

# *Intensive English Language Program Welcome Letter*

Fall 2019

## Orientation and Placement

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. **Orientation and Placement testing will be held from Wednesday to Friday, August 14-16, 2019** in Mather Mansion (see picture and address to the right) → You can also see it on the map attached to the email.

You will have an orientation, placement tests and a campus tour on these two days. **You must attend.** Testing is required before you can be registered for classes. Please remember that our level 1 is a high elementary and not for true beginners (level 0).

**Classes begin on Monday, August 26, 2019.** More information can be found at [www.csuohio.edu/ielp](http://www.csuohio.edu/ielp) We look forward to meeting you in August. If you have any questions, please email [esl@csuohio.edu](mailto:esl@csuohio.edu).



**The ESL Program Office is located in Mather Mansion room 209. It is at 2605 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH.**

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**Orientation August 14-16.**

**Classes: Aug 26—Dec 13, 2019**

## Visa and Immigration

If you are living in your country now, you must use the I-20 sent by Cleveland State University to pay your SEVIS fee, when you apply for the F-1 visa at the US Consulate or Embassy (find the closest consulate or embassy at [www.usembassy.gov/index.html](http://www.usembassy.gov/index.html)) and to enter the country.

To Pay the SEVIS fee, go to [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com) and follow the directions. Keep the receipt and take it with you to the visa interview. You will also need your I-20, financial support documents, and admission letter.

Common questions for the visa interview include:

Where are you going to study? Why do you want to study there? What will you do after you study English? And How will you pay for your studies.

Do not enter the US on a B1/B2 visa if you want to study. If traveling with family, your spouse and children must apply for a visa at the same time as you. Each dependent needs a separate I-20. You must tell us if you need dependent documents.

If you have questions contact: [esl@csuohio](mailto:esl@csuohio) or call 216 875-9669.

# What you need to know before arriving at Intensive English Language Program—Cleveland State University

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## Preparing for Arrival.

1. Pay the SEVIS fee ([www.fmjfee](http://www.fmjfee))
2. Make an appointment for your visa interview
3. Contact the IELP to say you have your visa and will arrive for orientation (confirmation form) by emailing [eslwelcome@csuohio.edu](mailto:eslwelcome@csuohio.edu).
4. Make housing arrangements. On-campus applications ([www.csuohio.edu/reslife](http://www.csuohio.edu/reslife)) or plan to stay at a hotel while looking for an apartment.
5. Bring a credit card or traveler's checks for your initial expenses
6. Carry your passport, I20, SEVIS receipt, and admission letter with you on the plane. Do not pack them.
7. Airport pick up must be requested on the confirmation form at least 3 days in advance. A taxi will cost \$25-35.
8. **If you arrive early, you may see us at Mather Mansion room 209 or call 216 875 9669. Or meet us at orientation on August 14, 2019**

**Health & Insurance:** Health insurance is required for students. **Do not buy travel insurance** before you come to Cleveland. Some scholarships include insurance and will waive the requirement, but most must use student insurance. Do not buy traveler's insurance. All new students will also take a tuberculosis (TB) test at orientation or show recent record of immunization in English. All students can go to the Health and Wellness Center on campus (IM 205).

**Clothing and Weather:** Cleveland has four seasons. The fall semester (September-December) is warm/cool to cold (24°-0°c). You will need sweaters, then winter coats and gloves, but can buy them here. The Spring Semester (January-May) includes winter and spring weather. The average January temperature is -2°c and it may snow from November through March. You will go from cold to warm temperatures. (-4—24°c) Summer Session (May—August) runs from warm (24°c) to hot and humid (29° c), sometimes warmer.

## Housing Options

**On campus housing:** Information is located at [www.csuohio.edu/reslife](http://www.csuohio.edu/reslife) or 216-687-5196. An application is required before arriving. There are a variety of rooms, but no housing for married students and no children are allowed in the residence halls. Please contact us with questions.

### Off-campus

Hotels nearby Hampton, Comfort Inn, Hilton Garden Express, Wyndam. [Show your CSU admission letter for a discount.](#)

You might also consider Airbnb.com, the Cleveland Hostel <http://www.theclevelandhostel.com/> or University hotel and suites. <http://www.dcparts.com/university/>

Apartments nearby include The Langston, The Domain, Reserve Square Apartments, University Commons, Tower Press, The Osborn Building, 1900 Euclid Avenue Lofts, Walker & Weeks and Statler Arms. Look here for more information <https://www.csuohio.edu/international/housing-temporary-campus-campus>.

**Remember to confirm your arrival and request airport pick-up if needed. Make housing arrangements before you arrive or plan to stay in a hotel for a few nights. See you at orientation, August 14-16, 2019. Starting at 9am in Mather Mansion.**