PORTLAND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY

Portland, Oregon USA

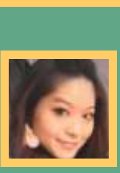
PORTLAND, OREGON — FOR STUDY AND FUN

- Portland is a safe, clean, and friendly city.
- Portland is an affordable city to live and study in.

...and Oregon 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.
- Every month, Portland hosts many festivals, celebrations and fairs.

STUDY WITH STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD!



> *The atmosphere at PELA is very good and makes it easier to study. PELA provide a environment that students have the freedom of exchanging their opinion in class. Thanks guys!*
>
> *—Kuo, Taiwan*

THE PELA CAMPUS — IN THE HEART OF PORTLAND

The Portland English Language Academy is conveniently located in the heart of the **Lloyd District, Portland's work, living and entertainment** center. PELA is directly accessible to all the city by MAX light-rail and buses.

AMENITIES ON CAMPUS

- Computer Lab
- Quiet Study Lab
- Tutoring Center
- Private Study Rooms
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free Parking
- Student Lounge& Kitchenette
- 500+ Movie & TV Show Library

PELA — A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY!

- Tuition starts as low as $875 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.
- Students enjoy small class sizes averaging 8-15 students per class.
- PELA offers programs suited for both F-1 students and non F-1 students.
- 7 levels of English classes, for beginner through advanced English students.

CLASSES THAT FIT YOUR ABILITIES!

Students are placed in different class levels according to their ability in each skill. This helps students to see constant improvement in individual skills.

For example, if your reading ability is better than your speaking ability, you might be placed in a Level 5 Reading class and a Level 4 Speaking class.

HOW FAST CAN YOU IMPROVE?

Students usually spend 2-3 months at each class level before advancing to the next class level.

Some students advance to higher levels even faster by taking a **"Level-Up" Test** at the end of each term to see if they are ready to move up to the next level.

PRACTICE ENGLISH OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Enhance your study of English at the Portland English Language Academy by participating in activities outside the classroom

CONVERSATION GROUPS

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

TUTORING CENTER

PELA's teachers host a Tutoring Center, where you can get help with any questions you have about

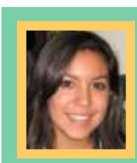
VOLUNTEER THROUGHOUT PORTLAND!

PELA's Volunteering Class 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.



> *To VOLUNTEER in the French American International School and help people to learn Spanish was fun. I felt very comfortable because I could learn and practice English at the same time I could teach them about Spanish.*
>
> *—Judith, Spain*

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 upcoming events!

JANUARY

Bowling Night
Miniature Golf Party
Laser Tag Party

FEBRUARY

Scavenger Hunt
Voicebox Karaoke Night
Portland Hockey Game

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Party
Easter Egg Hunt
Spelling Bee Contest

APRIL

Tulip Festival
Earth Day Clean-up
Mt. Hood Adventure Park

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
Oregon State Fair

AUGUST

Columbia Gorge Tour
Summer Beer Festival
Board Game Night

SEPTEMBER

Corn Maze Trip
Local Brewery Tour
Timbers' Soccer Game

OCTOBER

Halloween Party
Haunted House Tour
NBA Basketball Game

NOVEMBER

Holiday Ale Festival
Thanksgiving Lunch
Weekend Wine Tasting

DECEMBER

Christmas Party
Peacock Lane Tour
Zoolights Night Tour

CHOOSE AN ENGLISH PROGRAM

INTENSIVE ENGLISH

The Intensive English Program is our most popular program. It lets you focus on specific English skills and your overall communication skills.

- 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.

REQUIRED Weekly Activities:
20 Class hours per week

OPTIONAL Weekly Activities:
1-10 hours of Conversation Group
1-6 hours of Tutoring Center

	Focused Skills Classes *10 hours per week*		Communication Classes *10 hours per week*
Monday	Listening & Speaking	Writing & Grammar	Integrated Skills
Tuesday	Reading, Vocabulary &Pronunciation		Grammar for Communication
Wednesday	Listening & Speaking	Writing & Grammar	Integrated Skills
Thursday	Reading, Vocabulary &Pronunciation		Grammar for Communication
Friday	Listening & Speaking	Writing & Grammar	Integrated Skills

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

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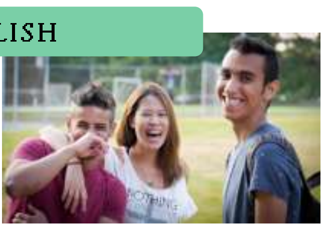
ACADEMIC ENGLISH



The Academic English Program will help high-intermediate to high level students learn college-level vocabulary and grammar, as well as introduce you to a variety of academic topics.

