



Portland Center Program at Portland State University

- Wide variety of elective classes
- Portland is an attractive, safe American city

Location: Portland, Oregon, USA

Title: Portland Center (Fall cohort)

Application Requirements

Minimum English Test Score

- **TOEFL:** 36 iBT or ITP 460
- **IELTS:** 5.0

GPA: 2.00

Nationality: This program is open to any nationalities whose first language is NOT English

Program Dates:

TBA (mid-September)	Arrival in Portland
TBA	Orientation
Late September-Mid December	Fall Term (includes final exams week)
Mid December-Early January	Winter Vacation
Early January-Late March	Winter Term (includes final exam days)
Late March	Spring Vacation
Early April-Mid June	Spring Term (includes finals week)
Mid June-Mid August	Summer Term (Optional)

Program Summary

Program students will take regular university courses while receiving targeted language instruction and academic skills support.

Students with qualifying English proficiency test scores may have greater flexibility in taking PSU regular courses. There is no program restriction on what electives they take; however, PSU departments may put restrictions (major, class standing, and matriculation) on the elective courses.

Students are also invited to take "Community-Based Learning" classes at Portland State University. These classes help our students learn more about Americans and American society.

Course load based on TOEFL level

TOEFL iBT 36-70 (ITP 460-523)

- Portland Center course*¹ (4-10 credits, depending on term)
- PSU course*² #1 (4-8 credits, depending on term)
- PSU course #2 (2-4 credits) – Optional

Total credits: 12-16 per term (12 credits are required to maintain your immigration status)

TOEFL iBT 71 and above (ITP 527 and above)

- Portland Center course (4 credits)
- PSU course #1 (4 credits)
- PSU course #2 (4 credits)
- PSU course #3 (4 credits) – Optional

Total credits: 12-16 per term (12 credits are required to maintain your immigration status)

*¹Portland Center Course:

- is a course we offer to our in-bound study abroad students and is open to other non-program PSU undergraduates.
- has no prerequisites.
- is centered around the culture and geography of Portland and how it is the same and different from other places in the United States.
- offers students to practice research writing presentations and other academic skills.
- is not a straight ESL class but an applied skills class to assist students with their regular PSU courses
- awards ESL/English Language credits

*² PSU Courses are regular elective courses offered throughout the university:

Your First Term:

For the first term, we will preregister you for the following courses below to better support your academic success. Students are allowed to take up to 16 credits each term, but we strongly recommend to start with 12-13 credits for the first term. **From the second term onward, you will have greater flexibility to register for elective courses.**

Course	Credit	Requirement Status
Portland Center course #1	4	Required for all
Portland Center course #2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This course is required for students with an English proficiency score below TOEFL iBT 71 (TOEFL ITP 524) or IELTS 6.0.• Students who achieve a passing score (TOEFL iBT 71 / TOEFL ITP 527 / IELTS 6.0) may waive this requirement and enroll in a PSU elective course.
PSU regular class (assigned by the program)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This course is required for students with an English proficiency score below TOEFL iBT 71 (TOEFL ITP 524) or IELTS 6.0.• Students who achieve a passing score (TOEFL iBT 71 / TOEFL ITP 527 / IELTS 6.0) may waive this requirement and enroll in a PSU elective course.
Portland Center support course (This class provides additional guidance and practice to help students succeed in their assigned PSU course)	1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This course is required for students with an English proficiency score below TOEFL iBT 71 (TOEFL ITP 524) or IELTS 6.0.• Students who achieve a passing score (TOEFL iBT 71 / TOEFL ITP 527 / IELTS 6.0) may waive this requirement and enroll in a PSU elective course.

Your Second/Third Term:

Course	Credit	Requirement Status
Portland Center course #1	4	Required
PSU regular class of your choice #1	4	Required
PSU regular class of your choice #2	4	Required
PSU regular class of your choice #3	Up to 4	Optional

Sample PSU Courses

Courses available to Portland Center students with TOEFL iBT score over 36 (students with TOEFL iBT score over 71 are eligible to take any course offered at the university provided they meet the prerequisites*)

