

Summer 2023 Field Study & America Plus Program



Duration: **3.5 weeks**

Tentative program dates: August 17 - September 8, 2023 (HOMESTAY ONLY)

Program fee: \$2,100

Homestay fee:~\$1,540

Why Study at Portland State University (PSU)?

PSU is located in downtown Portland, Oregon in the heart of the city of roses (one of Portland's many nicknames!). Portland is a beautiful, clean, and safe place to study and experience American culture and university life. Portland is a popular tourist destination because of its walkability, many restaurants and parks, and the fact that it is tax free for shopping and other activities!

Program Description:

All students will participate in an English Communication class each day and then move to a content focused class of their choice. The general focus of our teachers is helping students practice their English conversation skills so they are prepared for future travel, study abroad, or talk with international visitors and colleagues. Classes focus on skills like fluent pronunciation and how to have natural conversation flow rather than focusing on grammar or writing rules.

Students will participate in 20 hours per week (on average) of class time including "field studies" or excursions with their content class instructor each week. Content classes may rotate depending on partner interest and teacher availability but currently include American Business

and Portland Pop Culture. Please refer to a [sample schedule](#) to get a sense of what the program might look like.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES FOUR COMPONENTS:

- Daily English Class
- Daily Content Class: choose from American Business or Portland Pop Culture!
- Content Class Excursions
- Cultural Excursions in Portland

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 and the Columbia River Gorge
- Trip to the Oregon Coast
- Going to the outlet mall for tax-free shopping
- 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.

Pop Culture Excursions and Class Themes

- Thrift Store visits
- Art and mural tours of different areas of the city
- Coffee and other special food visits
- Neighborhood based scavenger hunt challenges
- Keep Portland Weird, Portland Hipsters

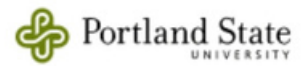
American Business Excursions and Class Themes

- Visit Intel to talk with current employees about work in a multinational company
- Learn about entrepreneurship from immigrants who own their own business in the U.S.
- Tour local businesses
- Business Vocabulary, Body Language
- Company SWOT Analysis

Homestay:

Host family placements are typically individual placements and include all meals. Homestays are extremely varied, but for general information we encourage you to contact ACES staff at kellie@exploretheworld.org.

America Plus Field Study Programs
at Portland State University
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				August 17 Preferred Arrival day - Arrive in Portland - PSU Orientation - Campus Tour Pizza Lunch at PSU Homestay Orientation Meet your host!	18 8-9 AM arrive on campus (staff assist) 9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 3:30 Homestay / PSU Orientation II (if needed) 5:00 Go home by bus/train with PSU staff help	19 Free weekend with host families
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Free weekend with host families	8:00 – 9:00 Program staff meet bus and train 9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 "Plus" Class - Portland Culture - American Business - Hospitality 3:30 downtown walk 5:00 Go home by bus/train with PSU staff help	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 <u>Portland Culture:</u> Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt <u>American Business:</u> Downtown Business Walk <u>Hospitality:</u> Visitor Center Visit 5:00 Go home by bus/train with PSU staff help bus/train	Oregon Coast! 9:00 Depart! 5:00 Arrive at PSU Go home by bus/train	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 "Plus" Class - Portland Culture - American Business - Hospitality 3:30 Free Time 5:00 Go home by bus/train	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 <u>Portland Culture:</u> Coffee Study <u>American Business:</u> Intel Visit <u>Hospitality:</u> Restaurant Study 5:00 Go home by bus/train	Free weekend with host families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Free weekend with host families	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 "Plus" Class - Portland Culture - American Business - Hospitality 5:00 Go home by bus/train	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 <u>Portland Culture:</u> Thrift Store <u>American Business:</u> Panel with American Business Students <u>Hospitality:</u> Portland Tours 5:00 Go home by bus/train	Day Trip to Columbia Gorge & Outlet Shopping Mall 8:00 Depart PSU 8:30 Columbia Gorge Fun 12:30 Depart for Shopping Mall 5:00 Go home by bus/train	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 <u>Portland Culture:</u> Mural Study <u>American Business:</u> Visit to Columbia or other large business <u>Hospitality:</u> Local Resort Visit 5:00 Go home by bus/train	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 "Plus" Class - Portland Culture - American Business - Hospitality 5:00 Go home by bus/train	Free weekend with host families
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Free weekend with host families	Labor Day!	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 <u>Portland Culture:</u> Interview Campus <u>American Business:</u> Project Preparation <u>Hospitality:</u> Project Preparation 5:00 Go home by bus/train	9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 "Plus" Class - Portland Culture - American Business - Hospitality 5:00 Go home by bus/train	Final Presentation 9:00 American Conversation Class 11:30 Lunch 1:00 "Plus" Class Final Presentations 5:00 Go home by bus/train	Final Presentation 9:00 American Conversation Class Final Presentations 11:30 Certificates 12:00 Farewell Lunch with PSU Staff and Teachers 5:00 Go home by bus/train	Departure Day Go to the airport with your host. Flight check in with PSU staff Goodbye and Good Luck!