PORTLAND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY

Portland, Oregon USA
PORTLAND, OREGON — A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

- Portland is a **safe**, **clean**, and **friendly** city.
- Portland is an affordable city to live and study in!
- Portland has **no sales tax**.
- It is easy to travel around the city. Portland has a **great bus** and **train system**.
- Portland offers world-class **restaurants**, **shopping** and **entertainment**.

PELA IS A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY!

- Study with adult students from **countries all over the world**.
- Tuition starts **as low as $850** per 4-week term.
- Students receive a **5% tuition discount** when they pay for 2 terms (8 weeks of study) or more at one time.
- A new term **begins every month**. Each term is **4 weeks long**.
- PELA students enjoy **small class sizes** averaging 8-15 students per class.
- Every program has **7 levels of English classes**, for beginner through advanced English speakers.
- PELA offers programs suited for both **F-1 students** and **non F-1 students**.

THE PELA CAMPUS

The Portland English Language Academy is conveniently located in the **heart of downtown Portland, Oregon**. PELA is directly accessible to all the city by MAX light-rail and bus.

AMENITIES ON CAMPUS

- Free Wi-Fi
- Quiet Study Lab
- Student Lounge
- Computer Lab
- Tutoring Center
- Writing Center
- Prayer Areas
- Media Library (500+ movies & TV shows)
ENJOY ACTIVITIES EVERY MONTH AT PELA

Every month, PELA organizes in-school and out-of-school activities for students. Below are examples of some activities PELA has organized in the past few years. Contact PELA to find out about upcoming events!

**JANUARY**
- Bowling Night
- Miniature Golf Party
- Laser Tag Party

**FEBRUARY**
- Scavenger Hunt
- Voicebox Karaoke Night
- Winterhawks’ Hockey Game

**MARCH**
- St. Patrick’s Day Pub Crawl
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Portland Life Photo Contest

**APRIL**
- Tulip Fest/Woodburn Shopping
- Earth Day Clean-up
- Higher Education Info Fair

**MAY**
- Prom Dance
- Weekend Wine Tasting
- Cinco de Mayo Festival

**JUNE**
- Trip to Oregon Zoo
- Casino Night
- Summer Pub Crawl

**JULY**
- Beach Trip
- PELA BBQ
- Trip to Oregon State Fair

**AUGUST**
- Columbia Gorge Tour
- Waterfront Park Beer Festival
- Board Game Night

**SEPTEMBER**
- Corn Maze Trip
- Tour of Local Brewery
- Timbers’ Soccer Game

**OCTOBER**
- Halloween Costume Contest
- Haunted House Tour
- NBA Basketball Game

**NOVEMBER**
- Holiday Ale Festival
- Thanksgiving Lunch
- Weekend Wine Tasting

**DECEMBER**
- Christmas Party
- Peacock Lane Walking Tour
- Zoolights Night Tour

Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/portlandenglish for photos of past events, upcoming events & announcements!

**TOEIC TEST AT PELA!**

The Portland English Language Academy is the only TOEIC testing center in Portland. The TOEIC Listening & Reading Test is given at our school each month.

**IELTS TEST AT PELA!**

The Portland English Language Academy is an official IELTS Test Center. PELA administers IELTS tests 3 times each month.
Enhance your study of English at the Portland English Language Academy by participating in activities outside the classroom.

**VOLUNTEER THROUGHOUT PORTLAND!**

The **Volunteer Program** can be added on to any English program!

Students will volunteer 4 hours each week at various locations around Portland. New volunteer opportunities are added to our volunteer calendar every month!

Students will gain experience with American lifestyles and daily culture as they practice their English in a variety of different settings.

Volunteer positions are not paid and may require intermediate or higher English ability.

**TUTORING CENTER**

PELA’s teachers host a Tutoring Center, where you can get help with any questions you have about English or class assignments.

There is no need to schedule an appointment, just come in!

**CONVERSATION GROUPS**

Conversation Groups meet each week and are open to all students who are interested in practicing their conversational English in a fun, relaxed environment. Conversation groups are led by native English speakers.

**WRITING CENTER**

At PELA’s Writing Center, you meet one-on-one with a PELA teacher to work on your writing.

