



Short Term Programs  
English language Programs  
2017

# \* Who do you want to become?

- \* The decision to become an exchange student only begins with a signature on a paper. From there, the experience can take you as far as you wish to go. You learn another language and culture, yes, but you learn so much more about yourself!

## Your Future

Becoming an exchange student is an investment in yourself and your future. You'll gain rewards such as:

- Learn about the world firsthand.
- View things from a new perspective.
- Gain maturity, independence, and how to face challenges.
- Open career doors.



Please don't think this will be easy. You will be faced with a different language, in new surroundings and with people whom you've never met. You will have to be flexible, cooperative and understanding. You will not have things your way all of the time. You will be considered a family member and will be treated as such.

## Eligibility

We are looking for bright and open minded young people who are willing to step outside of their comfort zone and take this experience head on!

You must be:

- ✓ In good physical and mental health.
- ✓ Show maturity and readiness.
- ✓ Have appropriate English proficiency
- ✓ Adaptable, flexible and ready to learn.
- ✓ Academic programs require minimum of B grades in current classes.

## Short Term Academic



### Get a taste of the American school culture!

Our short term academic programs are designed to give you an idea on what it's like to study in an American school without making a long-term commitment. In most cases you can enter the program any time during the school year (Aug-June) and the program lasts 2-3 full months. While you will not gain credit for your class, you will participate in a full day of classes and be held to the same expectations as US students.

#### Terms

- Applications must be submitted no later than 10 weeks prior to requested start date.
- Students in grades 7-12 may apply
- Students are placed in their current grade. Credit will not be given.
- Students must meet a minimum English proficiency test score.
- All standard school immunizations will be required.
- F1 visa may be required

#### Most programs include the following:

- Medical insurance
- Host family stipend
- School tuition and fees
- School books (uniform may be extra).
  
- Airport transportation and UM fees may be extra.



# Short Term

**Bourgade Catholic High School**  
Phoenix, AZ  
[www.bourgadecatholic.org](http://www.bourgadecatholic.org)

## Tuition

2 month: \$5,700\*

3 month: \$7,200\*

Includes application and program fees, tuition, books, activity and lab fees, homestay with full room and board, ground transportation, and medical insurance. Does not include uniform.

\*Starting at

## School Introduction

Bourgade Catholic High School was founded in 1962 as a co-ed Catholic High School in Phoenix, AZ. The typical enrollment is 400 students but although small in size, Bourgade has much to offer its students. Students are offered a college preparatory program, AP Classes, dual credit classes and are offered an excellent counseling program which focuses in helping students apply to college. Understanding that life is more than just academics, Bourgade offers 2 exciting trips each year to places such as Disneyland CA and the Grand Canyon. Its close proximity to universities and the beauty of Phoenix makes it a great location for studying. Bourgade is a casual Christian school with little religious influence



## Academic Information

The upper division encompasses grades 7 through 12. With a teacher: student ratio of just 20:1, each teacher is well-equipped in instructing their students academically, spiritually, and socially. One of the primary academic purposes is to prepare students for college. Some of the TOP 100 Universities and colleges in America that have accepted our international students include: Pennsylvania State University, University of California-San Diego, University of Illinois at Urbana, University of Florida, University of Washington-Seattle, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Indiana University-Bloomington, Florida State University, Binghamton University New York, and Mount Holyoke College. Some students return to their home countries to further their education.

When new students arrive they are given a TOEFL iTP, a mathematics ability test, and a reading ability test. Based on these scores and previous school transcripts they are placed in the appropriate remedial English classes or standard classes. Students begin their first year with a mix of standard and remedial English classes which are reflective of their scores and their educational needs as a new international student. By the second year students are taking most or all standard classes.

## Campus Life/ Homestay

Students are placed in well-qualified, highly respected host families who are vetted through an extensive process including an application, interview, home visit, state and federal background check. The campus is a beautiful open-air campus with a casual religious experience. Uniforms are required.

