

Summer 2025 Trending Topics: Intensive English for Communication & Global Understanding (Dorm Stay) Program

Duration: **3 weeks OR 4 weeks**

Program dates: August 4 - 21, 2025 (3 weeks) OR August 4 - 28, 2025 (4 weeks)

Application Deadline: May 23, 2025 (May 18, 2025 preferred)

Why Study at Portland State University (PSU)?

Portland is known for its art and music scene with live music at small venues and art galleries in our charming neighborhoods. You will also notice many statues and murals all over town. Our easy to use public transportation system allows you to visit neighborhoods where you can shop and try artisan foods in restaurants or at food carts, which Portland is known for. It also hosts the largest Farmers Market in the U.S. right on the PSU campus, where you can eat locally grown foods and buy souvenirs. If you like the outdoors, Portland provides many opportunities to visit urban parks, hike in nearby forests or visit the Oregon Coast and the beautiful Columbia Gorge with Multnomah Falls. Our famous sports teams are the Portland Trail Blazers (basketball), Timbers (men's soccer) and the Thorns (women's soccer). We are home to Nike, Intel, Columbia Sportswear and Adidas North America. If you like shopping, you can do so tax-free at nearby outlet malls. Oregon has no sales tax!

Program Description:

Classes are built around American Culture, including the unique "deep culture" of Portland and the Pacific Northwest Region. The focus is on developing students' oral communication skills, fluency, and confidence through exploring current topics relevant to the international student population.

Students will have the chance to expand their English language skills through small group projects, volunteer opportunities, reflective activities, and interaction outside the classroom in the PSU and greater Portland community.

Students will participate in 16 hours of classroom instruction and 4 hours of small group conversation partner sessions, Monday through Thursday, totaling 20 hours per week and **60 hours total** for the program. The small group conversation partner sessions are facilitated by PSU students and provide students an opportunity to practice their English in a smaller setting. Weekend programming also includes plenty of entertainment, such as tax-free shopping and local sporting events, as well as outdoor exploration of the Pacific Northwest's beautiful natural environment.

Possible extracurricular activities:

Our extracurricular activities are facilitated by our well-trained program assistants who are current or former PSU students and include:

- Visiting scenic places like Multnomah Falls or Seattle
- Going to the outlet mall for tax-free shopping
- Participating in a downtown Portland walking tour
- Experiencing Portland Food Culture (Blue Star and Voodoo Donuts, Salt & Straw ice-cream, Stumptown Coffee, and food carts from around the world)
- Visiting other popular Portland places like Saturday Market, the Farmer's Market, Powell's Bookstore, coffee shops, etc.

Housing - Dorms:

The program fee includes dorm stay for 21 nights (3-week option) or 28 nights (4-week option). Our students generally stay in the Broadway Hall dorms, unless they have made alternate plans. All students are required to share a room with a peer or pay full price for the room. For a virtual tour of the rooms, you can scan the QR code to go to their website:



Our short-term programs do not include meals. ISP provides cookware to students to allow them to prepare their own meals in the small kitchenettes that are part of the dorm rooms. Students can also buy meals from food carts or eat in restaurants.

Travel Visa, Arrival & Departure:

You will need a visitor visa (B-visa) for this non-credit program.

The program fee does not include airport transportation. If students would like to be picked up or dropped off, it's an additional \$75 each way. Students can book airport transportation directly with us by paying for the service online. If it's a larger group from one partner coming on the same flight, we can book a shuttle bus and include the airport transportation fee in the invoice.

We recommend that students try to arrive no later than 9:00 pm and depart no earlier than 7:00 am.