



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

CS-L Program: TOEFL 2.5-3.5 or 36-70, IELTS 5.0-5.5, Duolingo 75-105

CS-R Program; TOEFL 4.0+ or 71+, IELTS 6.0+. Duolingo 110+

GPA: GPA of **2.00** or higher

Nationality: This program is open to students of all nationalities.

Dates:

TBA (week of Sep 13)	Arrival in Portland
TBA (week of Sep 20)	Orientation
September 27, 2027	Fall Term (includes final exams)
December 12, 2027 -January 2, 2028	Winter Vacation
January 3-March 18, 2028	Winter Term (includes final exams)
March 19-March 26, 2028	Spring Vacation
March 27-June 10, 2028	Spring Term (includes finals exams)
June 20-August 13, 2028	Summer Term (Optional)

Program Summary

Starting Fall2027, Portland State University will offer two tracks (CS-L program & CS-R program) to better meet students' needs:

CS-L Program (Track 1) – Designed for students who are strengthening their English skills to succeed in university-level courses. In this track, students take a combination of regular university courses taught by PSU faculty along with Academic English support classes. These English classes are taught by our highly qualified faculty and are open to both Portland Center Program students and other PSU students.

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CS-R Program (Track 2) – For students whose English proficiency scores meet the university's minimum requirements. Students in this track may enroll full-time in regular PSU courses, taking only a 2-credit preparatory course in their first term.

PSUの正規授業をフルタイムで履修できます。初学期のみ、大学での学修準備を目的とした2単位の準備コースを受講します。

Program	English scores	1st Term (maximum 14 credits)	2nd Term (12 credits)	3rd Term (12 credits)
CS-L Program (Track 1)	TOEFL 2.5-3.5 / 36-70 IELTS 5.0-5.5 Duolingo 75-105	• Program course*¹ (4) • Program course (4) • Prearranged PSU course*² (4) • Introduction to American University course (2) *³	• Program course (4) • PSU course (4) • PSU course (4)	• Program course (4) • PSU course (4) • PSU course (4)
CS-R Program (Track 2)	TOEFL 4.0+/ 71+ IELTS 6.0+ Duolingo 110+	• PSU course (4) *⁴ • PSU course (4) • PSU course (4) • Introduction to American University course (2)	• PSU course (4) • PSU course (4) • PSU course (4)	• PSU course (4) • PSU course (4) • PSU course (4)

*¹Program Course:

- Offered to in-bound study abroad students and open to other non-program PSU undergraduates.
- No prerequisites.
- Provides opportunities to practice research writing presentations and other academic skills.
- Not a straight ESL class but an applied skills class to assist students with their regular PSU courses
- Awards ESL/English Language credits

*²Prearranged PSU course:

- A PSU regular course for which the program office will preregister students to better support their academic success.
- Usually selected from International Studies, University Studies, or Business departments.

*³Introduction to American University course (tentative):

- A preparatory course required for all students in their first term, regardless of their English proficiency scores.

*⁴PSU Courses: Regular elective courses offered throughout the university.

Sample PSU Courses

Courses available to Portland Center students with TOEFL iBT score over 2.5 or 36 (students with TOEFL iBT score over 4.0 or 71 are eligible to take any course offered at the university*)

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:

Dormitory room (single or double, based on availability) ranging between \$2,230-\$5,325 per term (\$740-\$1,775 per month). 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 eat at local restaurants or on campus. Meal plans are also available. Most furnished rooms on campus are double-occupancy and we try our best to pair you with a non-program 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.

Opportunities for Learning through Experience:

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 (please see <http://www.pdx.edu/recreation/rec-clubs> and [Organizations - Portland State Connect](#) for current lists.

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 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: \$7,881 per term, \$23,643 for one academic year (3 quarters/about 9 months)

Estimated Living Expenses: <https://www.pdx.edu/oge/portland-center/tuition-fees>

Description	Amount/Time Period	Time Period	Cost
Housing and Meals	\$5,475 per quarter	3 quarters	\$16,425
Transportation	\$246 per quarter	3 quarters	\$838
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$450 per quarter	3 quarters	\$1,350
Books	\$266 per quarter	3 quarters	\$798
Total Estimated Living Expenses for 3 quarters			\$19,311

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