

ALPS Language School

Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence



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PROGRAM INFORMATION

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ABOUT

ALPS Language School (ALPS) is an established ESL School based in the Capitol Hill area of Seattle. Our goal is to help our diverse student body achieve their English language goals. Students come to ALPS to improve their English fluency for use in their chosen profession, others look to ALPS to prepare them for successful entry to university/college programs, and many come for personal enrichment. We offer students a flexible course structure, and a warm, inviting place to study and learn.

Classes

At ALPS, students can learn English quickly in friendly and professional small group and private classes. Group classes offer great value, with a maximum of 8 students per class. Students have the option of daily private lessons.

Our academic year is broken down into 4-week sessions, and we offer classes for Spoken English, Professional English, and Academic English, plus test preparation classes for TOEFL, IELTS and TOEIC. Students choose the classes that meet their personal goals in English.



Students must be 18 years or older to begin classes at ALPS.

Director's Reflection on 25 Years

ALPS was formed 25 years ago when a group of teachers came together to offer a unique, personalized approach to teaching English. We started small, and have stayed small – by choice. Our combination of small group classes and private lessons have helped a diverse range of students from around the globe to achieve a wide variety of goals.

Many successful university and graduate students got their foundation in English at ALPS. Professionals who needed personalized classes perfected their skills here. New arrivals to Seattle and travelers passing through joined us to hone the English skills they needed to survive and thrive in America.

It has been a pleasure and privilege getting to know so many students and teachers over the years. So many lifelong friendships, and even some marriages, have begun here in the school. During our 25th Anniversary year, we hope to reconnect with past students, teachers, and staff members, and share some of their stories. Looking to the future, we still strongly believe in the advantages that our combination of small group classes and private lessons offer our students.

With continual improvements and new class options to embrace the opportunities that Seattle's booming economy offers, we are excited for the future.

Peter Hauge
Director and Co-founder
ALPS Language School

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ACCREDITATION

ALPS Language School's programs are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training. ACCET is listed by the U. S. Department of Education as a nationally-recognized accrediting agency.



This school is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien F-1 students.

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY

ALPS has established partnerships and conditional acceptance agreements with a wide variety of top-tier U.S. universities, creating new opportunities and a continuous, guided study path for our international students.

Participating Universities with International Accelerator Programs

International Program	University	State
Adelphi International	Adelphi University	New York
AU International Accelerator	American University Washington DC	DC
Auburn Global	University of Auburn	Alabama
FIU Global First	Florida International University	Florida
Global UCF	University of Central Florida	Florida
KU International Program	University of Kansas	Kansas
LSU	Louisiana State University	Louisiana
UOP International	University of the Pacific	California
University of South Carolina	University of South Carolina	South Carolina
UIC Global	University of Illinois at Chicago	Illinois

Coming soon:

University of Dayton	University of Dayton	Ohio
University of Cincinnati	University of Cincinnati	Ohio
University of Utah	University of Utah	Utah



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COURSE OVERVIEW

ALPS offers a range of full-time and part-time courses to meet your personal, academic, and career goals, whether you want to study full-time or part-time, in group or private classes.

1 ALPS Session = 4 weeks. 1 ALPS hour = 50 minutes of class time + a 10 minute break.

Full-time Students

ALPS offers a range of Intensive English Program (IEP) Options for full-time students who study for 4 or more hours daily. Our spoken English options are perfect for students who want to improve their general level of English Speaking and Listening. Our academic options help students prepare for college, university, or master's level courses.

Part-time Students

Part-time students can study up to 3 hours daily, and choose from a combination of group and private classes, choosing from group speaking and listening, and group electives or private classes.

Group Elective Classes

Group classes have a maximum of 8 students. Students take classes from a rotating selection of speaking, academic, and test preparation elective classes.

Private Classes

There is 1 teacher and 1 student in a private class. Private classes provide intensive practice and are an effective use of a student's time. The teacher plans an individual curriculum based on the student's needs, interests and goals.

Full-time Course Options and Costs

Intensive English Program (IEP) Options - Speaking Focus

IEP General Intensive Option – 4 hours daily

This option is for you if you want to improve your general level of English with a focus on speaking and listening but you don't want a private class.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening \$1199
- 2 hours Group Elective classes (Speaking focus: pronunciation, idioms, conversation, focused discussion, TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS test preparation classes.)

