



**ELS Language Centers
at Southern Oregon University
Ashland, Oregon 97520
USA**

Center Hours

8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)
Closed on weekends and holidays

Key Location Features

- Public University campus location
- On campus dormitory housing
- Sunny temperate climate
- Surrounded by national forests, mountains & lakes
- Free access to many of SOU's sports and recreational facilities
- Credit for ELS completion available at SOU for qualified students
- Concurrent Enrollment available at SOU for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Area Attractions

- Beautiful rural environment with a variety of nearby outdoor recreation and attractions (e.g. hiking, snowboarding, camping and boating)
- Award-winning annual Shakespeare Festival
- Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the USA, and the Oregon Coast - both just a few hours away

Climate

Ashland has 265 days a year without rain or snow, making it one of the most temperate climates in the USA. Dress for winter sometimes requires gloves and a hat in addition to a warm jacket.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	-1	15
Spring	3	24
Summer	8	30
Autumn	-2	18

Host University Information

Visit www.sou.edu or the ELS University directory at www.collegedirectory.els.edu to learn more about Southern Oregon University (SOU) and their degree programs.

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
On Campus Dorm:	5 to 10	By foot
Homestays:	15 - 30	By foot, bike or bus

Local Places

Airport:	25 - 30	By car or taxi
Bank:	5	By bus
Downtown:	5	By bus
Post Office:	5	By bus
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	35	By bus
Sports Center:	5	By foot
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	1	By foot

Nearby Cities

Portland, OR	5 hours	By car
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Local Transportation

Within the city of Ashland, the bus fare is only 50 cents. The bus system also goes to Medford and other nearby towns. The nearest bus stop is right across the street from the ELS Center. The city also has excellent bicycle paths. A 20 mile long Greenway (for non-motorized use) connects Ashland with 4 other southern Oregon cities.

Students may apply for an Oregon Driver's license. They must show proof of living in Oregon, take a written knowledge test and a behind-the-wheel test. While students can drive with a valid foreign license, it is recommended that they also carry an International Driver Permit.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS buildings or in campus buildings. Most host families will not take smokers.

Housing Check-in and Departure

Students with confirmed ELS housing reservations should go directly to their assigned housing upon arrival (not to the ELS Center) on the Sunday before their course begins. Checkout is the Saturday after the program ends. Arrivals and departures on dates/times other than those listed require special approval.

Please see "Check-in" instructions in the following sections for exact arrival details and times.

HOUSING & ARRIVAL DETAILS- ASHLAND

Student Residence / Dorm

Southern Oregon University
Cascade Complex, 1401 Oregon St
Ashland, Oregon 97520
[various residence halls used]

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person)

Shared double on campus dorm room. Shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include extra-long twin beds, study desks, chairs, closets, bureaus, curtains, telephone jacks, and a small refrigerator. They also have high-speed Internet access and extended cable TV service. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms during their stay. Various dorms are used during the year and summer sessions. [Note: Singles may be available at an additional price. Contact ELS for more details and availability.]

Meals Included: Cafeteria credit points (130 per session) included. Students are given a student ID card containing these points, which are swiped at the university cafeterias and all food and coffee stands on campus. The 130 points are enough for most students, although big eaters may need to purchase additional meal points after arrival.

Age Minimum: 17+ years old

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available. Dorm fees include a \$5 per month laundry credit.

Security/Resident Assistant: Each hall has a Resident Assistant (RA) to help students in the dorms. The RA is a student employee who lives in the hall.

Check-In: 12 noon to 5:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students with confirmed housing reservations should check-in as follows:

Students with airport pickup service will receive assistance with check in upon arrival.

Students without airport pickup should report directly to the assigned residence hall lobby for check-in assistance. Residence hall lobby assignments can only be provided after ELS receives the student's arrival date and time. Late arrivers should call the Sunday arrival toll free number noted on this page.

Damage/Key Deposit: None

Checkout Time: 12 noon (Saturday after the session ends)

Homestays

Rooms: Single (1 person)

Meals Included: 14 per week (daily continental breakfast & dinner)

Age Minimum: 17+ years old

Flight Information: Homestay students should notify ELS of their arrival times so that families will know to be home when they arrive.

Transportation to ELS: All homestays are in Ashland or nearby and usually within walking or bicycling distance; some require a 10 – 20 -minute bus ride.

Check-In: 10:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday after the session ends)

Airport Arrival Information

ELS Language Centers recommends that students choose the ELS Airport Pickup Service for arrivals (booked through ELS Central Admissions), however other transportation options are also available.

Area Airport: Rogue Valley Int'l – Medford, OR (MFR)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Cascade Airport Shuttle
Tel: 1(888)760-7433 or 1(541)488-1998

You will be met at the arrival gate. Look for a sign with your name or with ELS LANGUAGE CENTERS.

During 2009 there will be construction work at the airport as they build a new terminal. Please wait at the baggage claim if there is a delay in the shuttle service being able to pick you up.

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Students not using the ELS airport pickup service can take a taxi or airport shuttle (must be arranged in advance) to either the residence hall or homestay. Homestay students should notify ELS of their arrival details.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(800) 253-3269 for Arrival Weekend emergencies. For other emergencies requiring immediate attention outside of business hours, call the ELS Help Line at 1-800-435-7357 (1-800-HELP-ELS).

Recommended Hotels

If hotel accommodations are needed before the housing check-in date, we recommend the following hotels. Advance reservations are recommended. Prices (8% hotel tax is included) are subject to change. Prices vary by season. Ask for ELS student rate.

Flagship Inn Tel: 1(541) 482-2641
1193 Siskiyou Blvd. www.ashlandflagshipinn.com

Cedarwood Inn 1 (541) 488-9429
1801 Siskiyou Blvd. http://www.ashlandcedarwoodinn.com

Ashland Motel Tel: 1(541) 482-2561
1145 Siskiyou Blvd. www.ashlandmotel.com

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Ashland Center at **8:15 am on the first Monday** of their program. New students need to bring the following items:

- ☐ Passport (plus I-94 card & I-20 form - if applicable)
- ☐ Funds to pay tuition and housing and other relevant fees (or receipt showing pre-payment)
- ☐ Proof of medical insurance (or funds to purchase ELS insurance)
- ☐ Materials contained in the acceptance package
- ☐ *All Students:* Completed & Signed, Health History Form and Certificate of Immunization (included in acceptance package)