

INTENSIVE ENGLISH ACADEMY (IEA)

at College of the Desert



PALM SPRINGS,
CALIFORNIA



The City

Palm Springs is known worldwide as a vacation paradise! People come to our valley to enjoy our beautiful weather, challenging golf courses and relaxing lifestyle. Palm Springs offers shopping, dining, nightlife and outdoor activities. Palm Springs also attracts a variety of national events including famous golf and tennis tournaments, international film festivals, and the Coachella Music and Arts Festival. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Knott's Soak City Water Park, The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens and museums are just some of the local attractions that you will find in Palm Springs.



Palm Springs is only a short drive from Los Angeles, San Diego, the beach and the mountain resorts. Our location is perfect for those wishing to save money with our low cost-of-living, but still have easy access to famous Southern California attractions.



Welcome to the Intensive English Academy (IEA) in Palm Springs, California!

The IEA is a high quality intensive English program located on the College of the Desert (COD) campus.

The program:

- ✔ 30 hours per week of instruction in the Standard Program
- ✔ 3 levels of instruction.
- ✔ 8 week and 16 week courses available.
- ✔ 8 Week Summer Accelerated Program – complete one level in 8 weeks.
- ✔ 5 entry dates per year!
- ✔ IEA instructors hold M.A. degrees in TESOL, Linguistics or related fields.

The location:

- ✔ Located in beautiful and famous **Palm Springs, California!**
- ✔ Short drive to Los Angeles, San Diego and the beach!
- ✔ Located on the community college campus of College of the Desert.
- ✔ Access to College of the Desert facilities and services.

The IEA Advantage:

- ✔ Competitive pricing as compared to other ESL programs located in California and the US!
- ✔ Full service International Student Program offering housing, advising, activities and university transfer assistance.
- ✔ Enter College of the Desert without the TOEFL! Complete Level 3 at the IEA and the TOEFL requirement is waived.



Classes

The IEA offers small class size with 15 students maximum per class. Students are placed into IEA classes based on an initial placement test that is taken during orientation.

3 Levels of Study: The IEA has 3 levels of study – Beginning*, Intermediate and Advanced. **Applicants should be able to read and write the English alphabet and to speak and respond to simple questions in English.* Each level requires 16 weeks of study to advance to the next level; however, students can complete one level in the 8 week Summer Accelerated Program.



The IEA offers a Standard Program throughout the year and a Summer Accelerated Program during the summer session.

The **Standard Program** includes **30** hours per week of instruction including:

- ✓ 25 hours of classroom instruction:
 - Oral Communication
 - Writing
 - Grammar
 - Reading
 - Conversation
- ✓ 5 hours in the Language Lab

The **8 Week Summer Accelerated Program** includes **32** hours per week of instruction including:

- ✓ 27 hours of classroom instruction:
 - Oral Communication
 - Writing
 - Grammar
 - Reading
- ✓ 2 hours in the Language Lab and 3 hours of 'at home' study



Language Lab

IEA students use the Language Lab at College of the Desert as a part of their studies. The Language Lab offers the latest programs and technology for English instruction assistance.

IEA Teachers

IEA teachers are dedicated professionals who enjoy working with international students. All IEA teachers have a Master's level degree in either TESOL or English instruction and many of our instructors have either lived or worked abroad.

The IEA is a very personalized program that helped me get into college.

– VALENTINA FROM CHILE



Student Services

IEA students enjoy a variety of services provided by the International Student Office. IEA services include:

Housing Placement: Our housing coordinator places students in either an American host family or in an off-campus, private apartment.

Academic Advising: Our International Student Counselor advises students about entering College of the Desert or transferring to other institutions in the United States.

Immigration Advising: The International Student Office has trained professionals who provide assistance with questions related to the F-1 student visa.

Activities: We want you to have fun while you study! IEA students enjoy social and cultural activities every month.

College of the Desert Facilities: IEA students benefit from the services and facilities at College of the Desert including the library, dining hall, computer labs, campus clubs and activities.

*Reading was my favorite class because
the teacher was great!*

– SEUNG SEOB FROM KOREA



Entering College of the Desert

Students who complete Level 3 at the IEA can enter College of the Desert without the TOEFL!

As a California community college, COD focuses on transfer to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems as well as to the many universities throughout the USA. Whether you are planning on transferring to university, completing an Associate degree or Certificate, COD has what you are looking for!

**Complete Level 3
of the Intensive English
Academy and enter
College of the Desert.**

**Complete the first
two years of
undergraduate study
at College of the Desert.**

**Complete the last two
years of undergraduate
study and get your
Bachelor's at university.**



The services and activities at IEA helped me to learn English and make American and international friends.

– FLAVIO FROM BRAZIL



Customized Programming for Educational Representatives

The Intensive English Academy (IEA) offers opportunities for college or university groups to develop their own customized programs to meet the needs of their students. The IEA can customize programs for groups ranging in size from 15+ students with courses including 2 or more weeks of instruction.

Customized Programs include: Intensive English courses, host family accommodations, social and cultural activities, local area travel, day trips, industry speakers, and much more!

Customized Programming options at the IEA include:

- English language courses + American culture
- English language courses + American business
- English language courses + Hospitality or Golf Management
- English language courses + Event Management
- Other choices as requested

Please contact iep@collegeofthedesert.edu for more information or to request a program proposal.

How to Apply

1. Download the International Student Application from **www.collegeofthedesert.edu/international** or request an application by emailing **iep@collegeofthedesert.edu**.
2. Submit your completed application to the IEA at least one month before your chosen program start date.

3. You can send the application by:

Email: **iep@collegeofthedesert.edu**

Fax: 001-760-862-1361

Mail: Intensive English Academy
College of the Desert
43-500 Monterey Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260 U.S.A.

Upon acceptance, students will receive an I-20 which can be used to apply for the F-1 visa in their home country.



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