

# Intensive English and Cultural Immersion Program in Nashville, United States Improve your level of English and live an unforgettable experience in the United States!

#### Introduction

Bilingualism has become a key element in promoting interaction abroad, recognizing the importance of developing communication skills in a second language, in this case English, as a response to the dynamics of an increasingly globalized world. At María Cano, the above is established through the Development Plan where goals associated with the consolidation of bilingualism in the institution are determined. Therefore, carrying out immersions in English contributes to the achievement of the objectives, generating a María Cano more connected with the world.

## About the program

The Intensive English Program & Cultural Immersion (IEP&CI) is designed for people who have at least A2 Level of English according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and wish to have a language immersion experience. The program is run by Tennessee State University (TSU) in partnership with María Cano and seeks to help students improve their English language skills and become familiar with the southern culture of Nashville, Tennessee, United States. This course is 3 weeks with a schedule intensity of 24 hours of instruction per week.

## **Program objectives**

- 1. Offer a course to improve the level of English of the participants.
- 2. Promote mobility and interculturality in the María Cano community and its surroundings.

## Reports

Students will take a placement test at the start of the program and an exit test at the end of the course, which will provide us with data to report student achievement. In addition, teachers will provide a feedback session to inform students about their strengths, weaknesses, and different ways to improve them.

# **Application**

Students must complete the application form and submit the documents required therein to participate in the program. The cost of the application to the TSU is already included in the total cost of the program and is non-refundable. In order to register, in addition to the personal data, you must attach the biographical data page of your passport, the copy of your last diploma obtained and a minimum A2 level certificate (if you have one). The link for the application is the following: https://forms.office.com/r/r8HmFZwqKQ

### **Materials**

All materials for the course will be provided by TSU; however, students must bring their own notebooks or media to take notes in class.



### Certificates

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a certificate of participation from TSU for their reference.

### **Extracurricular activities**

Students will be provided with a diverse variety of recreational and cultural activities so that they can integrate their knowledge with American culture and develop their intercultural competencies. The activities will be aligned with the objectives of the course and the learning provided so that students can practice their new knowledge.

## American visa B1/B2

This course is considered a cultural exchange, therefore, students can participate with the B1/B2 tourist and business visa.

**Date:** June 4 to 24, 2023

Cost: \$22.500.000 COP

# Items included in the cost

- ✓ Certificate of English level according to the Common European Framework APTIS Test
- ✓ Intensive English course; 24 hours a week for 3 weeks
- ✓ Cultural activities
- ✓ Previous cultural adaptation classes (survivor English)
- ✓ Certificate of participation TSU
- ✓ Medical insurance for 3 weeks
- ✓ Round trip air tickets from Medellín
- ✓ Accommodation in the residences of the TSU
- ✓ Food (Monday to Friday; 3 meals, Saturdays and Sundays; brunch and dinner)
- ✓ María Cano Institutional T-shirt

#### Items not included

- ✓ Food outside the stipulated
- ✓ Personal expenses
- ✓ Additional visits and/or tours



# **Timeline**

Activity	Date/time
Participants registrations	Until 16/04/2023 <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/r8HmFZwqKQ">https://forms.office.com/r/r8HmFZwqKQ</a>
Registration payment for \$200.000 COP	Until 17/04/2023
Placement test application	According to availability of the María Cano Language Center
TSU individual interviews	According to availability of TSU
TSU sends acceptance letter	According to availability of TSU
Program payment for \$22.300.000	07/05/2023
Survivor English Course	Between 2/05/2023 and 26/05/2023
Confirmation of itineraries for airport pickup	23/05/2023
Meeting predeparture	30/05/2023
Arrival at TSU	4/06/2023
TSU inmersion: IEP&CI	05/06/2023 to 23/06/2023
End of accommodation TSU	24/06/2023

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