

Program Overview

The Besant Hill Summer Institute for American Language and Culture offers vigorous academic instruction in English along with travel, recreation, and cultural exchange. For six weeks, from June 21st to July 31st, boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18 live with faculty members in a close-knit, multi-cultural community consisting of approximately 60 students.

What makes our program so special? Recognized throughout the world for its commitment to international relations, the Besant Hill Summer Institute for American Language and Culture's six-week immersion summer program in English as a Second Language (ESL) is highly recommended for students who plan to continue their education in the United States. It is also an enrichment program for visiting students interested in improving their English and writing skills.

A blend of academics, cultural enrichment, language projects, travel experiences, summer camp activities and total language immersion makes the Besant Hill Summer Institute for American Language and Culture experience truly unique. Students attend academic classes during the morning, participate in a variety of projects and activities in the afternoon, play together in the pool and on the athletic fields, travel around the Southwest Region of the United States, and learn to work and live in a global society. We place a strong emphasis upon respect for the individual and the uniqueness that each student brings to the community.

Course Offerings

English Study Beginner/Intermediate

The ESL Beginner/Intermediate Instruction program offers different levels of academic instruction for beginning and intermediate English learners. Small class size and skilled, supportive teachers are the keys to the success of this program, which consists of two 2-hour skills classes: one to enhance listening and speaking, the other to focus on reading and writing.

Integrated Skills for Advanced Students Preparing for TOEFL iBT

This four-hour course is the perfect choice for Summer 2010 if you are a rising junior (11th grader), senior (12th grader), or post-graduate, who possesses advanced, demonstrable proficiency in English and wish to:

- *Practice intensively for the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT).
- *Improve English grammar and sentence structure.
- *Expand vocabulary.
- *Hone your reading and listening skills.
- *Refine your essay writing skills.

In addition to the grade-level and English proficiency criteria needed to enroll in this course, class size will be limited to 12 qualified students. Not only will you take pre- and post-assessments in all sections of the TOEFL iBT, but you will also periodically complete an entire practice (unofficial) test.

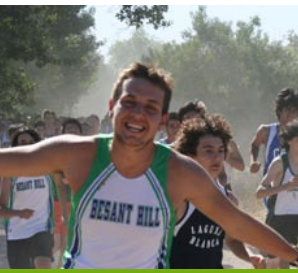
Life in the USA

The Besant Hill Summer Institute for American Language and Culture provides a safe and secure setting on 500 acres at the foot of the beautiful Topa Topa Mountains in the resort town of Ojai, California. The close proximity to major cities of Ventura, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles enables you to gain knowledge and understanding of life in the United States in addition to providing an intensive English language learning experience in the classroom.

In afternoon courses and sports activities and through participation in the arts and dorm life, you have the opportunity to practice your English language skills. You build friendships while you enjoy daily interactions with your peers. Moreover, through class trips, excursions and special activities you have an opportunity to travel to places of cultural and historic significance, sporting events, museums, concerts and American restaurants.

Besant Hill School

Besant Hill School has earned a worldwide reputation for being among the finest schools in the United States. Students from the Los Angeles and Ventura areas and from all over the world participate in our college-preparatory academic and pre-professional arts programs which ensure that they are well prepared to enroll in the nation's best colleges and universities.



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June 21 - July 31, 2010

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the Besant Hill Summer Institute for American Language and Culture six week program are \$8,000. The fee includes room, board, tuition, books, student activities, in-program travel and the issuance of an I-20 if needed. There is an additional \$150 application fee. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with the application by May 1, 2010. If an I-20 is needed, it will be issued after the full amount is received. One on one tutoring and individualized instruction is available for an additional cost.

Important Dates

Application Deadline: May 1, 2010
Non-refundable Deposit Due: May 1, 2010
Balance of Tuition Due: June 15, 2010
Arrive On Campus: June 20, 2010
First Day of Camp: June 21, 2010
Download Application at: www.besanthill.org

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TOEFL

The iBT Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a computerized test that ESL students take before applying to an American college or university. Spaces at official testing sites fill quickly because registration is done electronically; if you are interested in taking the TOEFL while you are studying at the Besant Hill Summer Institute for American Language and Culture, you must register in advance for a test date between July 12 and August 2, 2010.

