



CALIFORNIA

July 13 – August 6 or 10, 2018



A premier English development, cultural acclimation, and travel experience for international students

Summer English Institute (SEI)



What is SEI?

SEI is a unique, one-of-a-kind experience that allows international students to improve their English, build their confidence, get acclimated to American education and culture, learn important life skills, visit prestigious American universities, and explore America! SEI is run by **WAnet**, a non-profit education organization and network of excellent private American schools.

Who Attends?

Any student **ages 11-18** who meets the admissions criteria may attend SEI. Additionally, all students entering into a WAnet school is required to attend and receives specialized preparation for their school.

Where is SEI?

Students will fly into **Los Angeles** and will be greeted by SEI staff members at the airport. Students will then ride to **California Baptist University** located in Riverside, California near Los Angeles. All classes and activities will take place on CBU's beautiful 160-acre campus. California Baptist University is one of the top private universities in Southern California with over 9,000 students and hundreds of majors, minors, and programs. Students will enjoy CBU's beautiful campus, pleasant California weather, and state-of-the-art beautiful facilities.

When is SEI?

July 13 – August 6 or 10, 2018

Students must arrive in **Los Angeles** International Airport (LAX) between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM on Friday, July 13 or Saturday, July 14. The student's family is responsible for all international flights.

Students returning to their home country after the West Coast Travel Week must schedule flights to depart **from San Francisco** on August 6 between 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

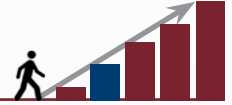
For students going on the East Coast Travel Week (Boston and New York City), they will depart **from New York-JFK Airport** on August 10 between 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



Goals of SEI

- 1 English Language Improvement
- 2 Building Character & Confidence
- 3 Leadership & Life Skills Development
- 4 Cultural Acclimation
- 5 Elite University Visits
- 6 SAT, ACT, and TOEFL Preparation

SEI Curriculum



Specialization by Age and English Level

All SEI students are separated into middle school and high school groups, and further separated by English level ability (beginner, intermediate, advanced). This allows each student to be challenged to learn and practice English at the appropriate speed with the appropriate content.

Interest-Based Learning

Because all students learn better when studying something they are interested in, many of our SEI classes and experiences give choices to students. Students in an interest-based learning environment are extremely motivated and learn at very high levels.

Types of Classes

SEI includes both **English Core** and **English Elective** classes. Core English classes include focus on reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Elective English classes continue to work on improving students' English ability while focusing on a wide range of interesting topics.

Two very important English Elective classes are:

Life Skills Class: Teaches and practices communication skills, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, cultural awareness, proper use of technology, and leadership as well as an introduction to Western culture, American classroom practices, American family understanding, college preparation and worldviews. Students will also be taught basic Western etiquette, good financial stewardship principles, time management, and study skills.

ACT/SAT/TOEFL Prep Classes: Students are given the opportunity to focus on preparing for important American college entrance examinations taught by experienced, professionally trained American teachers.

American School Preparation Track

Students who are attending SEI specifically as preparation and orientation for their American high school participate in the special **School Preparation Track**. The specialized classes will be a more advanced level than normal Core English classes and be focused specifically on issues students will face in their new schools and host families.

Build Your Own Schedule!

English Level Placement and Class Selection: Each student is placed in one of four levels (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, School Preparation) within their age category (Middle School or High School). Students will be able to **choose their classes and club preferences**.

English Level	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Club Activity
Basic	Core English Class	Core English Class	Your Choice! ↓	Your Choice! ↓	Your Choice! ↓	Your Choice! ↓
Intermediate						
Advanced						
School Preparation	School Preparation	School Preparation				

Sample English Electives

Life Skills	ACT/SAT Prep	TOEFL Prep
Robotics	Leadership	Speech & Debate
American Sports	Creative Writing	Health & Nutrition
Business	Environmental Science	Pop Music
American History	Current Events	World Religions
World Cultures	Science Experiments	Drama
Photography & Design	Film Analysis	Dance

Sample Clubs

Robotics
Newspaper
Music
Photography
Outdoor Grilling
Arts & Crafts
Cooking
Board Games
Calligraphy
Sports
Swimming
Debate
Movie Trailers
Poetry
Frisbee
Leadership
Tennis
Outdoor Games
AND MORE!





SEI...the best preparation for studying in America!

