



Short Term Programs  
English language Programs  
2018

# \* Who do you want to become?

- \* The decision to become an exchange student only begins with a signature on a paper. From there, the experience can take you as far as you wish to go. You learn another language and culture, yes, but you learn so much more about yourself!

## Your Future

Becoming an exchange student is an investment in yourself and your future. You'll gain rewards such as:

- Learn about the world firsthand.
- View things from a new perspective.
- Gain maturity, independence, and how to face challenges.
- Open career doors.



Please don't think this will be easy. You will be faced with a different language, in new surroundings and with people whom you've never met. You will have to be flexible, cooperative and understanding. You will not have things your way all of the time. You will be considered a family member and will be treated as such.

## Eligibility

We are looking for bright and open minded young people who are willing to step outside of their comfort zone and take this experience head on!

You must be:

- ✓ In good physical and mental health.
- ✓ Show maturity and readiness.
- ✓ Have appropriate English proficiency
- ✓ Adaptable, flexible and ready to learn.
- ✓ Academic programs require minimum of B grades in current classes.

## Short Term Academic



### Get a taste of the American school culture!

Our short term academic programs are designed to give you an idea on what it's like to study in an American school without making a long-term commitment. Enter the program at the start of the second semester and shadow classes. The program runs from 2 weeks to 3 months. Individuals and groups welcome. While you will not gain credit for your class, you will participate in a full day of classes and be held to the same expectations as US students.

#### Terms

- Applications must be submitted no later than 10 weeks prior to requested start date.
- Students in grades 7-12 may apply
- Students are placed in their current grade. Credit will not be given.
- Students must meet a minimum English proficiency test score.
- All standard school immunizations will be required.
- F1 visa may be required in some cases

#### Most programs include the following:

- Medical insurance
- Host family stipend
- School tuition and fees
- School books (uniform may be extra).
- Airport transportation and UM fees may be extra.



# Utah Short Term

St. Joseph Catholic High School  
Ogden, Utah  
[www.StJosephUtah.com](http://www.StJosephUtah.com)

**Package  
Pricing  
Group of 10  
1 free  
chaperone**

2 weeks: \$2,618

3 weeks: \$3,358

1 month: \$4,322

3 month: \$7,212

Includes application and program fees, tuition, books, activity and lab fees, homestay with full room and board, and insurance. 2 week program includes 1 excursion, 3 week program includes 2 excursions. Additional costs may include airport transportation.

The Saint Joseph Catholic High School community greatly values its diversity. 24% of our students belong to faiths other than Catholic. 74% percent of our students are Caucasian, 14% are Hispanic, 6% are Asian, 3% are African Americans, 2% are Pacific Islanders, and 1% are American Indians. Our class of 2014 with 43 students achieved

100% graduation rate.

100% college acceptance rate.

Over \$2,600,000 in combined college & university scholarships.

**9:1** Student to Teacher Ratio (one of the best in the state).

Extraordinary AP Pass rates: 92% AP Literature, 95% AP Spanish, 100% AP Chemistry, 100% Statistics, 100% Art Studio, 100% US History and 100% Calculus. AP Biology and AP World History also posted rates well above average.

**ACT Composite Scores averaged 24.3**, placing us in the top three scores (published) in Utah.

Nine student athletes were awarded Academic All State Awards.

while servicing 4,116 community service hours.



Our class of 2013 with 44 students achieved

100% graduation rate.

100% college acceptance rate.

Over \$3,900,000 in combined college & university scholarships.

**10:1** Student to Teacher Ratio (lowest in the state of Utah).

Two National Merit Scholars.

13 Advanced Placement offerings with 88 exams scored. The College Board Equity & Excellence Rate is 97% (the national average is 19.5%). The AP Challenge Index score ranks us at **38th in US private and parochial schools**.

The current ACT average English, Math and Science scores rose more than **10% over last year**. In the ACT test of students meeting college readiness benchmarks, Saint Joseph Catholic High School scored more than **30% above the state average** in English and Math.

Awarded the *Deseret News* Athletic Program of the year for the **7th year in a row**.

SJCHS fielded 15 athletic teams, earning **four state titles** and three state runner-up titles.

More than 80 students participated in **2 award-winning** theater productions.

# California Short Term

Rancho Christian School  
Temecula, CA  
<http://www.ranchochristian.org>

**Package  
Pricing  
Group of 10  
1 fee  
chaperone**

**2 weeks: \$2,266\***

**3 weeks: \$2,900\***

**1 month: \$3,350\***

Includes application and program fees, tuition, homestay with full room and board, airport transportation and insurance. Also included is one full-day Los Angeles tour. Does not include uniform or books.

\*Starting at

**Middle School and High School Ages Welcome! Ages 13-17**

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All Staff & Faculty fingerprinted & background checked utilizing the "Live Scan" F.B.I. National Database  
All visitors to campus check in/out using the "Raptor" system which checks against a continually updated, offender database

All Staff & Faculty CPR and First Aid Certified

Recurring Fire, Earthquake, and Campus "Lock Down" drills

72 hour Earthquake Kits available for every classroom

Campus Equipped with a multiple-location, recording video cameras

## VISION

Rancho Christian School is a model of exceptionalism, centered on the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. We cultivate a safe and positive environment where students journey through a comprehensive, premier educational experience. Graduates will transform their communities, our nation, and the world.