IEP Intensive Speaking Option A – 4 hours daily

If you need to understand and use spoken English, this combination of group and private class will help you improve rapidly.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening \$1699
- 1 hour Group Elective class (Speaking focus: pronunciation, idioms, conversation, focused discussion, TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS test preparation classes.)
- 1 hour Private class based on the student's individual goals

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Intensive English Program (IEP) Options - Academic Focus

Our Academic options will help you prepare for college, university, or master's level courses.

A-IEP 4.0 Option – 4 hours daily

This option provides you with 4 hours of Group classes per day.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening \$1199
- 2 hours Group Academic Reading & Writing

A-IEP 5+ Option A – 5 hours daily

This intensive Academic option will provide you with 5 Group classes daily, plus 6 hours per session of individual academic advising and writing lab.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening \$1699
- 2 hours Group Academic Reading & Writing
- 1 hour Group Academic Elective class (supplementary skills in reading, writing, vocabulary, or TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS test preparation classes.)
- + 6 hours individual academic counseling and writing lab per session.

Additional Private and Elective Classes

Additional Private and Elective classes can be added to all IEP Options:

- Private 1 hour daily \$875
- Group Elective 1 hour daily \$299

Part-time Course Options and Costs

Not for students with an F-1 Student Visa

ALPS offers multiple combinations of classes to students wanting to study Part-time (1 to 3 hours daily).

Prices are per Session, and are subject to change without notice. Maximum 8 Students per Group class.

1 ALPS Session = 4 weeks. 1 ALPS hour = 50 minutes of class time + a 10 minute break.

Group Classes

Speaking & Listening – 2 hours daily

If you want to improve your general level of English with a focus on speaking and listening, this is a great option for you.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening \$599

Elective – 1 hour daily

Based on your interests and goals, take a class from our current Session Elective list.

- 1 hour Group Elective class (speaking focus: could be pronunciation, idioms, conversation, focused discussion, TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS test preparation classes) \$299

Speaking & Listening + Elective – 3 hours daily

If you want to improve your general level of English with a focus on speaking and listening, and also take one of our elective classes, this is the option for you.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening \$899
- 1 hour Group Elective

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Private Classes

Elective – 1 hour daily

Intensive 1 hour individual class (1 student, 1 teacher) based on the student’s interests and goals.

- 1 hour Private class \$875

Combined Group and Private Classes

Speaking and Listening + Private Elective – 3 hours daily

Intensive 1 hour class based on the student’s needs and interests.

- 2 hours Group Speaking & Listening OR 2 1-hour Group Elective classes \$1475
- 1 hour Private class based on the student’s needs

Summary of Other Costs

Books are included in Speaking & Listening and Group Elective class costs. Books are not included in costs for test preparation electives.

Application fee (one-time only, non-refundable)

Full-time course	\$100
Part-time course	\$25

Activity Fee (per 4-week Session)

All students	\$35
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Health Insurance Fee (per 4-week Session)

F-1 Visa students	\$140 *
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**Coverage is required by all F-1 Visa students. Fee will be waived if student can show proof of current U.S. medical coverage.*

Homestay fees **

See our website for current homestay options.

***Confirm Homestay Fees with Homestay Company before booking.*

All prices are subject to change without notice.

Session Dates 2018

SUMMER	AUTUMN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ July 16 – August 10 ▪ August 13 – September 7 ▪ September 10 – October 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ October 8 – November 2 ▪ November 5 – November 30 ▪ December 3 – December 28

Session Dates 2019

WINTER	SPRING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 2 – January 25 ▪ January 28 – February 22 ▪ February 25 – March 22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 25 – April 19 ▪ April 22 – May 17 ▪ May 20 – June 14

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Group Speaking & Listening

2 hours daily

Can be included in Full-time or Part-time course options. Each class is 2 50-minute periods.

Speaking & Listening is a general course that systematically covers the language functions of English at different levels. With a maximum of 8 students in the group, everybody has a chance to practice, practice and practice. Students are tested and placed in the level appropriate to their needs. The main focus is speaking and listening, but grammar and vocabulary tasks are included. Levels are from beginning to advanced.

Maximum 8 per class.