Level Placement & Testing

Students will be placed in an appropriate SEI English level based on any of the following available components: WAnet's American Study Readiness Test conducted during a Skype interview assessment, any English test like TOEFL or iTEP SLATE Plus, group interview assessment at an SEI meeting in a student's city, the student's self-assessment, and years of English study.

Supervision



For our students we have 50-80 well trained, carefully selected employees, allowing extensive personal attention from native English speakers. Each is a responsible supervisor and great role model who will model positive life patterns for each student to emulate. Additionally, there are chaperones available to ensure safe travel to America and back to the student's home country.



"I attended SEI and was introduced to many great universities! WAnet and SEI leaders even helped me and gave me recommendations to get me immediately accepted with scholarships to my #1 university choice."

—Ellie Dang, class of 2015

Food

Students will eat 3 meals a day in the college cafeteria. The California Baptist University cafeteria offers a spacious dining area with fresh vegetables and fruit, traditional American food, and Asian-themed dishes. Asian noodles and other snacks will be available in the dorm for purchase. During meals, we intentionally practice our English conversational skills and western etiquette.



Housing

All students will stay in modern air-conditioned dormitories on the university campus. Each student will have a roommate. Dorms are equipped with shared bathrooms. Boys and girls will live in separate buildings and be divided by age groups. No student is allowed in the opposite gender's building, hallway, or rooms at any time.

Health & Safety

California Baptist University is located in a safe gated community. Campus security monitors the campus 24 hours a day. SEI has a full-time nurse on site at all times and medical resources are within five minutes of campus. Adult supervisors live in the dorm and are present on each hall at all times students are present. Students have easy and close access to adults for any need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Student safety throughout SEI is our #1 priority.



Family Color

In addition to the supervision by SEI teachers and staff, each student is part of a large SEI Family. Each family is known by its family color which leads to family identity and pride. Families have friendly but intense competitions all throughout SEI. Students may choose their Family identify upon acceptance.

Awards

SEI presents weekly and overall SEI awards to students for their outstanding performance and character, including: Shakespeare Writing Award, Churchill Leadership Award, Aristotle Thinking Award, Carnegie Improvement Award, Jeremy Lin Activity Award, Amelia Earhart Risk Award, Student of the Week, and more.

Community Time

Each day our whole SEI school meets together which gives students important opportunities to listen and understand large group announcements, participate in group activities and to develop the confidence to present in front of a group. Students are given weekly awards to recognize outstanding achievement and effort during Community Time.



“SEI allowed me to improve my English, make friends, and gave me confidence to enter my new school.”

—Jane Le, class of 2015



NICHE 2016 RANKINGS

#1 Best College Food

#1 Best College Dorms

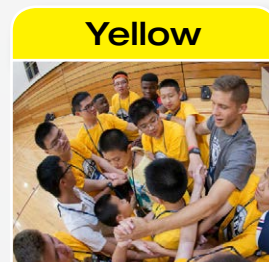
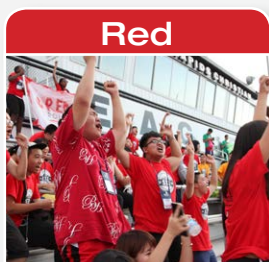
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You Choose!



1 Your Family Color – Choose 1



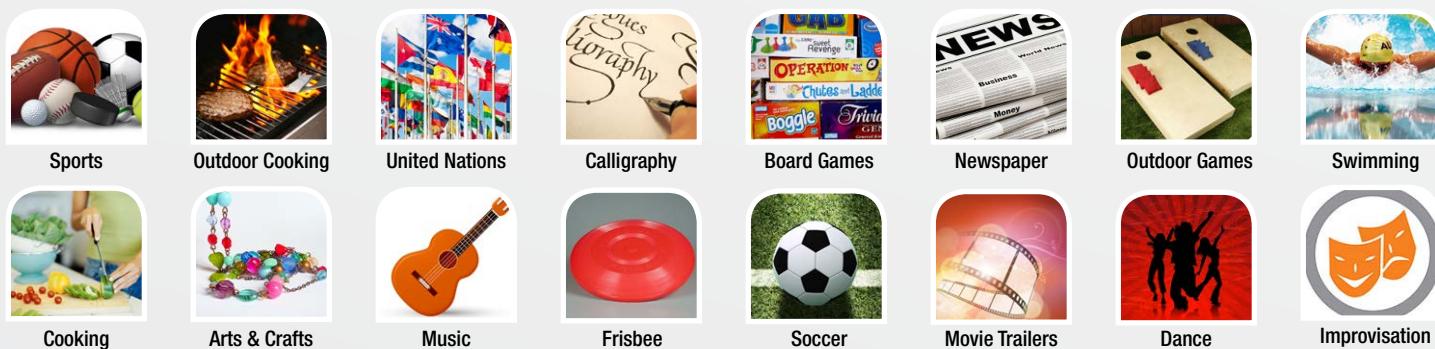
2 Your English Elective Classes – Choose 3

