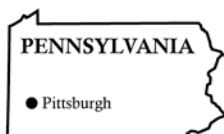


# Pittsburgh

## Center Profile



### ELS Language Centers at Point Park University

**201 Wood Street**  
**804 Lawrence Hall**  
**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222**  
**Telephone: 1(412) 392-3802**  
**Fax: 1(412) 392-8079**  
**E-mail:**

### 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)

|        | Minimum | Maximum |
|--------|---------|---------|
| Winter | -7      | 2       |
| Spring | 4       | 16      |
| Summer | 17      | 28      |
| Autumn | 6       | 17      |

### Host University Information

Visit [www.pointpark.edu](http://www.pointpark.edu) to learn more about Point Park University. Visit [www.usauniversityguide.org](http://www.usauniversityguide.org) 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        |
|------------------|---------|---------------|
| Student          | 1       | By foot       |
| Residence/Dorm:  |         |               |
| 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 1minute 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.

 **Student Residence / Dorm****Point Park University****201 Wood Street (report to Academic Hall)****Pittsburgh, PA**

Coed dorms with males &amp; females on same floor.

American &amp; 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](mailto: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 / 412-444-4444

Fax: 1(412) 322-9010

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.

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

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 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.