

Pocatello

Center Profile



ELS Language Centers
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Center Hours

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

Key Location Features

- Public University campus location (major research university with 100+ buildings in safe, mountain-surrounded small city)
- On campus dormitory and apartment housing
- Ideal for many types of all-season outdoor recreation easily accessible and inexpensive through ISU's Outdoor Adventure Center.
- Credit for ELS completion available at ISU for qualified students
- Concurrent Enrollment available at ISU for qualified students
- TOEFL® iBT testing center

Area Attractions

- Skiing / Snowboarding in Sun Valley, Jackson Hole or Park City (major US ski resorts) or locally at Pebble Creek and many others
- Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks...and many others within a 2½ hour drive
- Lava Hot Springs thermal pools and Olympic swimming complex are available by local bus.
- American Indian arts, music and culture
- Lakes & rivers offer swimming, rafting, fishing and boating; mountains offer hiking, biking, horseback riding, camping, and rock climbing
- The city offers shopping, museums, and the arts
- NCAA Division I Sports free with your student ID!

Climate

Southern Idaho in general has mild, sunny weather. Summers are warm during the day with cool evenings. Winters are cold, but sunny, while fall and spring are nicely comfortable.

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Winter	-5	1
Spring	1	15
Summer	11	30
Autumn	1	17

Host University Information

Visit www.isu.edu to learn more about Idaho State University and their 270+ Ph. D., Masters, Professional, Undergraduate, and Associate degree programs. Visit 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:

<u>Housing Options</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Method</u>
On Campus Dorm:	5	By shuttle bus
Homestays:	5 to 20	By bus/bike/foot
Apartments:	10	By shuttle bus

Local Places

Airport:	15	By taxi
Bank:	5	By foot
Downtown:	5	By bus/bike/foot
Post Office:	5	By foot
Restaurant(s):	1	By foot
Shopping Mall:	10	By bus
Sports Center:	5	By foot
Supermarket:	5	By foot
Bus Stop/Subway:	1	By foot

Nearby Attractions

Pebble Creek Ski Area	20	By shuttle / car
Lava Hot Springs	30	By bus
Salt Lake City, UT	2 hours	By shuttle / car
Sun Valley, ID (skiing)	2½ hours	By car
Yellowstone Nat'l Park	2½ hours	By car
Grand Tetons Nat'l Park	2½ hours	By car

Local Transportation

Students can easily walk or bicycle around town. ELS students receive a bus pass for use on all Pocatello city buses. Idaho State University also operates free shuttle buses on-campus.

Driving in Idaho:

F1 students are able to obtain a drivers license, however, this is a complicated, time-consuming procedure. Students are recommended to bring their valid foreign license together with an International Driving Permit.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the ELS Center or any buildings on campus, but students may smoke outdoors in designated smoking areas.

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.

Student Residence / Dorm

Idaho State University

**Turner Hall, 947 Memorial Drive, Building 64
(Intersection of Memorial Drive & Carter Street)
Pocatello, Idaho, 83209**

Rooms (standard option): **Doubles (2 person)**

Shared typical on campus dorm room. Shared hallway bathrooms. Rooms include beds, desks, closets, a telephone hookup (students provide own phones), and high speed internet access. Linens and weekly linen exchange service are also included.

Rooms (other): **Singles (1 person)**

A limited number of single rooms may be available at an additional charge.

Meals Included: **14 meals in the cafeteria + \$20 for use in the Student Union or Rendezvous per week..**

Age Minimum: **16+ years old**

Laundry Facilities: Self-service machines are available in the same dormitory building for a small fee. ISU provides weekly bed linen exchanges.

Security/Resident Assistant: Visitors must check in at the front desk. Doors are secured & require an ID swipe to enter. There are Resident Assistants on each floor to assist students.

Check-In: **12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight (Sunday)**

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During standard check-in hours, report to the front desk of Turner House (Ph: 282-4080 or 282-4081).

Damage/Key Deposit: None

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

Homestays

Rooms: **Single (1 person)**

Meals Included: **16 per week** (daily continental breakfasts/dinners with lunches added on weekends)

Age Minimum: **14+ years old**

Flight Information: Homestay students should notify their Host Families or ELS, if they requested an Individual Airport Pick, 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. Some students ride the bus to campus, while others can walk or ride a bicycle. Most families are located only 5 to 15 minutes from the ELS Center.

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

Students go directly to homestay address.

Checkout Time: 1:00 pm (Saturday)

Apartment Options in the Area

Limited on-campus apartments exist for single, married and students with children. Availability changes constantly and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The apartments range from a studio without a kitchen to a fully furnished apartment with two-bedrooms including everything in-between. Contact ELS/Pocatello at poc@els.edu for more details/availability.

→ Airport Arrival Information

ELS Language Centers recommends that students choose the ELS Airport Pickup Service for arrivals, however other transportation options are also available.

Area Airports: Pocatello (PIH) or Salt Lake City (SLC).

ELS Airport Pickup Service Provider Information:

Country Coach Shuttle Service

Tel: 1(208) 233-2551

Fax: 1(208) 237-0659

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

Airport Pickup Meeting Locations are as follows:

Baggage Claim (for all airports)

Other Transportation Options From the Airport:

From Pocatello (PIH) (the closest airport): Taxis will cost approximately \$30plus, with a travel time of 20 minutes. Call Pocatello Cab at 208-232-1115.

From Salt Lake City (SLC): Students can take ground transportation to Pocatello. This is inexpensive, convenient and very easy. ELS recommends:

Salt Lake Express: 1(208) 356-9796 (\$40)

<http://www.saltlakeexpress.com/>

Toll-free Emergency Phone Numbers

1(866) 347-1652 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

Any ELS student that arrives prior to the Sunday check-in date has the option of staying in Turner Hall (our dormitory option) for a low \$15 per night. This cost only covers the room, but meals can be purchased separately in the ISU cafeteria (on level 1) or at the hospital cafeteria across the street. Dormitory students will stay in the same room after check-in Sunday. Homestay students may also stay at Turner Hall prior to their Sunday homestay check-in.

For students who prefer to stay in a hotel, we recommended the following. Prices (9% tax not included) are subject to change. Ask for the Idaho State University "ELS student" rate.

Rodeway Inn 835 South 5th Ave (next to Idaho State Univ.)	Approx. \$50 per night Tel: 1(208) 233-0451
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Holiday Inn 1399 Bench Rd. (next to Salt Lake Express Pocatello shuttle stop)	Approx. \$70 per night Tel: 1(208)237-1400
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Center Arrival Information

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

- 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 health insurance)
- Materials contained in the acceptance package
- Laptop (if you bring one) to setup wireless service