All available English Elective classes will be listed at www.WAnetUSA.org on April 30. Here are some samples (2018 offerings may vary):



3 Your Clubs – Choose 2 (one new club each week)

All available English Elective classes will be listed online, here are some samples (2018 offerings may vary):



SEI 2018 Timeline

Arrive in
Los Angeles
July 13 or 14



Classes, Clubs, Weekend Activities

July 13–31

SEI Daily Schedule

6:30-7:15	Wake Up & Prep Time
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-11:20	Periods 1-3
11:20-12:30	Lunch & Rest Time
12:40-14:50	Periods 4-5
15:00-16:15	Clubs
17:00-18:00	Dinner
18:00-18:45	Community Time
18:45-21:50	Evening Activity Options
22:00	In Rooms / Dorm Hall
22:30	Lights Out / Technology Off



WATCH THE VIDEO!



USA Accessible



China Accessible

Evenings

Students may use their free time in the evenings for 1-to-1 mentor programs, exercise, contact their parents, get extra rest, or spend time at the snack and gift shop socializing with their friends.



Off-Campus Outings

Each weekend SEI has a wide range of exciting group outings for students to pick from including museums, shopping trips, hiking, star gazing, movies, trips to the beach, visiting church, and more. Students are given opportunities to practice their planning and time management skills by understanding their options and planning ahead.

Insurance Coverage

Comprehensive medical and travel insurance is included in the price of attending SEI. Each student who attends SEI is covered by an insurance policy from the moment they arrive in America. In the unlikely event a student becomes ill or is injured, the insurance policy covers medical for illnesses or injuries which occur while the student is at SEI. The insurance policy does not cover pre-existing conditions or dental care. SEI staff members will personally care for any student who becomes ill or is injured. Complete policy coverage details are available at www.WAnetUSA.org/SEI/insurance.

Travel to America with an Adult Chaperone

Students wishing to fly with a group of other students and an adult chaperone may fly from most major cities in China. Specific cities and flight information is available upon request from WAnet.



West Coast Travel
August 1–6

FLY TO:
★ Home
★ School
★ Boston
August 6

East Coast Travel
August 6–10

FLY TO:
★ Home
★ School
August 10



WEST COAST

August 1-6: Experience the best of California!

CITIES



California

UNIVERSITIES



ATTRACTIONS



...AND MORE!



“The Travel Week was amazing!”

—SEI 2017 Student

EAST COAST

August 6-10 (optional add-on): Visit the historic, prestigious Northeast!



Boston
New York

CITIES



UNIVERSITIES



ATTRACTIONS



...AND MORE!



All travel itineraries subject to changes as necessary.

SEI Over the Years

Over the past **7** years, over **900** students from **15** different countries have been a part of the life-transforming, unforgettable SEI experience!



WAnet staff have been privileged to work with hundreds of international students who have graduated from the Summer English Institute. Many SEI graduates have gone on to return to their home country with improved English skills and new sense of confidence. Other graduates have gone on to excel in their American high schools and universities.

Students who attend SEI leave with fond memories of being challenged to improve their English and critical thinking skills by their teachers. They leave with a better understanding of western culture. They leave with many important life skills learned and life-long relationships made.

Flying to America for one month can be an exciting opportunity for a student and their parents. WAnet is a trustworthy partner for the development of students from around the world. We count it both a privilege and important responsibility to treat students with the utmost care and respect while providing a top quality safe and nurturing environment.



"SEI was the beginning of my journey in the United States. It helped me make the final decision to say goodbye to my hometown, get on a 13-hour flight, and enter a culture so different from my own. I was amazed by the classes at SEI: the way teachers interacted with students was something I had never experienced before. The relationship between teachers and students surpassed the basic rules and orders. It was built on mutual respect. As a result, I became a more independent thinker and learner, which means I could study on my own without the need of receiving orders from my teachers. More importantly, SEI gave me the ability to explore my strong suits and the courage to pursue my interests, both of which are crucial life skills to have for my future. SEI granted me a great head start for American high school and college education."