Private Class Elective

Choose from 1-3 hours daily

Can be included in Full-time and Part-time course options.

Private classes provide intensive practice and are an effective use of a student's time. The teacher plans an individual curriculum based on the student's needs and interests, and goals. Lessons can include practice activities in any of the following:

- Speaking and listening
- Pronunciation
- Vocabulary development
- Reading and writing
- Business English
- Specialized professional vocabulary
- Free conversation
- Educational field trips
- Test preparation (TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC,* etc.)



Intensive individual practice in the skills you need most.

1 Student, 1 Teacher - meet daily

1 ALPS hour = 50 minutes + a 10 minute break

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Group Class Elective

Choose from 1-3 hours daily

Elective classes are 1 hour specialized classes. These are included in full-time and part-time course options.

Students can choose from a rotating selection of speaking, academic, and test preparation elective classes that help them meet their learning goals.

1 ALPS hour = 50 minutes + a 10 minute break



Speaking Electives

Student Level	Elective	Class Description
Any	English Conversation	Discuss a variety of issues and improve oral communication skills while increasing confidence in expressing feelings, ideas, and opinions in conversational English.
	Pronunciation	Learn to speak English more clearly. Students will also better understand the speech patterns of native English speakers.
Beginner	Basic Survival English	Develop better vocabulary and confidence in everyday situations such as banking, shopping, asking for directions, or other information. This is a useful class if you are new to the U.S.
	Basic Listening	Improve basic listening skills. Students will be able to better understand main ideas and details in common situations.
	Basic Speaking	Students will learn conversation and presentation skills while increasing fluency and confidence.
Low intermediate through advanced	American Idioms	Recognize, understand, and incorporate American idioms (expressions and slang) into everyday conversations and situations.

Cross-over Electives

These elective classes are appropriate for students with a speaking or academic focus.

Student Level	Elective	Class Description
Low intermediate through advanced	Discussing the News	Read a news magazine and discuss and debate current issues on a variety of topics. Improve high level vocabulary and speaking skills.
	Discussing Values and Philosophies	Listen to famous (and not so famous) individuals share their personal philosophies and core values that guide their daily lives. Be challenged to explore and discuss the essays in the text. Improve high-level vocabulary and speaking skills.

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Academic Electives

Student Level	Elective	Class Description
Any	College 101 or Grad School 101	Learn about how the American college, university and graduate school system works through readings, university and college campus visits, and presentations by admissions staff. Create a plan for entering the next stage of your education.
	Reading and Writing <i>(2 hour elective, 5 levels)</i>	Prepare to enter university or college classes. Develop academic reading skills to become a more confident reader. Learn writing strategies to be able to communicate ideas more clearly in writing for academic purposes. These skills are critical to success in TOEFL and IELTS.
	Supplementary Reading and Writing	Practice and improve your reading, writing and vocabulary skills. Using a variety of texts and activities, students at every level can improve their writing. Classes use simplified texts and articles which provide a step-by-step approach to the joys of reading for pleasure.
Intermediate through advanced	Newsletter	Write articles to publish in the school newsletter or blog. Learn interviewing, writing, and editing skills. The class will publish a newsletter or blog at the end of the session.

Test Preparation Electives

Student Level	Elective	Class Description
Intermediate through advanced	TOFEL, IELTS, TOEIC* Preparation classes	Increase your TOFEL, IELTS, or TOEIC score. Learn about the test and improve skills and test score.
Advanced	TOEFL Speaking Preparation class	This class is designed for students who need a higher TOEFL score. Learn about the test, its question types, strategies for answering questions, and improve skills tested on the TOEFL Speaking Section.

Students are required to buy books for test preparation electives.

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Elective Training – 6 hours per Session

Writing Lab and one-on-one Academic Advising meetings:

Each student meets with a Writing Lab instructor for personal help, feedback, and advice with academic writing and vocabulary. Students can also schedule Academic Advising meetings with the Academic Director for help making and following an academic success plan, including preparing for and registering for required tests (such as TOEFL, IELTS, or GRE*), completing application requirements for university, or graduate school, or just getting general help with the admissions process.

We know and support each of our students. They finish their English language training sooner, and enter their next step of education prepared for success.