You get to schedule the day and time you want to meet!
**Conditional Admissions**

PELA is proud to offer conditional admission pathways into one of our partner schools to qualifying students who wish to receive their bachelor’s degree or master’s degree at a U.S. college or university.

Conditional Admissions mean that a university or college will lower its TOEFL or IELTS score requirement for PELA students or waive its TOEFL or IELTS requirement altogether.

Improving your English language skills is essential to receiving the TOEFL or IELTS score needed to gain acceptance into a college or university.

Conditional Admission is a smart and effective way for international students to gain acceptance into a U.S. college or university.

### Conditional Admissions Through PELA

- Students must be a current PELA student and complete our highest class level (Level 6) in their English language program with a letter grade of B (3.0 or 80%) or better.

- PELA offers conditional admissions pathways into the following U.S. schools: Colorado State University, Marshall University, Oregon State University, Southwestern Oregon Community College, and the University of South Florida.

### Undergraduate Program Requirements

- TOEFL as low as 60 or IELTS as low as 5.0
- PELA Level 6 Grade Point Average of 3.0 (80%)
- No SAT, GRE or GMAT needed

### Graduate Program Requirements

- TOEFL as low as 65 or IELTS as low as 5.5
- PELA Level 6 Grade Point Average of 3.0 (80%)
- GRE or GMAT usually not required until end of the first year of study
**Semi-Intensive Programs**

For **Semi-Intensive Programs**, students will choose a mix of **Focused English Skills** or **Communication Skills** classes. The number of classes you choose is determined by the Program. This will bring the total weekly classroom hours to under 18 hours, as required for students not studying with an F-1 student visa. The skills taught in the classes you drop will be covered in other classes. Students choose which classes to take after they arrive at PELA.

### Focused Skills Classes
- **Monday**: Listening & Speaking
- **Tuesday**: Reading & Vocabulary
- **Wednesday**: Listening & Speaking
- **Thursday**: Reading & Vocabulary
- **Friday**: Listening & Speaking

### Communication Classes
- **Monday**: Writing & Grammar
- **Tuesday**: Pronunciation
- **Wednesday**: Writing & Grammar
- **Thursday**: Pronunciation
- **Friday**: Writing & Grammar

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**Academic English is a 4-week program available to students with an F-1 (student) visa**

- **Practice college-level writing and grammar styles.**
- **Learn about academic vocabulary and topics.**
- **Prepare yourself to use English in academic presentations.**

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- 2+ hours of Conversation Group
- 1 hour of Conversation Partner

**Semi-Intensive English is a 4-week program available to students without an F-1 (student) visa**

- **Quickly improve your English communication and conversation skills.**
- **Obtain a high level of English in a short amount of time.**
- **Prepare yourself to use English in a work, school or social environment.**

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**Choose from these English Programs**
Add TEST-PREPARATION or VOLUNTEERING to any English program!

You can add Volunteering or any Test-Preparation class to your English Program. It is even possible to add more than one test preparation class to any English Program!

+ TOEFL IBT PREPARATION
- Build your skills in finding information in TOEFL reading passages.
- Learn how to hear clues in TOEFL conversations and lectures.
- Practice useful phrases and grammar for the TOEFL speaking tasks.
- Learn how to organize TOEFL writing tasks.
+ 5 Class hours per week

+ IELTS PREPARATION
- Build your skills in finding information in IELTS reading passages.
- Learn how to hear clues in IELTS conversations and lectures.
- Learn how to clearly organize IELTS writing tasks.
- Become comfortable with the IELTS speaking section.
+ 5 Class hours per week

+ TOEIC PREPARATION
- Build your skills in finding information in TOEIC texts and sentences.
- Learn how to hear clues in TOEIC conversations and talks.
- Strengthen your knowledge of Business English.
+ 5 Class hours per week

+ VOLUNTEERING
- Gain confidence speaking English with Americans outside of school.
- Experience American life-styles and daily culture.
- Prepare yourself to use English in a work, school or social environment.
+ 4 hours of Volunteering
  + 1 hour Volunteering & Culture Class

MORNING or AFTERNOON classes? You choose!

