# **Classic Campus - Boston**



This programme is ideal for students who want to experience American college life. Students will be staying in a modern campus complex nestled in Boston's Fenway Colleges campus, a short walk from the Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum with easy access to public transportation.



Fenway Campus is within walking distance of all basic amenities.

Students will enjoy the Fenway Area, with several banks, a grocery store, coffee shops, hospitals, and many other shops and restaurants. Also nearby is the Landmark Shopping Center, which includes a movie theatre, electronics store, sports store, and several restaurants. The T-stop is near the dorms, in a safe neighborhood. This residence provides comfortable accommodation in the heart of one of the most noted university areas in the city.

Students will receive further details about the accommodation on their Accommodation Profile. This will be sent to students after booking the programme.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- General English course
- · Course materials
- End of course certificate
- International classes
- Full board accommodation
- Supervised activity programme (per week):
  - 5 half-day activities and 1 evening activity per week.
  - 1 full-day activity for students staying minimum 2 weeks
- Handbook

#### **ARRIVAL DAY**

Saturday

## **DEPARTURE DAY**

Saturday

# TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

Boston Logan Airport: approx 30 mins

#### **GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES**

- The residence is located on campus, just a short walk from the classroom building.
- The campus is just a 20 minute ride to the city centre by public transport.
- Students travel by public transport to activities. Cost of Travel Pass approx \$20 per week. (This price is subject to change.)
- Students will be escorted to all activities with social leaders.

#### **DATES AVAILABLE**

21 June - 9 August 2014

#### **AGES**

14 - 17 years

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

- +18009647009 (Outside US)
- +1 617 990 4880 (Inside US)

For use outside of office hours only

Sunday check-in: 11am - 8pm; Saturday check-out: 11am



# **Accommodation**

#### **BOARD STATUS**

Full board accommodation - breakfast, variety of hot or cold lunches and dinner in the campus cafeteria.

#### **TYPE OF ROOM**

Twin room (students are placed in a twin room with other students of the same gender)

## **BATHROOMS**

Dorm-style shared bathrooms at ratio of 1 bathroom per 6 students

#### **ROOMS INCLUDE**

- desk/table where students can do their homework
- storage space

#### LINEN/TOWELS

Bed linen and towels provided.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

- Student lounge with TV and communal area for students
- 24-hour security
- International Leaders are accommodated in twin rooms shared with another International Leader. If International Leaders book a single room, a single room supplement will be charged at the time of booking and reserved based on availability.

#### **CLEANING**

Communal areas and bathrooms are cleaned daily, students are responsible for cleaning their own bedrooms.

#### **LAUNDRY**

Students are responsible for the laundry of their clothing and bed linen, and they can do their laundry as often as they would like to. Coin operated laundry facilities are available. Estimated cost: \$1.50 - \$2 to wash and \$1.50 - \$2 to dry.

## WIFI

Free Wi-Fi facilities available in common areas on campus

## SUPERVISION

EC employs a member of staff to supervise the residence throughout the night. This staff member is responsible for ensuring that all students return to their rooms prior to their curfew and that discipline is maintained.

# Meals

Students will be given a meal card on the first day of class so that they can purchase weekday lunches in the Dining Hall. The amount of credit on the meal card is based on the length of stay, and it cannot be exchanged for cash or transferred to another card. The cost per day for meals is \$9-\$10. If lost, a \$50 replacement fee for a new meal card will apply. Students need to notify EC staff as soon as they lose their meal cards, and that card will then be cancelled. Upon the cancellation of the old card, the remaining balance of the old card will be checked on the system and loaded on to the new card accordingly.

#### **BREAKFAST**

Tea/coffee, toast, jam, fruit, cereal and a hot buffet.

#### LUNCH

Buffet style lunch - Choice of sandwiches, pizza, salads, vegeterian or chicken, drink and fruit.

#### DINNER

A hot buffet is served at the college cafeteria. Dinner generally includes a salad, meat or fish, pasta or rice.

#### **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

If students have specific diet requirements (e.g. Gluten free / vegetarian / Halal), EC must be informed of this prior to the student's arrival.

*Please note:* For gluten-free meals a supplement of \$25 may apply.

#### **MEDICAL**

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medications that need to be administered to students.

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes which must be acquired prior to their arrival.

An EC Junior Program Waiver form must be signed at the time of the booking.

Students should always travel to the US with proof of insurance on them. Insurance can be either a private one or booked through EC. Further information on request.

# **Learning Centre**

Classes are held at a fantastic Junior Centre in the heart of Fenway, with all the attractions of the city within walking distance of the school. EC Boston's Junior Centre has a dedicated EC Junior Coordinator. The residence is located on campus, just a short walk from the classroom building.

#### Course: General English

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours) 1 lesson = 45 minutes

- Classes begin on the second day. No lessons are held on the first day, but students will be given a Welcome Talk followed by Orientation and an activity in the afternoon.
- Lessons are engaging and designed especially for young learners. Teachers aim to satisfy any interest, with a focus on communication to boost students' confidence when using English in practical situations. Regular tests and conversation classes help to ensure that students improve their English as much as possible.
- The course will develop students' English language skills by integrating the key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

#### Timetable

Lessons 09:00 – 12:30 or 1:30 – 5pm with a 30 minute break (Monday – Friday) Students will follow a regulare timetable.

#### **FIRST DAY**

On the first day, all students sit a placement test - The placement test allows academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability. After the test, students will be given a Welcome Talk followed by Orientation. During the orientation, students will be provided with a student handbook including a map of Boston, the schedule of classes, directions to classes and details on activities.

