Certificate of Recognition.

Applying to the ELI

You may apply to the ELI if you are international or American; deaf or hard of hearing; at least 18 years of age; and have completed a secondary school program. We will send you an application packet if you fax us at 202-448-6954, telephone us at 202-651-5721, or email us at Cips@gallaudet.edu.

Scores on the TOEFL or any other examination are NOT required for admission to the ELI. During New Student Orientation, students take placement exams that are used to gauge proficiency levels and place students into appropriate class levels.

Please note that admission to the ELI does not constitute admission to the undergraduate or graduate programs at Gallaudet University.

Application Deadlines

If you plan to enter the ELI in the Fall semester, we must receive all required application documents by May 1. To enter in the Spring semester, we must receive your application documents by November 1. Deadlines can be extended with permission from the ELI Director.

Form I-20 or DS-2019, Obtaining a Visa

You must have a valid J-1 or F-1 student visa before you may begin study at the ELI. Students with B-1 visitor visas may not enter the ELI or register for courses. In order to obtain a F-1 or J-1 visa, you first submit all required admission documents from the Admissions Packet. After the ELI receives and approves the required documents, Gallaudet University will send you an I-20 or DS-2019, Certificate of

Eligibility form. Then you will take the I-20 or DS-2019 and copies of your admission documents to an American Embassy or Consulate to request your visa.

Financial Aid

ELI does not provide financial aid to students. Also, Gallaudet University provides no scholarships or financial aid to ELI students. Applicants are encouraged to seek support from family and organizations in their home countries.

Health Insurance

All students are required to have health insurance. Gallaudet University provides students with a health plan through a selected health insurance agency. If you already have health insurance, you must provide proof of your health insurance policy at registration. You may inquire more about health insurance requirements by contacting the Gallaudet Student Health Service at Tel. 202-651-5090 or Fax: 202-448-6954. A copy of the health insurance policy and other health documents can be downloaded from the service's web site, <http://studenthealth.gallaudet.edu>.

Important Information for Canadian Applicants

Canadian applicants are urged to obtain a Canadian passport to facilitate entry into and exit from the United States.

Living Arrangements

Gallaudet University provides students a full program of events, services and facilities as well as a rich cultural context for student learning. Special arrangements are made for ELI students to live together in the college dormitory nearest our offices and classrooms. Students are not required to live on campus but are strongly urged to do so. If you have questions about the room and board plans and facilities, please contact the Campus Life office at Gallaudet at Tel. 202-651-5255, or Fax: 202-448-6954, or send an email to Housing.Assistant@Gallaudet.edu.

Gallaudet University is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, hearing status, disability, covered veteran status, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income, place of business or residence, pregnancy, childbirth, or any other unlawful basis.

*What is the ELI?
An opportunity for YOU!*

How to Apply to the ELI

English Language Institute at Gallaudet University
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All of the forms you will need to apply to the ELI, get an I-20 form (required to obtain a student visa), reserve a room on campus and enter the program are included in this packet. Copies may also be downloaded from our web site at <http://eli.gallaudet.edu/eli-application-materials.htm>.

➤ Admission to the ELI

Complete, sign, and mail documents 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 by May 1 (for Fall admission) or November 1 (for Spring admission). After we receive and approve all five documents, we will mail you a Letter of Admission.

1. ELI Application Form;
2. Application Fee: Check or money order for US \$50.00;
3. Audiogram;
4. Secondary School Transcript: official documents with dates of attendance and your academic performance.
5. Two Letters of Recommendation from former teachers or other non-family adults who know you well.

➤ Form I-20/DS 2019: Obtaining a Visa (international students only)

To receive Form I-20 or DS-2019 and apply for a student visa from the American embassy or consulate, you must complete the above 5 documents and the following two documents:

1. Certification of Finances;
2. Financial Support Documents demonstrating that you can pay all costs for at least one academic year.

After we receive and approve all seven documents, we will mail you a Form I-20 or DS 2019. Canadian applicants and those who are U.S. citizens or resident aliens do not need to complete Documents 6 or 7 or obtain a visa.

➤ Living on Campus

We strongly encourage all ELI students to live on campus. Students who live on campus adjust to American Culture and learn ASL and English more quickly than students who live off campus. However, living on campus is not required. If you decide to live on campus, you must complete the following three documents in order to reserve a room:

1. Residence Hall Contract;
2. Room Deposit: credit card, check or money order for US \$200.00;

➤ Student Medical History

All Gallaudet students—including ELI students-- must complete and mail a Student Medical History form by July 1 (for Fall admission) or December 1 (for Spring admission). The student completes the first three pages, but a doctor or other health care provider must complete page 4. A medical examination is necessary.

1. Gallaudet University Student Medical History. This form will be mailed to you together with your letter of admission. Ensure that it is completed at least one month prior to your arrival.
2. Student Cafeteria Meal Plans. In-depth information on Cafeteria Meal Plan and Costs. Applicant can make a selection upon arrival.

Mail all completed forms to:

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