International Junior Programs

English Language Programs for Teens in the U.S.A. | Ages 13-17

Maximum 8-10 Students per Class
Established in 1972, Converse International School of Languages (CISL) is recognized throughout the world as a leader in effective English language training. Our all-inclusive International Junior Programs offer a complete and rigorous academic course designed specifically for today’s tech-savvy youth living in a touch-of-the-button, fast-paced world. Our CISL-created curriculum consists of enrichment courses providing an introduction to topics ranging from Leadership and Business, Test Prep Strategies (TOEFL/SAT/Cambridge), STEM and Conversation and the Arts. These interactive lessons go above and beyond the standard ESL program; designed to challenge and engage students, our academic program will give your student the analytic and critical thinking skills necessary for their future at university and beyond.

In addition to our morning lessons, we provide twice-weekly afternoon Cultural Workshops which encourage fluency, spontaneous use of the language, and focus on life in the U.S.A. Students also participate in a fun-filled activity program, and live in either homestay, campus dormitory or residence accommodations. These experiences help students gain confidence, develop life-skills, encourage effective communication and build life-long international friendships.

The Junior Program staff provides personalized and quality customer service throughout the enrollment process and during the program. Our entire Junior Program team prides itself on its ability to exceed expectations to ensure a positive experience for all.

Why study with CISL?

Junior Program Locations

UC BERKELEY
San Francisco

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LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
Los Angeles

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UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
(Campus & Homestay)
San Diego

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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
Chicago

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Chicago

YALE UNIVERSITY
New Haven

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Washington, D.C.

JANUARY STUDENT RESIDENCE
San Francisco

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JANUARY HOMESTAY
San Diego

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Junior Summer Programs

Junior Winter Programs
**Junior Programs Highlights**

CISL Programs for ages 13 to 17 feature two, three, or four week course options which include engaging English classes, Cultural Workshops, daily afternoon activities, full-day excursions, room and board and 24-hour supervision.

- 20 lessons + 2 Cultural Workshops per week
- Maximum 8-10 students per class
- Fast-paced, exciting classes with valuable course content that builds confidence
- Five half-day excursions/activities per week + 1 full day excursion
- 21 meals per week for campus programs (meal money provided during off-campus activities/excursions as well)
- 14 meals per week for January Homestay program, 13 meals per week for San Francisco January Residence program and 20 meals per week for USD Homestay program
- 10:1 student:adult ratio in accommodations (campus programs) and on activities/excursions

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**Sample Daily Schedule**

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**Junior Programs Student Nationality Mix**

- Diverse mix of nationalities from every corner of the globe
- Accredited by the Commission for English Language Accreditation (CEA)

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*Countries of origin highlighted in dark grey*

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Accredited by:

CISL is fully accredited by the Commission for English Language Accreditation (CEA), which is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and is the only specialized accrediting agency for English language programs in the United States.
Junior Summer Programs

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO (LUC) – CAMPUS

Loyola University Chicago’s Lake Shore campus, located directly on the shores of Lake Michigan, overlooks the sandy beach and water, making it one of the most picturesque campuses in the midwest.

- Safe and secure campus, located on Chicago’s North Side
- Short train ride into the city
- Eco-friendly, sustainable campus with acres of green space
- Double rooms with shared bath; community kitchen

Sample Activities:
- Millenium Park
- Riverwalk kayak
- Wrigley Field - Baseball Game
- Skydeck
- Six Flags
- Lincoln Park Zoo

Attending a junior program with CISL will be a life changing experience. Our students not only gain confidence in speaking English, but advance their critical thinking skills and expand their cultural horizons. Students make life-long friends from all over the world, thus preparing them to be mindful global citizens.”

EVA, CISL Junior Programs Director
The world-famous University of California, Berkeley is situated just a short subway ride away from the heart of San Francisco. The campus, centered in the unique town of Berkeley, offers stunning views of the San Francisco Bay.

