

Portland

Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
Concordia University - Portland
2811 N.E. Holman Street
Centennial Hall, Room 3
Portland, Oregon 97211-6099

Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Private University campus location
- Safe, clean and friendly city
- On campus dormitory housing
- Bridge Program (w/ELS Semi-Intensive) available at Concordia University of Portland (CUP)
- Concurrent Enrollment available at Concordia University for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT and IELTS™ testing center

Area Attractions

- Portland's lively café culture, Saturday market, shopping and arts and music festivals
- Powell Books (largest individual bookstore in US)
- Cascade Mountains & forests (hiking, skiing)
- Pacific Ocean beaches
- Great shopping- no sales tax
- Excellent public transportation- free in the downtown area

Climate

Portland enjoys traditional Pacific Northwest weather, which includes rain and helps keep Portland beautifully green. Summers are warm and pleasant but a jacket is needed for cool evenings. December and January are the coolest months. Warm winter clothing recommended.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Minimum	Maximum
Winter	1	8
Spring	5	16
Summer	14	27
Autumn	7	18

Host University Information

Visit www.cu-portland.edu to learn more about Concordia University - Portland and their degree programs. 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:

Housing Options	Minutes	Method
On Campus Dorm:	2	By foot
Homestays:	20	By bus

Local Places

Airport:	15	By taxi
Bank:	20	By bus
Downtown:	25	By bus
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	5	By foot
Shopping Mall:	20	By bus
Sports Center:	20	By bus
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	2	By foot

Nearby Cities

Seattle, WA	3 hours	By train
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Local Transportation

Portland offers excellent public transportation such as the user-friendly Tri-Met bus and MAX light rail systems. The bus fare from campus to the downtown is approximately \$1.75 each way. The nearest bus stop is a 2 minute walk from ELS. The public transport within the 300-block downtown Portland area is free of cost. The city also has excellent bicycle paths.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or any building on the campus of Concordia University. Smoking may only take place at designated smoking stations around the campus.

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.

On Campus Student Residence/Dorm
Concordia University in Portland
(various residence halls used - see check-in note)

HOUSING & ARRIVAL DETAILS - PORTLAND

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person) or Triples (3 person)

Shared typical double (or triple) on campus dorm rooms. Shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include a bed, closet, desk, chair, microwave, mini-refrigerator, telephone and internet access. Linens also included.

Meals Included: **Includes \$385 credit per session to use in the cafeteria**

Age Minimum: **17+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available for a small fee.

Security/Resident Assistant: Public Safety is present on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each residence hall has a resident assistant to aid students.

Check-In: **10:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

During standard check-in hours, report to Elizabeth Hall located at 6400 29th Avenue. Outside of Elizabeth Hall, there is a phone on the wall. Students dial "8517" and tell security they are an ELS student. A security worker will then come and take the student to the residence hall for check-in.

Damage/Key Deposit: \$50 damage deposit

Checkout Time: Saturday at noon

Inn at the Convention Center 420 NE Holladay Street, Portland, OR 97232

The Inn at the Convention Center is the location of our off campus dormitory. Shared typical double hotel room. Shared private bathroom. Rooms include a bed, closet, desk, chair, microwave, mini-refrigerator, free use of fitness center, iron/ironing board, cable TV, telephone (with free local calls) and internet access. Linens are also included. Self-service machines are available for a small fee.

Rooms (standard option): Doubles (2 person)

Meals Included: **None** – students can prepare meals in room or purchase meals in local eateries.

Age Minimum: **18+ years old**

Homestays

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

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

Age Minimum: **14+ 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 students use the convenient Max-Train or bus system. In the downtown area, the ride is free.

Check-In: **8:00 am to 10:00 pm (Sunday) check-in**

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 12 noon (Saturday)

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: Portland International Airport (PDX)

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Lucy Limousine

Tel: 1(866) 844-0010 toll free / Fax: 1 (503)-257-2800

The driver will hold a sign with the student's name on it.

Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows:

International & Domestic: Baggage Claim (in front of the escalator) Baggage claim is located on the first floor of the International/Domestic terminal.

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

From Portland Int'l Airport, students can take either a taxi or door-to-door shuttle to their destination. After exiting the baggage claim and crossing 2 roadways to get to the information booth. The information booth can give directions on the Max (light rail), door-to-door shuttle or taxi directly to the address desired. Travel time from the airport to campus or most homestays is about 30 minutes.

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 351-8913 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 (11.5% hotel tax not included) are subject to change.

McMenamins Kennedy School \$95 per night
5736 NE 33rd Avenue Tel: 1(503) 249-3983

La Quinta Inn Portland \$89 per night
431 NE Multnomah Street Tel: 1(503) 233-7933

Residence Inn by Marriott \$120 per night
1710 NE Multnomah Street Tel: 1(503) 288-1400

Center Arrival Information

New Students should report to the ELS Portland Center at **8:15 am on the first Monday** of their program for registration, the ELS placement test and orientation. 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)
- ☐ Materials contained in the acceptance package
- ☐ *On Campus Dorm Students:* Completed & Signed Health Forms included in acceptance package.