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

REQUIRED Weekly Activities:
20 Class hours per week

OPTIONAL Weekly Activities:
1-10 hours of Conversation Group
1-6 hours of Tutoring Center

	Academic Preparation 10 hours per week	*Academic Preparation 10 hours per week*
Monday	Reading, Vocabulary & Speaking	Writing & Grammar
Tuesday	Reading, Vocabulary & Speaking	Writing & Grammar
Wednesday	Reading, Vocabulary & Speaking	Writing & Grammar
Thursday	Reading, Vocabulary & Speaking	Writing & Grammar
Friday	Reading, Vocabulary & Speaking	Writing & Grammar

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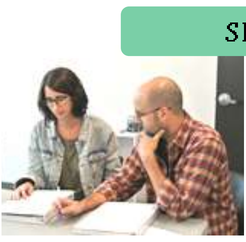
SEMI-INTENSIVE ENGLISH



For Semi-Intensive Programs, students attend 2 of the 3 Focused English Skills classes and all of the Communication Skills classes in 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 are able to choose which classes to attend after they arrive at PELA.

- 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.

REQUIRED Weekly Activities:
17 Class hours per week

OPTIONAL Weekly Activities:
1-10 hours of Conversation Group
1-6 hours of Tutoring Center

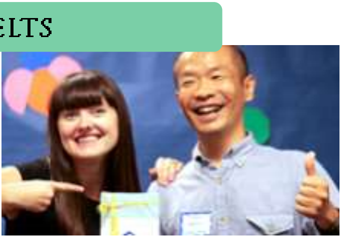
	Focused Skills Classes *10 hours per week**		Communication Classes *10 hours per week**
Monday	Listening & Speaking	Writing & Grammar	Integrated Skills
Tuesday	Reading, Vocabulary &Pronunciation		Grammar for Communication
Wednesday	Listening & Speaking	Writing & Grammar	Integrated Skills
Thursday	Reading, Vocabulary &Pronunciation		Grammar for Communication
Friday	Listening & Speaking	Writing & Grammar	Integrated Skills

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

INTENSIVE IELTS

3 MONTH ULTIMATE GUARANTEE

If you don't increase your IELTS score by 1 point after 3 months of Intensive IELTS, PELA will pay you for your IELTS test!



REQUIRED Weekly Activities:
20 English Skills Building class hours per week

OPTIONAL Weekly Activities:
1-10 hours of Conversation Group
1-6 hours of Tutoring Center

	English Skills Classes *20 hours per week*		Test Preparation Classes *5 hours per week*
Monday	Vocabulary & Spelling	Speaking & Pronunciation	
Tuesday	Listening & Reading	Logical Reasoning	IELTS Test Preparation
Wednesday	Listening & Reading	Graph Analysis	
Thursday	Listening & Reading	Logical Reasoning	IELTS Test Preparation
Friday	Listening & Reading	Essay Writing	

Intensive IELTS is a 4-week program available to students with an F-1 (student) visa

ADD EXTRA CLASSES TO ANY ENGLISH PROGRAM!

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

+ BUSINESS ENGLISH

+6 Class hours per week

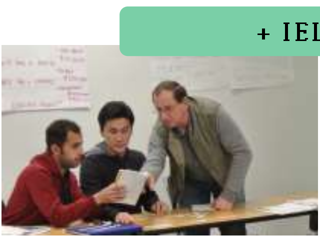
- Learn effective communication strategies for business settings.
- Practice strategies for running meetings, interviews, and presentations.
- Learn how to prepare for or deal with common issues that occur in organizations.
- Become an effective leader!

+ 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.

+6 Class hours per week

+ IELTS PREPARATION



+5 Class hours per week

- 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.

+ 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.

+4-6 hours of Volunteering
+1 hour Volunteering & Culture Class per week

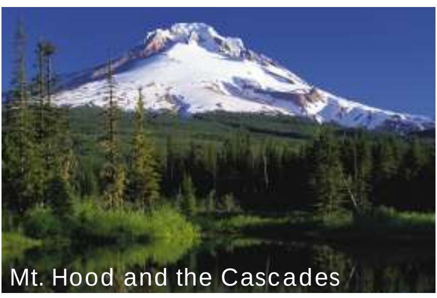
OREGON — A LAND OF NATURAL BEAUTY!

Oregon is the state with the most diverse climate in all the United States. Oregon has cool rainforests and hot deserts, ocean beaches and snow-covered mountains.