Anthropology

ANTH 103 Introduction to Social/Cultural Anthropology

Art

ART 100 Introduction to Communication Design for Non- Art Majors

ART 261 Digital Photography

FILM 331U Understanding Movies

Business

BA 101 Introduction to Business & World Affairs

BA 205 Business Communication

BA 211 Financial Accounting

BA 331 FIN Understanding Personal Finance

Communications

COMM 100 Introduction to Communication

COMM 215 Introduction to Intercultural Communication

COMM 218 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication

COMM 220 Public Speaking

Computer Science

CS 161 Introduction to Program and Problem Solving

Engineering

ME 120 Introduction to Engineering

EAS 211 Statics

EAS 212 System Controls

EC 201 Principles of Microeconomics

ECE 101 Exploring Electrical Engineering

Economics

ECON 332 Economics of Environmental Issues

English

ENG 100 Introduction to Literature

WR 115 Introduction to College Writing

Environmental Sciences

ESM 100 Portland's Environmental Policy

ESM 222 Environmental Science & Policy

ESM 230 Environmental Chemistry

UNST 224 Environmental Sustainability

Geography

GEOG 230 Environment & Society: Global Perspectives

Interdisciplinary Studies

UNST 254 Popular Culture

International Studies

INTL 201 Introduction to International & Global Studies

INTL 321U Globalization & Identity in Comparative Studies

INTL 323U Tradition & Innovation in Comparative Cultures

Linguistics

LING 232 Language & Society

LING 390 Introduction to Linguistics

Math

MTH 251 Calculus I

MTH 256 Applied Differential Equations

Native American Studies

NAS 201 Native American Studies

Urban and Public Affairs

PA 311 Introduction to Civic Engagement

PHE 444U Global Health

Philosophy

PHL 201 Introduction to Philosophy

PHL 210 Philosophy of Religion

Political Science

PS 101 US Government

Psychology

PSY 200 Psychology as a Natural Science

PSY 204 Psychology as a Social Science

Sociology

SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology

SOC 320 Globalization

SOC 342 Social Psychology: Self, Attitudes, and Social Influence

Theater

TA 101 Theatre Appreciation

TA 102 Introduction to Acting

TA 241 Improvisational Acting

Urban Studies

USP 325U Community and the Built Environment

UNST 421 Bicycle Barriers: Alternative Transportation Issues in Portland

UNST 421 Civic Leadership for Social Change

USP 300U Introduction to Urban Studies

Gender Studies

WS 101 Introduction to Women's Studies

** Standard departmental and university course*

Housing and Meal Plan

PSU Housing:

Dormitory room (single or double, based on availability) ranging between \$2,210-\$5,270 per term. The application fee is \$50 (non-refundable) and you also need to make a \$140 deposit (refundable) at the time of application. Students have kitchens to do their own cooking or they can enroll in meal plan on campus. Most furnished rooms on campus are double-occupancy and we try our best to pair you with a non-PC roommate (but not guaranteed)

* Program students may be paired with other international students in the same/suite room.

* Waseda students may also be paired with other Japanese students in the same room and/or unit.

Homestay:

Homestay is a great option for students who look forward to spending time with their host and are willing to adapt to the culture and lifestyle. Homestay fee is \$235/week and the application fee is \$390.

Other Opportunities on Campus

- Portland State University is famous for its "Community Based Learning" courses. These courses are open to Portland Center students and are an opportunity for them to work on a project with Americans that benefits a local community non-profit. The Portland Center staff helps students find volunteer placements in Portland. Our students have volunteered as Japanese language assistants at local schools, helpers at the local animal shelter, and as playgroup leaders for children at the state refugee center.
- Portland State has many student organizations/clubs that our students may join.
- Social activities and events are offered each term. Examples are NBA games, bowling games, and cultural events/festivals.

Facilitation Plan

The Portland Center Office serves students Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. All staff serves students in one capacity or another (e.g., advising, assisting with registration, resolving housing problems, etc.). There is a very high level of academic and personal support for Portland Center students.

Estimated Tuition

\$7,600 per term, \$22,800 for one academic year (3 terms/about 9 months)

Estimated Living Expenses:

Description	Amount/Time Period	Time Period	Cost
Housing and Meals	\$5,815 per quarter	9 months	\$17,445
Transportation	\$276 per quarter	3 quarters	\$828
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$461 per quarter	3 quarters	\$1,383
Books	\$250 per quarter	3 quarters	\$750
Total Estimated Living Expenses for 9 months			\$20,406

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