



# The English Language Institute Welcomes You!

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# Your Arrival

We are happy to meet you at the Valdosta airport, but we must know when you plan to arrive.

If you would like an ELI representative to meet you at the airport or bus station, you must request this service. Taxis are also available to take you to your new residence.

Fly into Atlanta, Georgia (*367 Kilometers north of Valdosta*) and catch a connecting flight to the Valdosta airport. *Atlanta is the only city that offers connecting flights to Valdosta.*





# Housing

Arrive one week before classes to arrange housing. If you need an affordable place to stay near VSU while finding an apartment Garden Villas is an option:

**2529 N Ashley St Valdosta, GA 31602**  
**(229) 247-4301**  
[gardenvillas.com](http://gardenvillas.com)

## On Campus Residence Halls Available!

Living on campus is a great way to get to know VSU, make friends, and enjoy the convenience of on-campus dining options!

Hopper Hall  
\$2550.00



Centennial Hall  
\$2529.00  
\*Open during all holidays!

Langdale Hall  
\$2036.00



Converse Hall  
\$2492.00  
\*Open during all holidays!

### SAVE \$\$\$ WITH MEAL PLANS

- **Unlimited Access + 5 Guest Meals + \$125 Dining Dollars \$1,896 per semester**  
Enjoy unlimited meals or snacks in our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus \$125 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.
- **14 Meals/Week + 5 Guest Meals + \$225 Dining Dollars \$1,896 per semester**  
Enjoy 14 meals per week at our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus \$225 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.
- **10 Meals/Week + 5 Guest Meals + \$370 Dining Dollars \$1,896 per semester**  
Enjoy 10 meals per week at our all-you-care-to-eat Hopper or Palms Dining plus \$370 in Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.
- **\$525 Dining Dollars per semester**  
Centennial and Converse residents may enjoy \$525 Dining Dollars to be used at any on-campus dining location.



## On-Campus Housing

**On-Site Residential Staff**

**Suite-like apartments or double-occupancy rooms available**

**Centennial & Converse Halls open during all holidays & breaks**

**Affordable rates & meal plans**

**One semester contract available to ELI students**





# Off Campus Housing

*Affordable & Within walking or biking distance to VSU*

**NOW LEASING!**



**805**  
*Harmon Heights*  
APARTMENTS  
& CONDOS

For Leasing Info:  
**229-415-2485**

Contact the  
Owner directly:  
[diazconstructionllc@yahoo.com](mailto:diazconstructionllc@yahoo.com)



**Student Quarters Apartments**  
*(this company has multiple properties)* +1(229) 333-8212  
<http://www.sqvaldosta.com/>



**The Gates at Valdosta Apartments**  
+1(229) 245-0284  
<http://www.thegatesatvaldosta.com/>



# Money Matters

- Traveler's checks are the best way to carry funds to the U. S. since they can be instantly converted to cash.
- Have enough cash or traveler's checks to cover your personal expenses for a least one week.
- Your ELI fees are due soon during the first week of class.
- Your money must be in a form that can be quickly converted to cash.
- For your safety, **DO NOT CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH!**
- *Do not bring foreign currency; it cannot be exchanged in Valdosta.*
- An international credit card can be used at an ATM to withdraw money and make purchases.





# Health

- You will need to purchase insurance upon your arrival. To learn more, visit the [Student Health Insurance](#) link.
- You must submit proof of [immunization](#).
- ***You cannot attend classes until you have proof of immunization. It's best to get your immunizations in your home country.***





# What to Bring

- Bring photographs, souvenirs, traditional clothing from your home country to show to new friends and community members—these items also help when you feel homesick!







# What to Bring

- Dress for south Georgia: winters are short and mild: the average temperature is 50°F/10°C, but it can drop as low as 25°F/-3°C.
- Summers are long and hot: the average temperature is 90°F/32°C, but it can reach as high as 100°F/38°C.
- Most students wear jeans, shorts and tee shirts to class.
- You may want to buy some of your clothes in Valdosta; clothing is reasonably priced in the U.S.
- Formal clothing is needed only for social or religious activities you may choose to attend.





# The First Day of Classes

- In the morning, you will take a placement test to determine your English proficiency.
- In the afternoon, you will attend an orientation and a campus tour.
- Your teachers are happy to work with you and want to help you succeed!
- Some classes will have interesting projects; you may meet with VSU students or visit other classes.
- To be successful, you must attend class everyday.





# After Class

- You will receive a list of fun things to do from our Activities Coordinator.
- Go shopping, attend picnics, barbecues, conversation partners.
- Play soccer & other sports & games.
- Travel to Orlando, Atlanta, Savannah, and St. Augustine.
- Join the Society for International Students at VSU, have fun, share your culture & meet other VSU students!
- There's always something to do!