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‘ENGLISH ONLY’ SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Each session the school organizes 4 activities:

- 1 big trip out-of-town
- 2 in-city activities
- 1 end-of-session party

Activities reflect the seasons of the year here in the Pacific Northwest. Students can practice English outside the class room (around 12 hours of additional English conversation per session). They also have the chance to socialize with classmates in an informal setting. All of the activities are included in one low-cost activity fee.

Here are examples of some of our activities, but you’ll find many more examples on our [Facebook page](#), just search for ALPS Language School.

The Big Trip

These are out-of-town trips around the Puget Sound.



Mt Rainier National Park



Port Townsend



Skagit Valley Tulip Festival



Capitol Building in Olympia

Other activities include:

- Bremerton
- Boehm’s Chocolate Factory Tour
- Poulsbo Christmas Parade
- Bainbridge Island

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In-City Activities

Explore Seattle with your classmates on 2 trips per session.



Baseball



Bowling



Ferry ride



Blue Angels airshow

Final Day Activity

Celebrate the end of the session with a BBQ, picnic or free lunch party at the school.



7 REASONS TO CHOOSE SEATTLE

Seattle is the largest city in the Pacific Northwest region of North America. The city is situated on the Puget Sound, an inlet of the Pacific Ocean, about 100 miles south of the Canadian-U.S. Border, and is the fastest-growing major U.S. City.

1. Big city atmosphere

Seattle is famous for street cafes, innovative music, lively night life and national sports teams:

- Seattle Mariners (Major League Baseball)
- Seattle Seahawks (Major League Football)
- Seattle Sounders (Major League Soccer)
- Seattle Opera
- Seattle Symphony
- Excellent Museums
- Amazon, Microsoft and Starbucks headquarters

2. Small-town safety and friendliness

The number one reason that many students choose to study in Seattle is our city's reputation for safety and friendliness

3. Great climate

Seattle is a northern city like New York or Chicago, but we are near the ocean, so winters are warmer (it rarely snows in the city), and summers are more comfortable (not too hot and not too humid).



