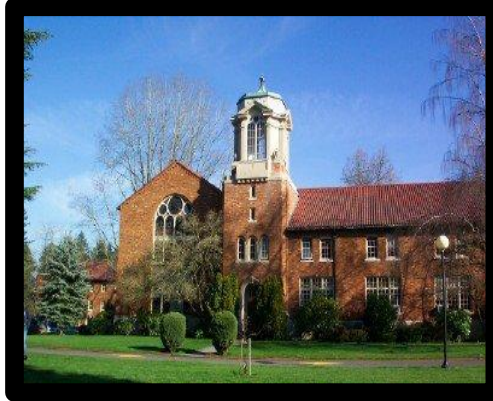


Study!



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Portland, Oregon USA



~Experience America~

Culture and English Language Study

Pacific International Academy at Marylhurst University presents Experience America! Experience America is a four-week interactive culture and language learning experience in safe and beautiful Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. Students engage in volunteer activities, where they contribute to local communities through serving at meaningful organizations, and take part in action projects at cultural sites of interest throughout the region, supported by classroom learning with experienced English teachers.

Experience America offers international students many opportunities to improve their language skills and explore the U.S.A. in many ways. Students will live with American families, attend social activities, and make friends from diverse countries. PIA's host families are excited to welcome students into their home and share their culture. Additionally, students can join interesting activities at unique sites throughout the area - for example, a trip to Seattle or whitewater rafting!

PIA's knowledgeable and friendly staff has been providing quality education and support to international students for nearly 20 years. Come, experience America!



August 2015 - Sample Schedule (dates are tentative)

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Arrival in Portland	Arrival in Portland	Testing and Orientation	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Free: Badminton Tournament	Volunteering Course	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Free: Art Gallery Walk	Action Project Downtown Portland Optional Activity: Pro Soccer: Timbers v. Fire
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Free: Saturday Market	Optional Activity: Oregon Coast	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Free: Tie-dye Shirts	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Optional Activity: Outlet Shopping	Volunteering Course	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00	Action Project Nature and Leisure Optional Activity: Tour of Soccer Stadium and visit to Adidas HQ Free: Little League World Series
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Optional Activity: River Rafting		Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Optional Activity: Bowling and Pizza	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Free: Bracelet Making	Volunteering Course	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Optional Activity: Oregon Zoo and Rose Garden	Action Project Urban and Suburban Lifestyles
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Optional Activity: Seattle Weekend Trip	Seattle Cont. Major League Baseball: Seattle Mariners v. Chicago White Sox	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Optional Activity: Golf - Driving Range and Putting	Volunteering Course Free: Movie Night	Elective TOEIC 9:00-10:00 ESL Class 10:00-12:00 13:00-15:00 Certificates and Celebration	Action Project Americana

<u>Program Cost - \$3150</u>	<u>Optional Elective TOEIC Class - \$340</u>	<u>Program Outline</u>	
Program cost includes tuition for class, action projects (APs), transportation to the AP locations, application and homestay placement fees, homestay with meals, round trip airport transfers, materials for all classes, activities voucher worth \$50.00, and a cell phone for emergency use.		Action Projects	7 hours per week
		Volunteering	6 hours per week
Not covered in program cost: Airfare, local public transportation (bus/train/light rail), personal shopping expenses, replacement cost of lost or damaged cell phones provided for the program, cost of optional after-school and weekend activities.		Tour and Activities	12 hours per week
		Class Hours	12-15 hours per week

Action Projects Overview

Experience America showcases a range of distinctive cultural themes in the U.S. Throughout the Experience America course, students will study in a classroom setting, as well as “in the field” during action projects. In class, students will build English skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar) to explore content related to action projects. On the action project days, students will visit an exciting variety of local sites to conduct information-gathering activities, work in small, diverse groups, and apply the communication skills they learn in class.

Action Project 1: Navigating Downtown Portland

Students will consider Portland’s uniqueness and diversity while interacting with local communities, exploring cultural themes, discussing social-urban issues, and visiting prominent Portland destinations.

Action Project 2: Nature and Leisure

Students will explore the intersection of nature, recreation, and industry in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge with visits to Multnomah Falls and Vista House and a guided tour of Bonneville Dam.

Action Project 3: Urban and Suburban Lifestyles

This action project presents locations related to how Americans live, with an emphasis on local Portland culture. Students will engage in critical thinking about gender, income inequality, and diversity while visiting two vastly different American neighborhoods.

Action Project 4: Americana

Students will visit the Oregon State Fair in Salem, the state capital. The fair offers a wide range of opportunities for understanding and interacting with Oregonians, including farmers, craftspeople, entertainers, ranchers, and entrepreneurs.

The Short-term English Volunteer Course provides students with opportunities to use English in authentic settings, explore socio-cultural issues, and serve local communities in need.

Some examples of the activities in the Short-term English Volunteering Course:

Site	Cause	Tasks
I Have a Dream Foundation	Education	Work with children in various education activities
Oregon Food Bank	Hunger	Help bag frozen foods for shipment to food pantries for the hungry populations
Saint André Bessette Catholic Church	Homeless Soup Kitchen / Services	Help in the kitchen and art room, provide hospitality, and converse with diners
Rosa Villa Senior Living	Elderly Community	Sit and chat with senior residents as you do a fun activity together



Elderly Community Activity



Homeless Soup Kitchen / Hunger Activity



Education Activity

Activities

Optional Activities	Price	Description
Timbers Soccer Game	\$60	Attend a Portland Timbers soccer match
Oregon Coast	\$25	Enjoy a day at the beach
Outlet Shopping	\$15	Visit Oregon's best outlet mall for tax-free shopping
Adidas and Timbers Tour	\$10	Tour behind the scenes at Providence Park and shop at the Adidas employee store (50% discount)
River Rafting	\$110	Take an exciting whitewater rafting trip down the river
Bowling and Pizza	\$20	Spend the evening bowling, playing games, and eating pizza
Oregon Zoo and Rose Garden	\$20	Visit Oregon's 1,955 individual animals and visit the famous International Rose Test Garden
Seattle Trip	\$140	Visit the beautiful Pacific Northwest city of Seattle and watch a Mariners baseball game
Put & Drive Golf	\$20	Enjoy putting and driving at Tualatin Island Greens (small bucket of balls + round of mini-golf)

Free Activities	Description
Ice Cream Social	Enjoy a traditional summer activity - eating ice cream with friends
Card- and Bracelet-making	Have fun making thank you cards and beaded bracelets
Movie Night	Enjoy the outdoor tradition of making snacks (s'mores) while watching a popular movie
Local Ethnic Markets	Visit local Korean/Chinese/Japanese/Middle Eastern supermarkets
Little League World Series	Watch girls from around the world compete in softball
Saturday Market	Shop at Portland's famous "alternative" Saturday Market
Thursday Art Festivals	Experience Portland's arts and culture
Tie-dye T-shirts	Make your own tie-dye shirt!



Thursday Art Festival



Oregon Coast



Seattle



Whitewater Rafting