## Athletics/Extra Curricular

Sports Programs: Basketball (boys and girls), Girls Volleyball, Track, Wrestling, Tennis, Golf, Chess, Spiritline/Cheer, Swimming, Girls Softball, Baseball, and Football

Clubs: Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Club), Spanish Club, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Tech Club, Ambassadors, Blood Drive, Earthwatch, Athletic Leadership Club, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions, Peer Helpers, Active Bourgade Christians, International Thespians Society, Drama Club, and Student Government.

# Short Term

St. Joseph Catholic High School  
Ogden, Utah  
[www.StJosephUtah.com](http://www.StJosephUtah.com)

## Tuition

2 month: \$5,980\*

3 month: \$8,320\*

Includes application and program fees, tuition, books, activity and lab fees, homestay with full room and board, uniform, and insurance. Additional costs may include airport transportation and UM service  
\*Starting at

The Saint Joseph Catholic High School community greatly values its diversity. 24% of our students belong to faiths other than Catholic. 74% percent of our students are Caucasian, 14% are Hispanic, 6% are Asian, 3% are African Americans, 2% are Pacific Islanders, and 1% are American Indians.

Our class of 2014 with 43 students achieved

100% graduation rate.

100% college acceptance rate.

Over \$2,600,000 in combined college & university scholarships.

**9:1** Student to Teacher Ratio (one of the best in the state).

Extraordinary AP Pass rates: 92% AP Literature, 95% AP Spanish, 100% AP Chemistry, 100% Statistics, 100% Art Studio, 100% US History and 100% Calculus. AP Biology and AP World History also posted rates well above average.

**ACT Composite Scores averaged 24.3**, placing us in the top three scores (published) in Utah.

Nine student athletes were awarded Academic All State Awards.

while servicing 4,116 community service hours.



Our class of 2013 with 44 students achieved

100% graduation rate.

100% college acceptance rate.

Over \$3,900,000 in combined college & university scholarships.

**10:1** Student to Teacher Ratio (lowest in the state of Utah).

Two National Merit Scholars.

13 Advanced Placement offerings with 88 exams scored. The College Board Equity & Excellence Rate is 97% (the national average is 19.5%). The AP Challenge Index score ranks us at **38th in US private and parochial schools**.

The current ACT average English, Math and Science scores rose more than **10% over last year**. In the ACT test of students meeting college readiness benchmarks, Saint Joseph Catholic High School scored more than **30% above the state average** in English and Math.

Awarded the *Deseret News* Athletic Program of the year for the **7th year in a row**.

SJCHS fielded 15 athletic teams, earning **four state titles** and three state runner-up titles.

More than 80 students participated in **2 award-winning** theater productions.

# Short Term

Life Preparatory Academy  
Wichita, Kansas  
<http://www.lifeprep.us>

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Life Preparatory Academy is located in the middle of America in Wichita, Kansas. Wichita is a great city for international students. It is extremely safe and has many things to do. The metro population is over 600,000 people. There is a charming downtown, restaurants, concert arena, baseball park, museums and a river with beautiful walking trails. All the attractions are easily accessible and within walking distance from the central downtown area. Wichita also has great shopping with large malls with prices much lower than larger cities. 100% graduation rate.

Each year students in our program score over 110 on the TOEFL test. Students will be given training for the TOEFL test and have the option to take the test several times to achieve the maximum score. We also help train and prepare students for the SAT, which is very important for entrance to the top American universities. We are proud to say that students who successfully complete our SAT prep course have achieved scores as high as 2255 out of a possible 2400.

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### CORE CLASSES:

English, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics, Economics, World History, Geography, US History, US Government

AP CLASSES: AP Calculus, AP Physics, AP English, AP Chemistry, AP History, AP Psychology, ACT Prep, SAT Prep, TOEFL Prep

CLUBS AND SPORTS: Art, Music, Band, Choir, Dance, Drama, Speech, College Prep, Anthropology, Financial Planning, Political Science, Ethics, Investing, Communications, Physical Education, Computer Lab, Creative Writing, Astronomy, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Football, & Volleyball

# California Short Term

**Bishop Amat Memorial  
La Puente, CA**  
<http://www.bishopamat.org/>

## Tuition

**\$3520 per month\***

Includes application and program fees, tuition, homestay with full room and board, and insurance..