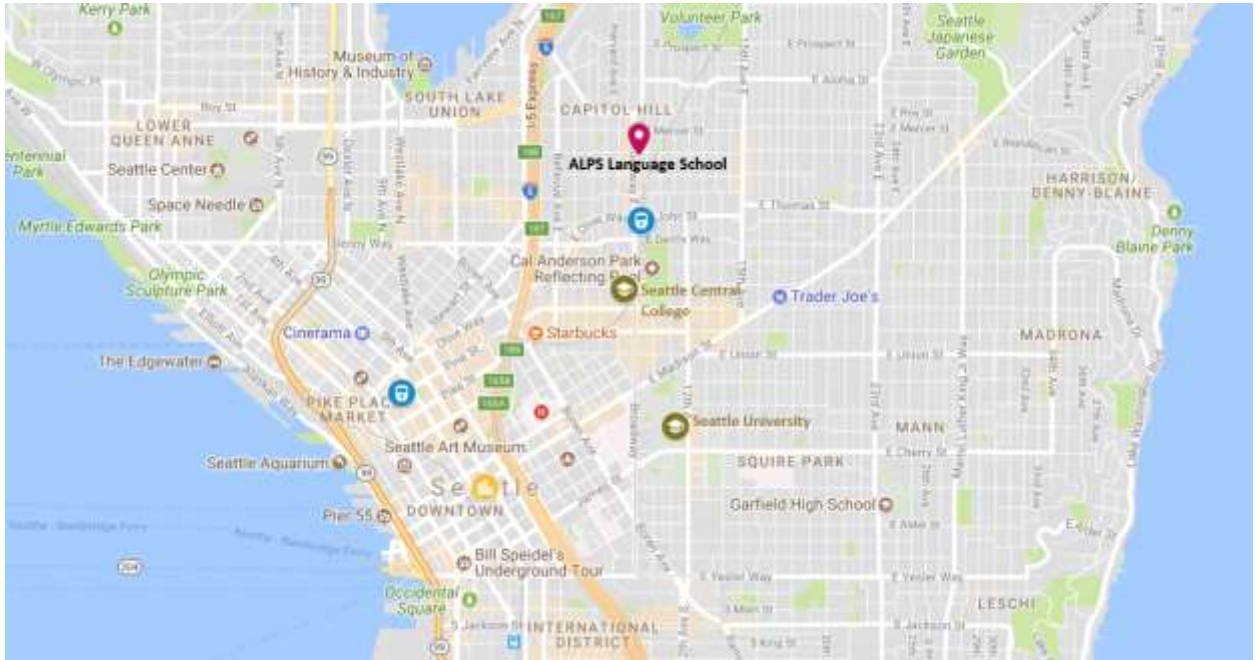
4. Amazing natural beauty

Seattle is close to the mountains and near the ocean. Green trees and blue lakes are everywhere. Students can hike, ski, go boating, go to the beach, and enjoy many outdoor activities in and around the city.

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5. Excellent Colleges and Universities

If you are studying English to enter a college, university, or get an MBA or other advanced degree in the U.S., Seattle has many excellent academic institutions. ALPS is minutes away from Seattle University, University of Washington, and Seattle Community College.



[Click for Interactive map](#)

6. Convenient public transport

Seattle public transport system is a cost-effective way to travel around the city. ALPS is located a 20 minute walk away from downtown Seattle and Amazon's HQ. We are only a 5 minute walk away from the Capitol Hill Link Light Rail Station, which links the University District to downtown, the International District, and SeaTac Airport.