Peter Wang

SEI Graduate now studying at UC-Berkeley



2012



2015



2013



2016



2014



2017

We invite **YOU** to join the SEI family in 2018!



Our Staff: Experienced, Qualified, Trustworthy



The teachers and staff at the Summer English Institute are recruited from throughout the United States. They include university students, certified and experienced high school teachers at some of the top private high schools in the country, businessmen, businesswomen, and university professors. All employees are carefully screened and interviewed by WAnet to ensure only the most qualified and trustworthy people are working with SEI students.

SEI is proud to have many returning employees each year, providing incredibly valuable continuity from year to year. Our staff truly cares about each and every student and loves getting to know students and challenging them to improve. Every employee is not only equipped with the experience and training for their role, but are also a role model for students to immitate.

The SEI leadership and staff is committed to making SEI one of the most memorable and valuable months of our students' lives each summer.



"At SEI I enjoy getting to know the students and help make them feel valued and appreciated as they learn and grow. I love getting to watch SEI students walk away with a newfound confidence in speaking English and a greater pursuit of lasting friendship and future goals."

Michael Johnson, Communications Director

1-to-1 Mentor Program

If your student could benefit from additional personal instruction in a key area, consider the SEI 1-to-1 Mentor Program. Students are provided individual mentoring throughout SEI by our outstanding staff that can be life changing.

Sample 1-to-1 Mentor Programs

- ♦ **College Guidance:** teaches the students how to develop a personal "marketing plan" to give them a great opportunity at outstanding American universities.
- ♦ **Health, Nutrition & Fitness:** teaches the student the life time habits of a physically fit and healthy person.
- ♦ **Confidence and Communication:** teaches the shy and timid student how to grow their confidence, become a self-advocate and effectively communicate in all situations.
- ♦ **Leadership:** teaches the student with leadership inclinations to convert their potential into reality even as a teenager.
- ♦ **Social Skills:** teaches the student who might find it difficult to make or keep friends how to establish and maintain meaningful friendships.
- ♦ **Technology Use:** teaches the student who might have challenges to make good time and content decisions with the use of technology how to get this potentially addictive area of their life under control.
- ♦ **What am I good at:** teaches the student who is searching for what they are good at to identify internal tendencies and innate strengths that will logically

translate to career paths.

- ♦ **You name it:** if you have a specific concern about your student or identify a weakness, let us help. We can craft an individual mentoring program to address any area that might be holding your student back.

Registration: When completing your SEI application, select the 1-to-1 Mentor Program and specify your area of interest.

Cost: \$700 USD [Limited Spots Available]



Photo-A-Day Service

Receive a picture of your student each day by email and WeChat. Stay up to date on how your student is doing!

Cost: \$400 USD [Limited Spots Available]

Application Process for SEI

Register for SEI 2018 by following these simple steps!

- 1 Submit an Application**
Online at WAnetUSA.org and pay the \$150 USD application fee (credit card)
A hard copy of the application is available upon request
- 2 Submit Supporting Documents**
Passport copy & current picture of student
- 3 Sign Enrollment Contract & Make Full Payment**
Sign contract and make payment (bank wire or credit card) within 10 days
- 4 Video Interview with WAnet Staff Member**
A 15-minute Skype or WeChat video interview
- 5 Schedule Visa Appointment**
Obtain your B-2 Visitor Visa
- 6 Buy Flights and Submit Travel Information**
by May 31, 2018



Admission Requirements

Ages: 11-18

Admission Requirements:

- Studied English for a minimum of 3 years
- Supportive parents & obedient
- Respectful student
- Online application at WAnetUSA.org
- Interview through WeChat/Skype OR in-person interview

Pricing & Dates

SEI Classes West Coast Travel	SEI Classes West + East Coast Travel
July 13 - August 6, 2018	July 13 - August 10, 2018
Payment must be received within these times frames to receive the following prices: 10/1-1/31: \$6,300 [early price] 2/1-4/30: \$6,900 [full price] 5/1-5/31: \$7,200 [late price]	Payment must be received within these times frames to receive the following prices: 10/1-1/31: \$7,300 [early price] 2/1-4/30: \$8,000 [full price] 5/1-5/31: \$8,500 [late price]



Learn more and apply online at WAnetUSA.org

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