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# What type of visa do I need?

The type of visa you would need depends on how many hours per week you would like to study English. A tourist visa applies for anything less than 18 clocked academic hours per week. If you would like to study more hours than you would need to apply for an F-1 student visa.

# What do I need to study at OHLA?

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### Tourist Visa – F2 Visa – ESTA – Waiver

## To register we need the following documents:

* OHLA Application Form
* Copy of a Passport
* $200 Application Fee

### F1 Student Visa

## To issue the I-20 we will need:

* OHLA Application Form
* Copy of a Passport
* Bank Statement Letter (showing sufficient funds during his time here studying)
	+ Ex: for 4 weeks of tuition proof of funds should be of $2,200.
	+ Ex: for 12 weeks of tuition proof of funds should be of $6,600.
	+ Ex: for 24 weeks of tuition proof of funds should be of $13,000.
	+ Ex: for 48 weeks of tuition proof of funds should be of $25,000.
* Affidavit of Support (only needed if bank statement is not under your name)

Once we receive the documents mentioned above we will send an invoice for the initial fees. After this, we will issue your I-20.

This is the breakdown for the initial fees:

* $200 application fee (price includes one mailing fee for I-20, if needed)

# What if I'm already attending another ESL program in the US and I want to transfer to OHLA Schools?

## The transfer process is simple:

* Request a "Transfer Form" from OHLA.
* Have your current Foreign Student Advisor complete the form and mail it or bring it to OHLA.
* Submit all the documents needed for admission to OHLA.
* Once you are accepted, tell your current Foreign Student Advisor the date for which you would like him/her to release your SEVIS record to OHLA.
* Once your Transfer is approved, OHLA will give you a New I-20.

# What is SEVIS?

SEVIS stands for “Student Exchange Visitor Information System.” It is a web-based database that tracks all non-immigrants who are in the U.S. with F or J status. SEVIS is monitored by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

For more information on F-1 rules and regulations, please refer to the USCIS website at <http://uscis.gov>

# Who can attend?

Students must meet the minimum age requirements, which is minimum 16 years of age.

# How many levels are offered by the school?

We offer the following 8 ESL levels at OHLA:

* Basic 1
* Basic 2
* Intermediate 1
* Intermediate 2
* Advanced 1
* Advanced 2 *(applicable for University Pathway - undergraduate)*
* Elite *(applicable for University Pathway - graduate)*
* Elite Plus

# When are the start dates?

Our entry dates are every second Monday of the month.

# What is the cost of tuition?

Contact us for current pricing 305-379-4027 / info@ohla.com

# How long will I need to study at OHLA in order to complete the program?

It depends on your current English level. Each level at OHLA lasts 10 weeks. Once we know your current English level we can formulate a study plan. Click to access the test:

[https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=rqd569e79d19edd9](https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=rqd569e79d19edd9" \o "Click to open the Test)

#  Is medical insurance mandatory?

No, insurance is not mandatory at OHLA Schools.

# What is the class size?

Average of 12 students per class, no more than 15.

# Do I receive a Diploma or Certificate at the end of the program?

At the end of your program, you will have to sit for an Exit Exam. Based on the results of this exam you will receive a Certificate of Completion.

# Do I get a refund if my visa is denied?

If your visa is denied all tuition and fees, except the initial fees, will be refunded.

This is the breakdown for the initial fees:

* $200 application fee
* $350 SEVIS (if paid directly to the school)

# What are the class schedules?

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### Semi-Intensive Program (eligible with tourist visa)

*Morning Schedule:*

Mon to Thurs – 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM

Fri – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM (OHLA L.I.F.E. - optional)

*Night Schedule:*

Mon to Thurs – 6:25 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM (OHLA L.I.F.E. - optional)

### Intensive Program (requires student visa)

*Morning Schedule:*

Mon to Thurs – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Fri – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM (OHLA L.I.F.E. - optional)

*Night Schedule:*

Mon to Thurs – 5:15 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM (OHLA L.I.F.E. - optional)

### Semi-Intensive + Exam Prep (requires student visa)

*Schedule:*

Mon to Fri – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Super-Intensive Program (requires student visa)

*Schedule:*

Mon to Thurs – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Fri – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM (OHLA L.I.F.E. - optional)

# Do I get a refund if I have to cancel my English program?

If you cancel your enrollment prior to the start of the initial session in which you are enrolled, a cancellation fee equal to 4 weeks tuition [or to your proposed length of study, if less than 4 weeks] will apply. However, fees such as: housing stipend or residential fee and airport transfer fees will be refunded. After the start of any session the following cancellation fees will apply:

1. Tuition: Tuition for the full 10-week session [or to your proposed length of study, if less than 10 weeks is non-refundable, unless you test above our highest level of instruction or have a documented medical emergency. If you test above our highest level of instruction, tuition and fees paid will be refunded. If during your session you must return to your home country for a documented emergency, the unused portion of your tuition will be held on account for a period of one year, for use upon your return.
2. Housing stipend: A cancellation fee equal to 2 weeks of housing stipend will apply.
3. Residential fee: A cancellation fee equal to 2 weeks paid residential fee is no refundable.

For any session in which you cancel, fees paid for materials, books, student services and health insurance [if chosen] are non-refundable.

If Open Hearts Language Academy cancels the program, subsequent to your enrollment, all tuition and fees, including the initial application fee, paid will be refunded.

If you are terminated by Open Hearts Language Academy due to violations of the school written disciplinary and/or attendance policies and/or local, state, or federal laws, no refund will be permitted.

If your tuition and fees are paid through an Open Hearts Language Academy representative in your country, the refund will be processed through this representative.