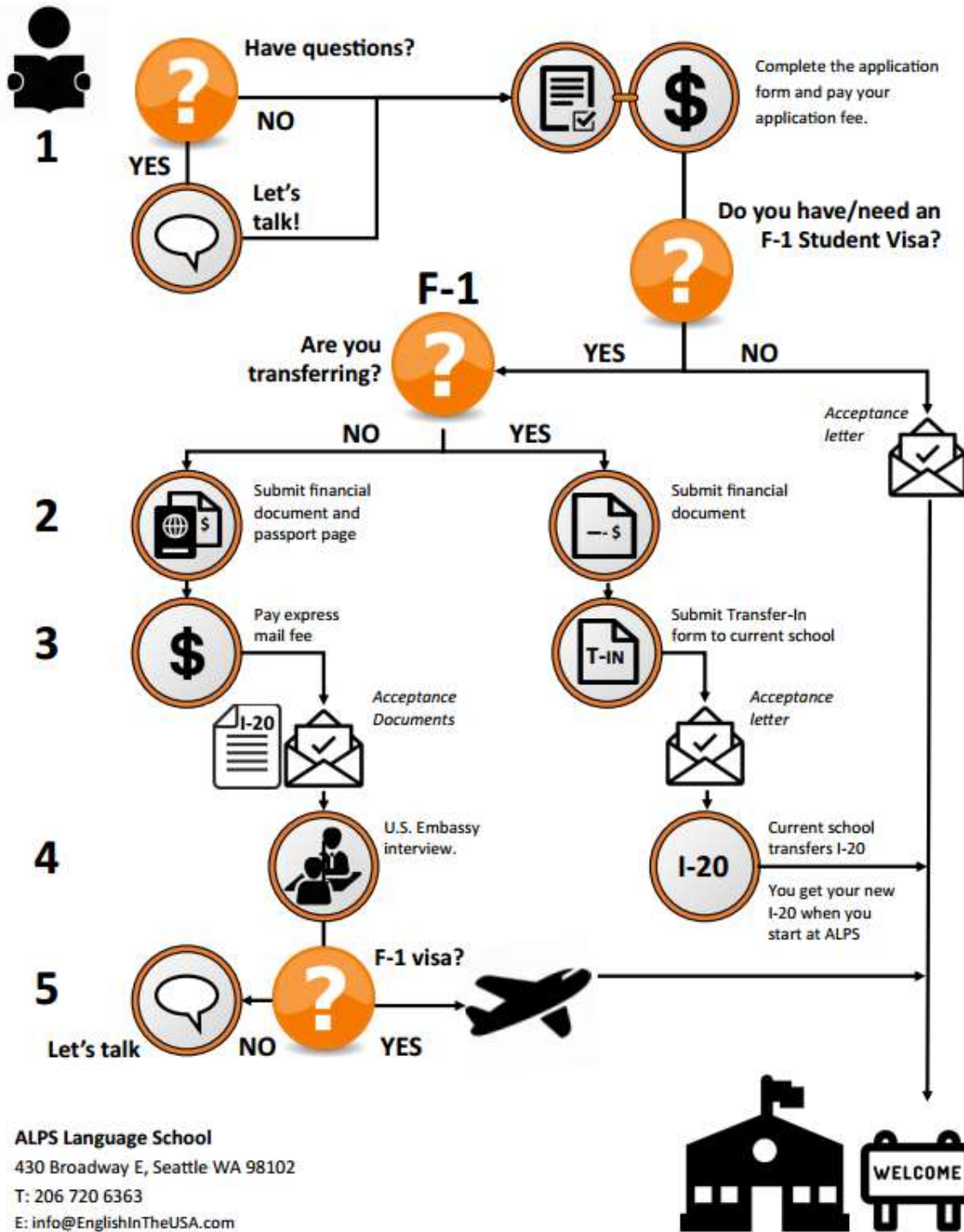
7. ALPS is based in Seattle

Our unique system of teaching English brings students from many different countries. We offer you the opportunity to immerse yourself in English, and experience our local culture.

HOW TO APPLY FOR COURSES

To apply to study at ALPS you need to complete and submit your application and pay the application fee. You must be at least 18 years old to begin classes. Apply as early as possible to guarantee your place.

A Step-by-Step Guide



DISCLAIMER: In some special cases, the application process is different. Contact us with your questions.

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Applying Online

Complete the following steps on our website www.EnglishInTheUSA.com.

1. Go to the **Apply Now** tab and select **Application -> Courses**
<http://www.englishintheusa.com/apply-courses.php>
2. Complete and Submit your Application
3. Pay your Application fee <http://englishintheusa.com/buy.php>
 - a. Full-time students \$100
 - b. Part-time students \$25

For F-1 visa students only:

Once we receive your application and fee, you will be asked to email the following:

- a) Financial documentation/bank letter *
- b) A copy of your passport information page

*See Page 20 for Visa Information, or visit our website <http://www.englishintheusa.com/visa.php>

Applying In-Person

Visit our office during working hours and our friendly admissions team will walk you through the application process and answer any visa questions you have. You can download an Application Form from our website <http://www.englishintheusa.com/files/ALPSPaperApplication.pdf>

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*5-minute walk from Capitol Hill Link
Light Rail Station*



Applying through an Agent

If you received this information from an agent in your country, contact the agent and they will help you to complete your application (and homestay arrangements if required).

Transferring to ALPS From Another School in the U.S.

If you hold an F-1 student visa and are studying at another school, you can apply to transfer to ALPS by completing the following steps on our website www.EnglishInTheUSA.com, or visit our office.

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1. Go to the **Apply Now** tab and select **Application -> Courses**
<http://www.englishintheusa.com/apply-courses.php>
2. Complete and Submit your Application
3. Pay your Application fee of \$100 <http://englishintheusa.com/buy.php>
4. Email a copy of your Financial documentation/bank letter *
5. Complete your section of our Transfer-in Form which you can find on our website
<http://www.englishintheusa.com/files/ALPSTransferForm.pdf>
6. Ask your current school's adviser to complete their section and return the completed form to ALPS.

*See Page 18 for Visa Information, or visit our website <http://www.englishintheusa.com/visa.php>

Once you receive your acceptance letter, you must submit it to your current school's adviser. The adviser will transfer your I-20 SEVIS record to ALPS. This must be completed before your first day of study at ALPS. You will get your new I-20 when you start at ALPS.

Special Situations

- If you plan to leave the U.S. and return
- If your I-20 has been terminated and you are out of status

Please contact our admissions team at info@EnglishInTheUSA.com for advice on your situation.

AFTER YOU APPLY

When we have processed your application we will contact you and send you your admissions documents (Acceptance letter, SEVIS Form I-20, and invoice for your first session).

F-1 Students Applying from Outside the U.S.

To receive your admissions documents, you need to pay the Express Mail Fee of \$75 online at <http://englishintheusa.com/buy.php>

If you are unable to pay online, request a Credit Card Authorization Form via email.

Once you have received your documents you need to:

1. Pay the SEVIS Fee to the U.S. government on the official I-901 site
2. Make an appointment with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to get your visa
3. Arrange travel to the U.S. and arrive in Seattle at least 3 days before your classes begin

Contact the Director of Admissions at info@EnglishInTheUSA.com if you have questions.