- Students live and study English at the University of California, Berkeley
- Campus accommodations with shared room/shared bath
- Weekday activities, Saturday all-day and Sunday half-day excursions

Sample Activities:
- Alcatraz
- Raging Waters in San Jose
- Fisherman’s Wharf
- California’s Great America Amusement Park
- Santa Cruz Boardwalk
- Biking over the Golden Gate Bridge

“It was fun, great teachers, great guides, super people and amazing atmosphere.”

Cem D., Student from Turkey
Georgetown University is known for its beautiful campus and ideal setting in one of Washington D.C.’s most historic neighborhoods.

- Beautiful 100-acre campus with multiple athletic facilities for students to enjoy
- Easy access to city highlights by public transportation
- Double rooms with shared baths
- Overnight trip to New York City for students in attendance the third week of July

Sample Activities:

- Rehoboth Beach
- Smithsonian Museums
- Six Flags
- National Zoo
- Kayaking on the Potomac
- Monument Tour

“I really enjoyed my summer with CISL Georgetown. I met people of many countries and made new friends. If you want to learn English while having fun, I recommend CISL without hesitation!”

Morell, student from Ivory Coast
Yale University is one of the nation’s most prestigious Ivy League schools with over 400 years of rich history and beautiful Gothic and modern style architecture.

- Students live and study in one of Yale’s 12 campus colleges
- Urban setting for a truly American cultural experience
- Single and double room accommodations with shared bath
- Great communal space & game room for students to enjoy

Sample Activities:

- Brownstone Amusement Park
- Mystic Sea Port
- Six Flags

I'd like to tell you that my daughter had a wonderful time in Yale. She arrived back in Brazil today and had many stories to tell and many memories to remember, and she also made many friends from different parts of the world.”

Marcelo, Brazilian Father
The University of San Diego’s landscaped courtyards with its Spanish Renaissance and Mission Style buildings pale only in comparison to its stunning views of San Diego, Mission Bay, and the Pacific Ocean.

- Situated in a lovely, secure, and centrally located campus
- Students choose between campus residence or homestay accommodations
- Typical beach weather of warm sunny days and cool evening breezes
- 3-day weekend trip to Los Angeles is included for those students attending the program the last weekend in July*
- Our San Diego program is run in direct collaboration with the University of San Diego’s English Language Academy

Optional Trip: 6-day/6-night trip to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Los Angeles (Venice, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood), Las Vegas, and Grand Canyon (park admissions included)

Sample Activities:
- Los Angeles Day Trip
- Ferry to Coronado
- Bonfire at the Beach
- San Diego Zoo
- Mission Beach Boardwalk/Belmont Park
- Surfing at Pacific Beach

*additional fees apply for homestay students.
Loyola Marymount University’s bluff-top campus, with its expansive manicured grounds and beautiful Spanish style buildings, is located in Los Angeles, the fashion and entertainment hub of California.

- Located in a safe, suburban area, just 30 minutes from Santa Monica
- Wonderful Southern California climate of warm days and cool nights
- Campus accommodations with shared room/shared bath

LMU Campus Optional Trip: 6-day/6-night trip to San Francisco, Carmel, Monterey, Santa Barbara and Malibu

Sample Activities:

- Hollywood, Six Flags
- San Diego, Disneyland
- Beverly Hills, Surfing at Santa Monica

"For my daughter, the program was life changing. She gained a lot of confidence in many different ways and matured thanks to the experience."  

Sasa, mother from Mexico
Junior January Programs

SAN DIEGO JANUARY HOMESTAY PROGRAM

- Accommodations with an American host family (single and double rooms available)
- Students are placed in classes at our beautiful downtown location
- Includes 14 meals per week (breakfast and dinner)
- Weekday activities and all-day Saturday excursions
- Bus pass and local transportation included
- San Diego airport pick up included*

Optional Trip: 6-day/6-night trip to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Los Angeles (Venice, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood), Las Vegas, and Grand Canyon (park admissions included)

Sample Activities:

- Whale watching
- San Diego Zoo
- Coronado Beach
- Belmont Park
- Biking at the beach
- Hiking in Torrey Pines

* Airport Transfers: Local two-way airport transfer from San Diego (SAN) is included for students arriving on a Saturday/Sunday between 9:00 and 21:30. Transfers can be arranged for students arriving at other hours/days for an additional charge.