Oregon Aquarium

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

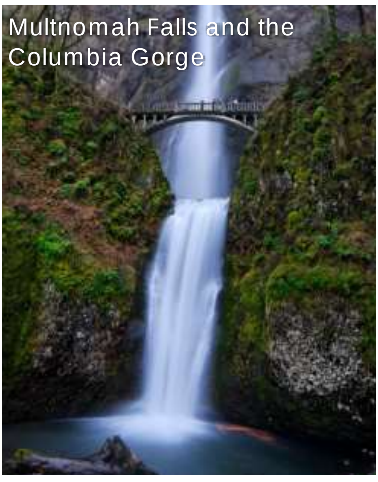
Crater Lake National Park

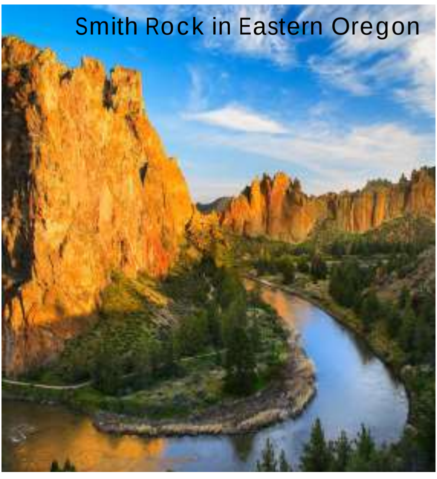

Mt. Hood and the Cascades

Swimming in Southern Oregon

Rafting on the Deschutes River

Sunset on the Oregon Coast


Multnomah Falls and the Columbia Gorge

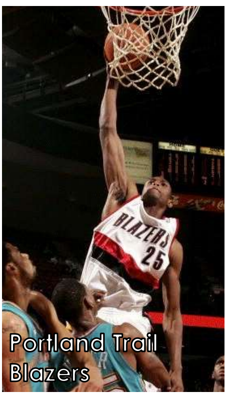

Smith Rock in Eastern Oregon

PORTLAND — A FUN PLACE TO LIVE!

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

Beer and Wine Festivals

Music Festivals


Portland Trail Blazers

Street Fairs

Portland Timbers

Oregon Zoo

Festival of Lights

Portland Rose Festival

Zombie Walk

Native American Festivals

Soapbox Derby

Dragon Boat Racing

Naked Bike Ride

Science Museum

SCHOOL PARTNERS & CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS

PELA is proud to offer pathways into 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! These pathways range from application fee waivers to conditional admissions. PELA will work with you to help make the application process easier and understandable.

UNIVERSITIES THAT PARTNER WITH PELA

Oregon State University
A top-level science research university known for its Marine Science, Forestry, and Civil Engineering programs.

Mt. Hood Community College
A local college near PELA where students can continue to study English as well as begin to attend classes with Americans.

Drew University
Close to New York City but in a small town, it is called the "University of the Forest" and has great Business and Science programs.

Southwestern Oregon Community College
A 2-year college near the Oregon Coast, where you can build your English and academic skills before entering university.

George Mason University
A top-ranked science research university known for its Bio-engineering and Forensic Science programs located near Washington, D.C.

Northern Arizona University
With strong Science, Medicine, Physical Therapy and Civil Engineering programs.

Marshall University.
A small-town university with strong research funding, it has top-level Engineering and Forensic Science programs.

Salisbury University
Voted one of the best public colleges, it is known for its low cost, as well as its Business, Nursing and Social Work programs.

Colorado State University
With strong Science, Medicine, Physical Therapy and Civil Engineering programs, it is voted #2 in international student satisfaction.

University of South Florida
A top-level research university known for its Marine Science, Nursing and Public Health.

WHAT IS "CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS"?

Conditional Admissions to a university or college means you can enter that school with a lower TOEFL or IELTS score requirement.
Some schools even waive its TOEFL or IELTS requirement altogether for PELA students!

Each university may have different requirements for conditional admissions, but here are examples of some of the requirements.

Typical requirements include:

- 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.
- Undergraduate Programs:
  TOEFL as low as 60 or IELTS as low as 5.0
  No SAT, GRE or GMAT needed
- Graduate Programs: TOEFL as low as 65 or IELTS as low as 5.5
  GRE or GMAT usually not required until end of the first year of study

TAKE THE TOEIC TEST AT PELA!

TOEIC
Test Of English for International Communication

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

TAKE THE IELTS TEST AT PELA!

IELTS™
Official Test Centre

The Portland English Language Academy is the also an official IELTS Test Center.
PELA administers IELTS tests 3 times each month.

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.

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 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.

> *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**

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.

> *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**

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT HOUSING

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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SPORTSWEAR

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