No lessons are held on the first day, but students will have a group lunch which will be followed by an activity in the afternoon.

The residences are located on the Colleges of the Fenway and are a 15 min walk from the classroom buildings.

# POCKET MONEY: SUGGESTED SPENDING MONEY/COST OF LIVING

EC does not provide a pocket money service. Parents should ensure their children have sufficient pocket money for the duration of their stay. EC Boston recommends an average budge of \$125 per week. Should students require more pocket money during their stay, parents are asked to transfer funds through an international transfer service.





#### **MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE**

15 students

#### MINIMUM COURSE DURATION

1 week

#### **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

Educational materials are provided. Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.



#### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at school is compulsory unless there is a justified reason for absence. In the case of a student falling ill, an EC staff member will provide assistance. If students are required to see a doctor a basic visit can be expensive.

100% attendance is required to receive the the End of Course Certificate.



# **SAMPLE PROGRAMME**

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Arrivals		
Sunday	Free day for Orientation		
Monday	Placement Test & Lessons	Museum of Fine Arts	Free Evening
Tuesday	Lessons	Harvard University Tour	Free Evening
Wednesday	Lessons	Soccer	Free Evening
Thursday	Lessons	Newbury Street Shopping	Dance Party
Friday	Lessons	Skywalk Observatory	Free Evening
Saturday	Aquarium & Whale Watching for students staying 2+ weeks		
Sunday	Free day		
Monday	Lessons	Bowling	
Tuesday	Lessons	Revere Beach	Free Evening
Wednesday	Lessons	Freedom Trail Walk	Free Evening
Thursday	Lessons	Capoeira Dance Class	Dance Party & Games
Friday	Lessons	Hard Rock Café & Faneuil Hall	Free Evening
Saturday	Departures/Six Flags Amusement Park for students staying 3+ weeks		

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
- Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up.
- Lessons may alternate weekly between morning and afternoon
- Please note: Students are directly supervised by EC staff at the residence, during activities and at school. During their free time students may be allowed to go out by themselves, but assistance is always readily available from staff via the emergency number.

# **EXTRA ACTIVITY**

- Must be booked at time of course booking.
- New York Weekend Trip: Visit Greenwich Village, Central Park, Lower Manhattan, Chinatown, Little Italy, Empire State Building, 5th Avenue and more! All meals, transport, entrance fees and accommodation are included. Available: 5-6 July, 19-20 July.







# Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

#### **CURFEW TIMES**

Sunday to Thursday - 10pm; Friday & Saturday - 11pm

#### **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

EC will not tolerate the possession or consumption of alcohol by Junior students. Students who consume alcohol risk being expelled from the school and repatriated to their home country. In America the legal age to drink is 21 and the legal age to buy cigarettes is 18.

#### **SMOKING**

Smoking is not permitted during any part of the programme.

#### **DRUGS**

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student and the possible intervention of the police.

#### **CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS**

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme with EC, we ask that they inform us immediately. Most problems are small and can be quickly resolved by our staff members. During the first week of school, all students are given an 'Initial Course Evaluation Form', in which they are asked to evaluate various aspects of their stay, such as tuition, accommodation and leisure. The form also allows students the opportunity to bring to our attention anything that is not to their satisfaction, should they feel unable to speak to us directly. An EC staff member will talk to any student who rates a service as 'poor' or 'not so good' in their Initial Course Evaluation Form. They will try to find a solution as quickly as possible. If the problem cannot be resolved immediately, an official complaint form is filled in and the student's agent will also be informed. A thorough investigation will be carried out. The Initial Course Evaluation Form is given to the students during their first few days at EC so that problems can be solved immediately and not disrupt the remainder of their time with us. There is also an End-of-Course Evaluation Form which gives the students an opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.

#### **Change of Accommodation**

Valid reasons must accompany a request for change of accommodation and each request is considered on its own merits. Such changes are also subject to availability. Students must pay for all costs incurred including transport, additional accommodation charges and cancellation fees (where applicable). The additional charges must be paid in full prior to the move. EC is happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation changes.

#### **Course Certificate**

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate.

#### Discipline

In order to manage student behaviour, EC staff may issue a formal written warning, notify parents, bar the student from an activity, or withhold their End of Course Certificate.

#### Visa Requirements

Our junior programmes in the USA include 15 hours of lessons per week plus activities, thus they are considered as cultural programmes. This means that students need to apply for a tourist visa and do not require a visa letter.

#### **Extra Nights**

Extra nights may be booked at an additional fee, all requests are subject to availability.

#### **ACCOMMODATION RULES**

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy, including making their own bed every morning
- Curfew times must be respected by all students
- Students who are not living in the residence are not allowed to stay in any of the rooms.
- Girls are not allowed to stay in the boys' rooms and vice versa
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused to school property. Payment for damages must be effected immediately and the residence staff will not allow the students to leave the residence unless payment has been made
- Students are not allowed to change rooms without EC's authorisation. Rooming preference should be indicated on the enrolment form. Requests of room changes received after allocation will not be guaranteed.
- All rooms have a lock and key. Lost Bedroom Keys: a \$75 replacement fee for each key lost will apply.
- Lost ID/Meal Card: a \$50 replacement fee to activate a new card will apply.
- Students can leave any valuables with the RA if they are not comfortable with leaving them in their room

#### **EXPULSION**

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the following reasons:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- · Drinking of alcohol
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is a danger to his/her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking American law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons
- Violation of any EC Residence Terms and conditions and School rules.

In any of the above circumstances the student is informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.