SAN FRANCISCO JANUARY STUDENT RESIDENCE

- Accommodations in the historic Monroe Residence (shared room with shared bath)
- Students are placed in classes at our beautiful downtown location
- Includes 13 meals per week (daily breakfast & dinner, brunch on Sunday)
- Weekday activities plus Saturday and Sunday excursions
- Includes local transportation, including the famous California Cable Car

Sample Activities:

- Alcatraz
- Fisherman’s Wharf
- Santa Cruz Boardwalk
- Biking over the Golden Gate Bridge
- California’s Great America Amusement Park
Activities & Optional Trips

ACTIVITIES

CISL offers a full program of activities designed to help students make friends, practice English, and have fun! All activities are carefully supervised by trained CISL staff. A variety of interesting and focused afternoon/evening entertainment is provided (evening activities for campus programs only). Full-day excursions to a variety of attractions also included for all programs.

OPTIONAL TRIPS

Students may opt to attend a 6-day/6-night fun trip in conjunction with a two or three week CISL International Junior Program located in Los Angeles or San Diego (both January and Summer; campus or homestay). These trips are supervised by CISL staff members and all transportation is by private bus charters. Admissions to parks are included. Meals are not included during these trips.

San Diego Optional Trip Sample Itinerary

English Course + Trip
Day 1: Universal Studios
Day 2: Disneyland or California Adventures
Day 3: Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Venice
Day 4: Los Vegas
Day 5: Grand Canyon
Day 6: Shopping/Return to San Diego
Day 7: Departure to home country
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Age
All programs are for students between the ages of 13 and 17.

Program Application
A parent or guardian must complete the 2019 CISL Junior Program application (with their signature) in order to enroll a student into one of the CISL Junior Programs.

Airport Transfers
- Campus Programs- Airport transfers are NOT included, but are an option for an additional fee. Please contact juniorprograms@cisledu for LMU, USD, Yale, LUC and Georgetown programs and sf@cisledu for UC Berkeley program.
- January Junior Homestay Program (San Diego), July Homestay at USD Program (San Diego) - Local two-way airport transfer from San Diego (SAN) is included for students arriving on a Saturday/Sunday between 9:00 and 21:30. Transfers can be arranged for students arriving at other hours/days for an additional charge. Please contact juniorprograms@cisledu.
- San Francisco January Residence Program - airport transfers to/from SFO are NOT included, but are an option for an additional fee. Contact sf@cisledu.

Unaccompanied Minor Service - Additional applicable fees will be applied for any student requesting the Unaccompanied Minor Service (UNMS) from CISL. These fees are in addition to the airline UNMS fees. Please contact juniorprograms@cisledu for LMU, USD, Yale, LUC and Georgetown programs and sf@cisledu for UC Berkeley program.

Group Leaders
Accommodations, transportation, and activities/excursions for one group leader are included for each group of 12 students. For groups of 6-11 students, the cost of accommodations and activities will be prorated to the number of students in the group. Group leaders will be required to sign agreement prior to arrival.

Insurance
Each student and group leader must have medical insurance. Proof of insurance is required prior to arrival.

Refundable Security Deposit /Campus Programs
A $150 ($USD only) refundable security deposit is required upon arrival to the campus; deposit is returned after check-out is completed by CISL and University Staff to ensure nothing is lost or broken. Security deposit may also be withheld for rule infractions.

Refund and Cancellation Policy
Please refer to the junior application for the refund and cancellation policy. All prices and conditions are subject to change.

Yale University Junior Program (only)
Pursuant to the Connecticut Youth Camp Licensing Board, all students applying to the Yale Junior Program are required to send us a copy of their annual health appraisal/physical exam and list of immunizations. This must be received by CISL in order to confirm enrollment into this program.

Media Release
Students agree to allow photos and videos taken during the program to be used for publicity purposes.

Liability
CISL, its staff, and its representatives will not be liable for loss, damage or injury to persons or property however caused, except where liability is expressly imposed beyond exclusion by statute.