



Summer 2023 English and SDGs Course

Short-term English



Pacific International Academy (PIA) at Warner Pacific University is pleased to present a customized Short-term English course focusing on English skills, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and US culture. In this dynamic course, students will explore American culture and use their language skills in real-world contexts. In addition to English lessons, students will interact with Americans, learn about how people in Portland, Oregon are addressing SDGs, and discover other aspects of American culture. The following provides details on program components, dates and schedule, and pricing.

Program Components

Language lessons to prepare for interactions in English	Exploring SDG issues in Portland, the U.S., and Japan
Conversations with Americans on a variety of topics relating to SDGs 7 & 10	Working with American peers during class time
Meeting representatives of Portland non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and non-profit organizations (NPOs)	Field trips to experience SDG issues in the real world
Online preparation classes and in-person experiential classes	

English Class

Students in PIA's Short-term English course learn useful skills for communicating with Americans, such as greetings, questions, and conversation practice. In addition, students learn about aspects of Portland, Oregon's culture, interact with Americans, and complete a short project. A minimum English level of Common European Frame of Reference B1 (or equivalent) is required to participate in this demanding course. Students below the B1 level will not be suitable for the material.

Sustainable Development Goals

Students learn about various Sustainable Development Goals and how people in Portland are working to make the world a better place. Issues of affordable and clean energy (SDG 7) and reduced inequalities (SDG 10) are highlighted.



Cultural Ambassadors

PIA offers students the chance to meet young Americans who serve as Cultural Ambassadors. The Cultural Ambassadors join classes and serve as conversation partners and sources of information for international students. Through interactions with Cultural Ambassadors, students are able to gain insights into the minds and lives of their American peers!



Proposed Schedule

Date & Time*	Course Activities	
June 12, 2023, 9:00-10:00 JST	Introduction to course and SDGs	Meet and converse with Cultural Ambassadors
June 13, 2023, 9:00-10:00 JST	SDG-related vocabulary & conversation skills	Talk with Americans about cultural issues and SDGs
June 14, 2023, 9:00-10:00 JST	Cultural exploration: SDG 7 (reading, video, discussion)	
June 15, 2023, 9:00-10:00 JST	Cultural exploration: SDG 10 (reading, video, discussion)	
June 16, 2023, 9:00-10:00 JST	Online course review and wrap-up	
August 19, 2023	Arrive in Portland	
August 20, 2023	Free time with host family	
August 21, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PDT	Orientation	Review of online course materials
August 22, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PDT	Presentation from volunteer coordinator about SDG issues at an NGO/NPO in Portland	Field trip – downtown Portland
August 23, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PDT	In-depth study of SDG 7	Field trip – Bonneville Dam
August 24, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PDT	In-depth study of SDG 10	Volunteering
August 25, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PDT	Group presentation preparation	Group presentations and certificate ceremony
August 26, 2023	Free time with host family	
August 27, 2023	Free time with host family	
August 28, 2023	Depart Portland	

*Schedule is subject to change.

SDG 7

SDG 10

Pricing

Program Cost:

Program cost includes all program components. Not covered in program cost: airfare, internet connection, and hardware required to access the internet (computer, etc.).

