



# United States Army Echo Company Fact Sheet



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**E Company, one of the two Army Element companies, is composed of permanent party cadre, Drill Sergeants, and enlisted pre-basic trainees who attend DLIELC prior to Basic Combat Training (BCT).**

- **Cadre:** E Company is responsible for the U. S. Army enlisted Soldier population that attends DLIELC for English language Training (ELT). This unit consists of permanent party personnel (including assigned Drill Sergeants) and civilians who support the unit from various backgrounds and fields. E Company follows U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) guidance in conducting military training with E Company trainees.
- **Student Demographics:**
  - Annual load of 200-250 enlisted Soldiers (approximately 85% male, 15% female).
  - Average strength consists of 50 enlisted Soldiers, depending on the time of year. Fluctuations may occur based on individual academic progress, Army recruiting initiatives, and peak times during the year.
  - Trainees are mostly U. S. citizens from Puerto Rico (about 85%) with others who are U. S. residents from various countries. The majority is from Spanish speaking backgrounds; including Soldiers from different nations, such as Korea, China, Turkey, Bangladesh, Russia and others.
  - The E Company Soldiers are housed in open-bay billeting in Building 7065 near the DLIELC campus. Currently there are three bays dedicated to males and one bay for female Soldiers, totaling a maximum capacity of 256 Soldiers at a time
- **Student Training:**
  - E Company Soldiers are placed in General English training for a maximum period of 24-weeks on a self-paced basis and graduate when they have achieved course standards. On average, Soldiers graduate after 12 weeks of English language training.
  - Graduation requirements are as follows:

	<i>ECL</i> <i>(English Comprehension Level Test)</i>	<i>OPI</i> <i>(Oral Proficiency Interview)</i>	<i>BOOK QUIZ</i>
<i>MOS/09C</i> <i>(IET)</i>	75	N/A (1+, 1 when USAE CDR grants 5-point waiver-- exceptional Soldiers only)	Average 70+
<i>09L</i> <i>(IET)</i>	80	Applicable 2+, 2 (1+, 1 when USAE CDR grants 5-point waiver-- exceptional Soldiers only)	Average 70+

-- The mission of E Company is to provide a conducive ELT environment to Initial Entry Training (IET) Soldiers and prepare Soldiers for the mental and physical demands of Basic Combat Training (BCT). This means that they are encouraged to learn English for a lifetime in order to be successful throughout their military careers. They must continuously build upon their newly refined English language training since they will be competing with native English speakers at their follow-on training.  
-- Second facet of the mission is to increase their physical fitness and Soldier skills in order to be able to succeed in follow-on training.

- **Challenges:**
  - All of the E Company Soldiers have just entered active duty, and are learning military life, courtesies, and protocol for the first time. It is an ongoing process to transform these civilians into Soldiers.
  - Academic failures and disciplinary infractions can result in entry-level separation from the military, returning the Soldier to his home-of-record.