Students in any program may choose between studying either morning classes (9:00 AM - 12:50 PM) or afternoon classes (1:00 PM - 4:50 PM), or a mix of both.

TO APPLY TO PELA

Visit the PELA website: www.portlandenglish.edu or contact us at apply@portlandenglish.edu
Oregon is a place of natural beauty. Oregon is known for its diverse climate in all the United States. Oregon has deserts, ocean beaches, and snow-covered mountains.

Along the Oregon Coast, there are hundreds of miles of scenic views, with many tourist destinations, from a 200-year-old fort to natural sea lion caves.

In the Columbia Gorge & Hood River area, there are many waterfalls and trails to enjoy an afternoon of driving or hiking.

Near Portland are over 100 Wineries & Beer Breweries, which offer both delicious drinks and amazing views of the countryside.

I liked everything about Portland! It has friendly people and beautiful nature. I could take trips to the mountains, Multnomah Falls and the Pacific Ocean. In Portland I could go to Washington Park, the Japanese Garden, and OMSI.

-Svetlana, Czech
In Eastern Oregon you can do many outdoor activities like rock climbing, camping, skiing, horseback riding, and whitewater rafting.

In Southern Oregon are unusual landmarks, like Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves, along with the nationally-known Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

When I was in Portland I did a lot of hikes in many different and beautiful places! I enjoyed getting to know Portlanders, too. Because of where Portland is located, it was easy to take trips to other cities on the West Coast, as well as the Olympic Peninsula, Multnomah Falls, and Crater Lake.

—Judith, Spain

Oregon is the state with the most. Oregon has cool rainforests and hot red mountains.

Visit and sightsee in Oregon!

At Mt. Hood you can ski, hike or camp any time of the year! There are even buses that can take you to Mt. Hood from downtown Portland.
PORTLAND IS A FUN PLACE TO LEARN AND LIVE!

Every month, Portland comes alive with cultural festivals or parades, celebrating the diversity of our community.

- Rose Festival
- Oregon State Fair
- Christmas Festival of Light
- Naked Bike Ride
- Warrior Dash
- Dragon Boat Racing
- Science Museum
- Oregon Zoo
- Soapbox Derby
- Mississippi Street Fair
- Zombie Walk
- Trailblazers
- Timbers
- Winterhawks
- Oregon Zoo
- Sand Castle Contest
**HOUSING PLACEMENT OPTIONS**

**Enrich the time you study English at the Portland English Language Academy by letting us arrange for you a Homestay or a room in the Student House.**

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**HOMESTAYS**

Students may apply for a homestay placement during their stay in Portland. A homestay is a great way for students to experience American culture and life in Portland while practicing their English skills and making life-long friends.

We carefully select each homestay family before placing students in a home. All PELA host families are kind and friendly, with clean and safe homes. In a homestay, each student will have a private, furnished bedroom.

All homestays provide breakfast and dinner as a part of the homestay cost. All homestays provide free internet service for students. Homestays are an average of 40 minutes away from school by bus or train.

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**STUDENT HOUSE**

In the International Student House, students share a large, residential house with other international students. There is an American house manager who also lives at the house. Students may choose to have a single, private room, or share a double-occupancy room with a roommate.

The International Student House is located in beautiful Northwest Portland, near the “Northwest 23rd” neighborhood. This area is full of fine dining restaurants, boutique shopping, cafes, bars. The Student House is within walking distance of two grocery stores.

Because the Student House is very popular, it is recommended to apply for a room at the Student House at least 8 weeks (2 months) before arrival. Students who are not placed in the Student House may choose to be placed in a homestay instead.

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**AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT HOUSING PLACEMENT**

Please note that housing placement is not guaranteed. It is strongly recommended that students interested in housing apply at least 8 weeks (2 months) before arrival. Prompt submission of the required documents, information and housing fees will assist PELA in placing students in a homestay or the Student House.

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*Living with my host mother was a wonderful experience. We went to the theater, played board games, and had interesting conversations at home, and even did yoga classes together. We are now friends and I've been visiting her even after I left. Everything was great!*  

– Maja, Serbia

*I have six housemates at the Student House, but I have my own room. Not only can I study English, I can learn international cooking from my roommates, and I learn about different countries and cultures.*  

– Aurelie, France