F-1 Students Transferring from Another School

If you won't be leaving the country between schools, your I-20 will be given to you after you begin classes.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTAY

An independent homestay organization arranges homestays for ALPS students. This is a different organization from ALPS. They arrange a homestay with an American host.

To apply for a homestay complete the following steps on our website www.EnglishInTheUSA.com.

1. Go to the **Apply Now** tab and select **Application -> Housing**
<http://www.englishintheusa.com/apply-housing.php>
2. Complete and Submit your Application
3. Pay your Homestay Application fee of \$300
<http://englishintheusa.com/buy.php>

Once we receive your homestay application and fee, we will pass your application to the homestay organization for processing. They will manage the rest of your Homestay process directly.



VISA INFORMATION

In most cases, full-time students need an F-1 student visa. If you have another kind of visa but you want to study English, remember that study should not be the main purpose of your visit. Study should be incidental to the purpose of your stay.

- If you are a tourist, for example, the main purpose of your stay is tourism but a part-time course is appropriate.
- If you have questions contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country or contact our Director of Admissions at info@EnglishInTheUSA.com.

F-1 Financial Document/Bank Letter.

All F-1 students are required to provide a financial document/bank letter to show that they have sufficient funds to cover their tuition fees and living expenses while studying in the U.S. Please email your financial document/bank letter to info@EnglishInTheUSA.com.

If you are submitting a bank statement it must be:

- An official letter from the bank, on paper which has the name of the bank printed on it, showing that there is enough money available** for your tuition and living expenses.
- This can be your personal bank account or your parents' account
- The date on your bank statement should be less than 6 months old

** The following table shows an example of the money required by a student taking the IEP General Intensive or the A-IEP 4.0 option to cover different lengths of study:

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Financial Document required for I-20s

	Intended Length of Study at ALPS					
	1 Session	2 Sessions	3 Sessions	4 Sessions	5 Sessions	6 Sessions
F-1 Student	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 15,000
F-2 Dependent *	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000

*Spouse, child

Example 1: Student with no dependents wanting an I-20 to study for 1 session *

Financial document: \$ 2,500

Example 2: Student with spouse and 1 child wanting an I-20 to study for 1 session *

Financial document: \$ 3,500

Example 3: Student with no dependents wanting an I-20 to study for 3 sessions:

Financial document: \$ 7,500 no need to extend I-20

Example 4: Student with wife and 1 child wanting an I-20 to study for 3 sessions:

Financial document: \$ 10,500 no need to extend I-20

Example 5: Student with no dependents wanting an I-20 to study for 6 sessions:

Financial document: \$ 15,000 no need to extend I-20

Example 6: Student with wife and 1 child wanting an I-20 to study for 6 sessions:

Financial document: \$ 21,000 no need to extend I-20

*If a student's goals and intended length of study change, they will need to apply for an extension to their I-20 and submit another financial document

F-1 Visa Information for Students Outside the U.S.

Getting your Visa

When you are accepted, an I-20 and a letter of acceptance will be sent to you. Pay the SEVIS Fee online on the official I-901 site, and make an appointment for a F-1 Student Visa at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Instructions from the U.S. Consulate on how to pay the I-901 SEVIS fee:

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-the-i-901-sevis-fee>

Bring the following with you to the appointment:

- I-20 and Letter of Acceptance from ALPS Language School
- SEVIS I-901 Fee receipt
- Financial Statement from your bank
- Passport
- Any other documents necessary to get a visa in your country

Contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to find out what other documents you need to bring to the interview) usembassy.state.gov

When you have your passport, F-1 visa, I-20 and financial documentation, you are ready for entry to the U.S.

F-1 Visa Information for Students Already in the U.S.

Submit online or in person the following to ALPS:

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- ALPS application
- \$100 nonrefundable application fee
- Financial documentation/bank letter (see above for details).

You may use the bank letter (or a copy of it) from your previous school, but it must be less than 6 months old.

After you receive your acceptance letter from ALPS, give the acceptance letter to the student advisor at your current school who will transfer your I-20 SEVIS record to ALPS. This must be completed before your first day of study at ALPS.

You get your new I-20 form when you start at ALPS.