## CORE VALUES

Loving God and Others

Christ-like Character

Premier Education

Exceptional Programs

At Rancho Christian School we aim to serve parents in the life development of their children by creating vital relationships with youth pastors, mentors, community leaders, and local and global ministries. These partnerships will provide students with environments that will help shape their worldview and develop Christ-honoring adults, equipped for the life that awaits them. This world is an incredibly complex maze of worldviews, faiths, temptations, questions, conflicts and values. Graduating an academically competent student does not necessarily mean a school has adequately equipped a student with a heart of wisdom. It is our desire to graduate both excellent students and wise young men and women.

- Weekly Chapels with teaching by Pastors and Guest Speakers
- Worship Team
- Rancho Community Church Pastors on Campus
- Community Service and Outreach Opportunities

### Student-educator ratio

13:1 is our average student to educator ratio

### College acceptance

100% of our seniors have been accepted to colleges and universities.

### Student Service

100% of K-12 students are involved in community services projects.

### sports

89 % of Varsity sports went to playoffs last year.

# Arizona Short Term

St. Jerome Catholic Middle School  
Phoenix, Arizona  
www.stjerome.org

**Package Pricing**  
**Group of 10**  
**1 free**  
**chaperone**

**2 weeks: \$1,510**  
**3 weeks: \$1,885**  
**1 month: \$2,400**

Includes application and program fees, tuition, books, activity and lab fees, homestay with full room and board, and insurance. Additional costs may include airport transportation and uniform.

## Middle School program grades 6-8

Saint Jerome Catholic School believes each student is responsible for his/her own behavior and in maintaining a Christian atmosphere within the school. Respect for oneself, others, authority and property, and the maintenance of a safe and healthy environment in which to learn is at the heart of Saint Jerome's philosophy of discipline. Students are to behave in a manner, which is morally responsible and brings credit to themselves, their families, and the school. Parental support is an important part of the school's discipline policy.

### Constructive Skills

- Cooperating with Others
- Understanding the Reason for Rules
- Independently Completing a Task
- Exhibiting Leadership
- Communicating Effectively

### St. Jerome offers an Accelerated Reader Program!

#### Accelerated Reader

**Accelerated Reader is a national program used to encourage and motivate students to practice the skills they are learning in the classroom by reading books of their choice, at their reading level.**

The program uses a computer-based vocabulary test called the STAR test that adjusts while the student is taking the test to their individual reading level. Students complete this initial testing early on in the school year.

Accelerated Reader provides students with thousands of book choices to meet their individual reading needs.



# California Short Term

**Chino High School**  
Chino, California  
[/www.chino.k12.ca.us](http://www.chino.k12.ca.us)

**Package Pricing**  
**Group of 10**  
**1 free chaperone**

**2 weeks: \$1,670**  
**1 month: \$2,820**  
**2 month: \$4,910**

Includes application and program fees, tuition, books, activity and lab fees, homestay with full room and board, and insurance. Also includes 1 Los Angeles day tour. Round trip LAX airport transportation included.

Chino High School is committed to providing excellence in education for all students. The school will design programs and provide learning experiences that promote academic achievement and prepare them for successful entry into post-secondary education and a career.

Chino High School will provide a safe and productive learning environment in which students are free to communicate effectively and solve problems through critical thinking and use of experiences through a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Chino offers 18 Advanced Placement classes. Classes are an average of 20:1 with 90% of teachers with 3+ years of experience. Teachers and counselor are dedicated to offering support, career and college readiness.



# English Language Learners

Our ESL programs are designed to make the most of your stay. English as a second language classes are held daily and add-on excursions and pure homestays may be purchased to give you more. For half day classes, all you need is a tourist visa!



- Choose your dates
- Number of weeks of classes
- Add-on excursions
- Add-on homestay



## ESL Program Sunny California

### Starting at age 15 to Adult

Classes held in a classroom setting in suburban Los Angeles. Program runs all year with start dates approximately every 4 weeks. Applicants are tested upon arrival and placed into 1 of 12 proficiency level classes.

Unlike other ESL programs, here you can add-on excursions to local sights such as: Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, Water park, Universal Studios, LA/Hollywood Tour, Campus Tour, Sea World, Six Flags, Museums/Science Center, Shopping, San Diego, San Francisco, Las Vegas and many more!

### 4 week program

#### **Group of 10. 1 free chaperone: \$3,550 American Explorer / B Visa**

Enjoy the adventure while you take the American Explorer English class! Classes are half-day (8:00 to 1:00 M-F) and **require only a tourist visa!** Programs include round trip LAX airport transportation, school transportation, medical insurance, homestay with full board, program and school fees, full day Los Angeles tour.

#### **Individual program: \$3,920 American Explorer/ B Visa**

Enjoy the adventure while you take the American Explorer English class! Classes are half-day (8:00 to 1:00 M-F) and **require only a tourist visa!** Classes are half-day (8:00 to 1:00 M-F) Programs include round trip LAX airport transportation, school transportation, medical insurance, homestay with full board, program and school fees.