Additional costs may include: Uniform, books, airport transportation, UM service.  
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Bishop Amat Memorial High School is a four-year co-educational Archdiocesan Catholic high school. The mission of the school is to form a faith-filled community and to provide a quality education that addresses the needs of a culturally and academically diverse student body. The comprehensive instructional program flows from a college preparatory curriculum that empowers students to recognize their potential and to meet educational and life challenges in the future. The school, working in partnership with parents and the community, promotes education in Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge by preparing students to embrace Gospel values, to respect themselves and others, to become life-long learners, and to contribute positively to the community.

This is an IB school. Since 2005, Bishop Amat High School has been authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme curriculum to academically motivated eleventh and twelfth grade students.

AP classes and Tutoring available.

A Choral, Dance and Theatre programs are offered in addition to many sports and clubs



**Calvary Baptist  
La Verne, CA**  
<http://www.cbslv.org/index.html>

Calvary Baptist is a private Christian School which provides a complete academic program for students with varying abilities. We offer diversity of diplomas for students planning to attend various colleges and universities as well as vocational schools.

Offering cutting-edge certificates, delivered online and evenings to meet your schooling needs.

Calvary offers a fun and engaging learning environment for all students and boasts the following:

Small classroom size

Music, Drama and Art Programs

Inclusive sports program (all students play regardless of ability)

# English Language Learners

Our ESL programs are designed to make the most of your stay. English as a second language classes are held daily and add-on excursions and pure homestays may be purchased to give you more. For half day classes, all you need is a tourist visa!



- Choose your dates
- Number of weeks of classes
- Add-on excursions
- Add-on homestay



## ESL Program options:

**Sunny California** (locations throughout the US also available): **Starting at age 15.** Classes held in a classroom setting in suburban Los Angeles. Enjoy the adventure while you take the American Explorer English class! Classes are half-day (8:00 to 1:00 M-F) and **require only a tourist visa!** Program runs all year with start dates approximately every 4 weeks. Unlike other ESL programs, here you can add-on excursions to local sights such as:

Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, Water park, Universal Studios, LA/Hollywood Tour, Campus Tour, Sea World, Six Flags, Museums/Science Center, Shopping, San Diego, San Francisco, Las Vegas and many more!

## 4 week programs start at \$3800

Programs include school transportation, medical insurance, homestay with full board, program and school fees. Airport transportation and UM fees may apply.

Groups are welcome!

**California Combo:** Classes held in one of four southern California locations including Los Angeles! With convenient class schedules and affordable English programs to help students from all over the world, students can complete their English studies with confidence and satisfaction. Program runs all year with start dates approximately every 4 weeks. Options include 18 hours/week classroom time (F1 visa required) for the following:

7 ESL levels

Conversational English

Business English

TOEFL, TOEIC, GMAT Test Prep

Combinations of 24 or 36 hours per week are offered as well as private lessons. Also, a discount is applied to the tuition if you take two programs at the same time!

3 sessions are offered daily and you can combine any sessions to reach your goal faster!

Morning session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:36 p.m. (18 hours)

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. - 5:06 p.m. (18 hours)

Evening session: 6:00 p.m. - 9:36 p.m. (18 hours)

Students also enjoy a variety of activities such as making movies, annual Beach Luau, and playing in Soccer, Basketball, and Beach Volleyball Tournaments.

Planning on college? Students passing level 6 and 7 can attend a select group of California colleges without a TOEFL test!

## 4 week programs start at \$3350

Programs include school transportation, medical insurance, homestay with full board, program and school fees. Airport transportation and UM fees may apply.

Groups are welcome!

# \* Safety and wellbeing

Student safety and wellbeing is our highest priority in every program. We understand that while students are excited parents can be concerned about the whole idea of sending their child abroad.

We, of course, understand.

