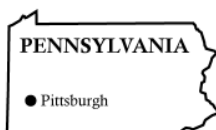


Pittsburgh

Center Profile



**ELS Language Centers
at Point Park University**
201 Wood Street
804 Lawrence Hall
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Private University urban campus location
- Downtown university student dorm housing
- World-class arts and entertainment within short walk or bus ride from ELS (good bus systems)
- Conversation Exchanges with American students & senior citizens
- Concurrent Enrollment available at Point Park University for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Area Attractions

- Outstanding Museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Andy Warhol Museum, Frick Art Museum, National Aviary, Carnegie Science Center
- Shopping in “The Strip” district, at Station Square or Prime Outlets at Grove City
- Concerts, Plays & Dance performances at Pittsburgh’s many world-known theaters and halls
- Professional sports games
- Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Niagara Falls close enough for weekend trips

Climate

Pittsburgh has a climate typical to the northern part of the United States with cold winters and warm to hot summers.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	-7	2
Spring	4	16
Summer	17	28
Autumn	6	17

Host University Information

Visit www.pointpark.edu to learn more about Point Park University. Visit www.collegedirectory.els.edu to learn about other local colleges & universities that accept ELS completion in place of the TOEFL®.

Surrounding Area Information

Average travel time (in minutes) from ELS Center:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
Student Residence/Dorm:	1	By foot
Home stays:	30	By bus/subway
Area Apartments:	20	By shuttle

Local Places

Airport:	35	By bus/car
Bank:	15	By foot
Downtown:	1	By foot
Post Office:	1	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	5	By foot
Sports Center:	1	By foot
Supermarket:	5	By car/bus
Bus Stop/Subway:	5	By foot

Nearby Cities

Washington, D.C.	4 hours	By car
Philadelphia, PA	5 hours	By car

Local Transportation

Public transportation in Pittsburgh is excellent and students can reach almost any part of the metropolitan area by bus. Approximate bus fare is \$2.00 each way. The nearest bus stop is 1 minute from ELS and 1 minute from the student residence.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or at Point Park University, but students may go outdoors to smoke.

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 – PITTSBURGH

Student Residence / Dorm

Point Park University
201 Wood Street (report to Academic Hall)
Pittsburgh, PA

Coed dorms with males & females. American & ELS students are on the same floors.

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 persons)

Shared double occupancy dorm rooms in urban university-owned dormitory with Private bathrooms. Rooms include a bed, wardrobe, desk and chair. Linens are also included. Students clean their own rooms during their stay.

Meals Included: \$200 “Flex Dollar” credit per 4 weeks. The “Flex Dollars” can be used in the cafeteria, Point Cafe and Point Park Starbucks. The “Flex Dollars” are put on the dorm students' ID cards, so they must show their IDs to use them.

Age Minimum: 18+ years old

17 year old students can stay in student residence option, if high school graduate.

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available in the dorm building for a small fee.

Security/Resident Assistant: 24-hour security desk located at the building entrance. There is one resident assistant for every 30 students.

Check-In: 9:00 am to 12:00 am (Sunday) check-in

In order to check-in, students must contact the security officer on the first floor of Academic Hall and ask him to page the Residence Assistant (RA). The RA provides keys and escorts students to their room.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$50 paid upon check-in

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

Homestays

Rooms: Single (1 person)

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

Age Minimum: 16+ years old

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

Transportation to ELS: Host family students are responsible for their personal transportation. Most homestay families will be in the suburban, residential areas and will require a short commute (30 mins or less) on public transportation.

Check-In: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (Sunday) check-in
Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 11:00 am (Saturday)

Apartment Options in the Area

Contact ELS/Pittsburgh at pit@els.edu or ELS Central admissions for more details and booking assistance. Furnished studio apartments can be booked through Quality Suites for approximately \$1000 per month, which would include shuttle service to and from the ELS Center, breakfast, linens, cleaning once a week, cable TV, internet access and utilities.

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: Pittsburgh International (PIT)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Embassy Coach

Tel: 1(800) 287-3996 toll free / 1-412-672-4600 x 3101

Fax: 1(412) 381-1662

The driver will hold a sign with the student's name on it. Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows:

Baggage Claim Area
(bottom of escalator at the AVIS Counter)

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

Taxis from Pittsburgh Int'l airport to the Point Park campus or homestays will cost approximately \$40 plus a 15% tip, with a travel time of 35 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(800) 859-8453 for Arrival Weekend emergencies.

For other emergencies requiring immediate attention outside of business hours, call the ELS Help Line 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 (14% tax not included) are subject to change.

Radisson Marriott	\$84 per night
101 Radisson Drive	Tel: 1(412) 922-8400
Pittsburgh, PA 15205	

La Quinta Inn	\$79 per night
Pittsburgh Airport	Tel: 1(412) 269-0400
8507 University Blvd.	
Moon Township, PA 15108	

Holiday Inn	\$100 per night
401 Holiday Drive	Tel: 1(412) 922-8100
Greentree, PA 15205	

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Pittsburgh Center at **8:30 am on the first Monday** of their program for registration, the ELS placement test and orientation. New students need to bring the following:

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Completed & Signed Health Form and Proof of Immunization. These forms are included in the acceptance package.

Note: Only dorm students are required to get a Meningitis vaccine before or upon arrival at ELS.