

ECI Newsletter Summer and Fall 2014 Issue

ECI AWARDED REACCREDITATION!

ECI Oklahoma City campus and Dallas Campus are proud to announce the awarding of reaccreditation from CEA until 2018 and ACCET until 2019! We are proud to be only one of two English schools in the United States with both accreditations.

NEW PREP COURSES

The Oklahoma City campus and the Dallas campus are now offering IELTS and TOEFL Preparatory classes. The enrollment for IELTS will begin as a one week preparatory course (15 hours). Our TEOFL Preparatory course will be two weeks (30 hours).

OUR STUDENT DIVERSITY

ECI is incredibly proud of our students and the cultures and backgrounds they come from!

This Summer, ECI's Oklahoma Campus welcomed students from the following countries:

Taiwan, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, China Venezuela, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Morocco South Korea

This Fall, the Oklahoma Campus will be welcoming students from:

Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, China, Burkina Faso, Morocco, and South Korea, Congo, Antigua and Barbuda.

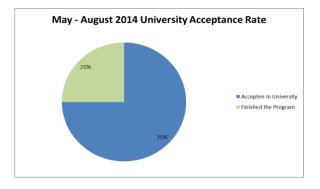


ECI Dallas Campus for its Summer Semester welcomed students from the following countries:

China, Brazil, Colombia, Korea, Venezuela Saudi Arabia, Angola, Pakistan, Eritrea, Oman, Russia, Libya, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Vietnam, Congo, Syria.

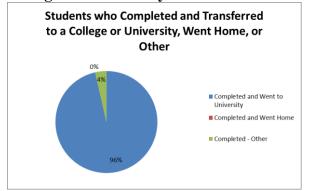
ECI Dallas Campus for its Fall Semester welcomed students from: *Russia, Saudi Arabia, China, Vietnam, Brazil, Pakistan, India, Mexico, Kenya, Yemen, Angola, Kuwait, South Korea,*

This summer, out of all completed students in Oklahoma City Campus, 75% went on to study in universities across the country.



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In Dallas, 96% of the completed students are now studying in universities throughout the country.



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

Elective Courses

This summer, the Academic Electives in Oklahoma City featured the following classes:

- Reading Comprehension
- Composition
- Essay Writing
- Listening and Speaking

This summer the academic electives in Dallas featured the following classes:

- IELTS/ TOEFL Prep
- Composition 1 and 2
- Reading Comprehension
- Listening and Speaking
- Academic Vocabulary
- American Culture
- Essay Writing

Cultural Activities

There were plenty of activities in Oklahoma City during the summer session including bowling, river cruises, the Oklahoma State Fair, and Dave and Busters.



This fall students will be able to enjoy a cookout at Lake Hefner, a visit to the Cowboy Heritage museum, a visit to the downtown area, and a trip to the movie theater.



(Some OKC students on a River Cruise)

At our Dallas campus, students went bowling, visited the Dallas Cowboy football stadium, the Dallas museum of Art, Klyde Warren Park, and created a soccer team and played indoor soccer.



(Dallas Students at Dallas Museum of Art)

This Fall Semester, Dallas students will go bowling and will also visit the Ross Perot Scientific Museum, the Dallas World Aquarium and the Arboretum.



UPCOMING CITY-WIDE EVENTS



Students in Oklahoma City were able to soak in American culture at the annual State Fair this year. It was a great way to kick off the fall season.

This season is also the time for American Football. If you have a chance to go see a college football game, take it and support either the OU Sooners or the OSU Cowboys!

If it's Halloween you like to celebrate, there are haunted attractions throughout the city to visit, or you can travel to local farms to visit corn mazes and pick fresh pumpkins.

In Dallas, students can check out a baseball game at Globe Life Park in Arlington and experience an exciting part of American culture.

From September 26th to October 29th the Texas State Fair will be in Dallas. This is an excellent opportunity for Dallas students to experience this part of American culture.

For our fearless students there is also the Strangling Brothers Haunted Circus at the Irving Mall. Whatever you plan to do, stay safe, have fun and enjoy the wonderful activities the American culture has to offer.

REMINDERS

TUITION

Remember that your tuition for class is due NO LATER than the first day of the session. If you pay your tuition after the first day, a \$20 late fee will be added on to your balance for every day you are late, up to a maximum of \$100.

Pay your tuition to Lilah Marcy (at the Oklahoma City Campus), or Patricia Dena (at the Dallas Campus). Be sure to pay on time, and if you have any questions, ask the Admission coordinators or the President.

ATTENDANCE

Also remember that you are only allowed **three (3) unexcused absences** during one session. An unexcused absence is any absence where you do not have a valid excuse to miss class. If you have a question about whether an absence is excused or not, speak to your teacher or an administrator.

If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to speak to your teacher to pick up any work you miss or make up quizzes and tests. You have two (2) days to make up any missed work – after that, it counts as a zero.

In addition, be aware that three (3) tardies – that is, arriving to class more than 15 minutes late – counts as one absence. If you receive three absences in one session, you are put on Academic Probation and could be terminated.

For an absence to be excused, you must have a DOCTOR'S NOTE or TEST CONFIRMATION that confirms your allowed absence. Routine doctor visits, dentist appointments, advising appointments and other everyday occurrences <u>will not be</u> <u>excused</u>.

If you have a question about your attendance or would like to see your attendance record for the session, either ask your teacher, an administrator, or check it yourself by logging into your Engrade account at <u>www.engrade.com</u>.

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Students and Host Families

24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Remember, you can call anytime you need us. We are here to help!

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