Being a small, family-run organization we take personal responsibility for each student in our programs. Many of us are parents ourselves and understand. It's a big step!

We are a United States Department of State designated J1 visa sponsor. Regulations in this program are the strictest around. Many sponsors running programs that are not J visa such as summer, short term and F visa cut corners, ignore safety concerns, and simply just want to place as many students as possible. We feel this is not the way to do things. In fact, we use the strict J visa regulations in every single one of our programs. You are not just a number, not just a student. You are a young adult, and a son, daughter, niece, nephew and grandchild and you deserve the best, safest program we can give you.

We do this by:

- Preparing you prior to departure by providing orientation materials that discuss important things like finances, expectations, and guidance.
- Only working with established overseas partners.
- Ensuring that host families are thoroughly screened in their homes and provide you with information about them prior to your arrival.
- Providing you with a local Representative available 24/7 for close contact and advice.
- Representatives speak with you and your host family monthly and complete a report which is sent to the overseas partner for natural parents to see.
- Representatives meet with you several times during your stay to ensure physical wellness.
- Providing you with a comprehensive medical and baggage insurance.
- Training our staff and coordinators on a regular basis.
- Regularly monitoring government travel warnings.

Terra Lingua USA is a U.S. State Department designated J1 Visa sponsor organization. We are also accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.

## \* I want to apply!

- \* Your first step in the application process is to visit the partner who provided you this information. Depending on which program you are applying for, they will provide you with costs, dates and the correct application.
- \* The next step is to complete the application and attend any interviews/orientations. Once complete, your application and applicable deposit will be forwarded to us. We will then review it and determine acceptance.
- \* We will then begin to look for a great host family that is best suited for you! We will then send their details to the partner organization and you can begin communicating right away.
- \* Once you arrive you will be greeted by your Representative and provided with an orientation.
- \* You'll continue to be supported by a network of people until your program ends.
- \* It's easy!

# \* Frequently asked questions

## *Is my state of choice guaranteed?*

Depends. Some programs are only offered in select states, others may have more flexibility. For the F program, other factors such as the preferred state(s), school size, etc. may be provided to us.

## *Am I eligible to apply to go on exchange?*

If you meet our eligibility requirements on page 4 then, yes!, you can apply with confidence.

## *Are there language requirements?*

It depends on the program. Private schools may have minimum requirements but we'll let you know right away what those are.

## *Who will I stay with while on exchange?*

You will live with a host family eager to share their life with a teenager like you. You may live in any part of the U.S. and you may have more than one host family during your experience.

## *Will I have to repeat my school year when I get home?*

Maybe yes. Maybe no. This is a decision to be made in consultation with your school or education authority and your parents. It is important to speak with your school early on in the process about how being an exchange student will impact upon your Enrollment.

## *What will my host family be like and how are they selected?*

Host families come in all shapes and sizes - just as they do at home. Your host family might be like your family at home or maybe not. It could be two parents and teenage children, a single parent, an older couple or a childless couple.

Whatever their configuration, you can feel confident that they have been selected just for you and are just as excited to have you as you are to come!

## *What support will I get while on the program?*

A local Representative is assigned to you and you will meet him/her upon your arrival. They will be your support person and there to assist you. Of course, your host family is your first point of contact but should you have further concerns or need someone else to talk to, that is what they are there for!

## *What is expected of me?*

Taking yourself out of your comfort zone means being responsible and making decisions for yourself - within the context of the rules and regulations of the program. You are expected to live as a local and it will be up to you to make adjustments in order to integrate into your host family and community. You will need to be open-minded, non-judgmental, patient and fair.

## *What do your programs include?*

All of our programs include full room and board, school costs, medical insurance (offered), and ground transportation. You are responsible for airfare, money for personal items, and sending money.

## *Will I have my own room?*

In most programs and cases, yes, you will have your own room. There are sometimes where you may have to share a room with another teen. Careful thought is used during these situations and we guarantee that the other teen will be within 3 years of your age, same gender, and you will never be placed in a home with a student from the same country.