#### **Individual program: \$4,510 English for Academic Purposes/ F visa**

The English for Academic Purposes Program is for international students who want to attend a college or university abroad. Full day classes (8:30 – 3:30 M –F). Programs include round trip LAX airport transportation, school transportation, medical insurance, homestay with full board, program and school fees.

#### **Individual program: \$3,980 Semi-Intensive English/ B visa**

The Semi-Intensive English program helps strengthen your English communication skills in the classroom, then allows you time to absorb your surroundings and practice your new skills. Your morning classes will focus on the building blocks of English proficiency: Structure and Speaking Practice or Language Studies, Vocabulary Enrichment, and a lesson in the Language Technology Center. Half day classes (8:30 – 12:20 M –F). Programs include round trip LAX airport transportation, school transportation, medical insurance, homestay with full board, program and school fees.



# \* Safety and wellbeing

Student safety and wellbeing is our highest priority in every program. We understand that while students are excited parents can be concerned about the whole idea of sending their child abroad.

We, of course, understand.

Being a small, family-run organization we take personal responsibility for each student in our programs. Many of us are parents ourselves and understand . It's a big step!

We are a United States Department of State designated J1 visa sponsor. Regulations in this program are the strictest around. Many sponsors running programs that are not J visa such as summer, short term and F visa cut corners, ignore safety concerns, and simply just want to place as many students as possible. We feel this is not the way to do things. In fact, we use the strict J visa regulations in every single one of our programs. You are not just a number, not just a student. You are a young adult, and a son, daughter, niece , nephew and grandchild and you deserve the best, safest program we can give you.

We do this by:

- Preparing you prior to departure by providing orientation materials that discuss important things like finances, expectations, and guidance.
- Only working with established overseas partners.
- Ensuring that host families are thoroughly screened in their homes and provide you with information about them prior to your arrival.
- Providing you with a local Representative available 24/7 for close contact and advice.
- Representatives speak with you and your host family monthly and complete a report which is sent to the overseas partner for natural parents to see.
- Representatives meet with you several times during your stay to ensure physical wellness.
- Providing you with a comprehensive medical and baggage insurance.
- Training our staff and coordinators on a regular basis.
- Regularly monitoring government travel warnings .

Terra Lingua USA is a U.S. State Department designated J1 Visa sponsor organization. We are also accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.

## \* I want to apply!

- \* Your first step in the application process is to visit the partner who provided you this information. Depending on which program you are applying for, they will provide you with costs, dates and the correct application.
- \* The next step is to complete the application and attend any interviews/orientations. Once complete, your application and applicable deposit will be forwarded to us. We will then review it and determine acceptance.
- \* We will then begin to look for a great host family that is best suited for you! We will then send their details to the partner organization and you can begin communicating right away.
- \* Once you arrive you will be greeted by your Representative and provided with an orientation.
- \* You'll continue to be supported by a network of people until your program ends.
- \* It's easy!

# \* Frequently asked questions

## *Is my state of choice guaranteed?*

Depends. Some programs are only offered in select states, others may have more flexibility. For the F program, other factors such as the preferred state(s), school size, etc. may be provided to us.

## *Am I eligible to apply to go on exchange?*

If you meet our eligibility requirements on page 4 then, yes!, you can apply with confidence.

## *Are there language requirements?*

It depends on the program. Private schools may have minimum requirements but we'll let you know right away what those are.

## *Who will I stay with while on exchange?*

You will live with a host family eager to share their life with a teenager like you. You may live in any part of the U.S. and you may have more than one host family during your experience.

## *Will I have to repeat my school year when I get home?*

Maybe yes. Maybe no. This is a decision to be made in consultation with your school or education authority and your parents. It is important to speak with your school early on in the process about how being an exchange student will impact upon your Enrollment.

## *What will my host family be like and how are they selected?*

Host families come in all shapes and sizes - just as they do at home. Your host family might be like your family at home or maybe not. It could be two parents and teenage children, a single parent, an older couple or a childless couple.

Whatever their configuration, you can feel confident that they have been selected just for you and are just as excited to have you as you are to come!

## *What support will I get while on the program?*

A local Representative is assigned to you and you will meet him/her upon your arrival. They will be your support person and there to assist you. Of course, your host family is your first point of contact but should you have further concerns or need someone else to talk to, that is what they are there for!

## *What is expected of me?*

Taking yourself out of your comfort zone means being responsible and making decisions for yourself - within the context of the rules and regulations of the program. You are expected to live as a local and it will be up to you to make adjustments in order to integrate into your host family and community. You will need to be open-minded, non-judgmental, patient and fair.

## *What do your programs include?*

All of our programs include full room and board, school costs, medical insurance (offered), and ground transportation. You are responsible for airfare, money for personal items, and sending money.

## *Will I have my own room?*

In most programs and cases, yes, you will have your own room. There are sometimes where you may have to share a room with another teen. Careful thought is used during these situations and we guarantee that the other teen will be within 3 years of your age, same gender, and you will never be placed in a home with a student from the same country.