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## ELS/Pittsburgh

- ELS/Pittsburgh opened in May, 2003
- Located on the campus of Point Park University
- Hours of operations are 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday

## Nearby Cities and Attractions

- Washington DC, Philadelphia and Niagara Falls are close enough for weekend trips
- First class professional sports games: American football (Steelers - Super Bowl Champions), baseball (Pirates) and hockey (Penguins - Stanley Cup Champions)
- Shopping in "The Strip" district, at Station Square or Prime Outlets in Grove City, Pennsylvania
- Concerts, plays and dance performances at Pittsburgh's many world-known theaters and halls
- Outstanding museums: Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History, Andy Warhol Museum, Frick Art Museum, National Aviary, Carnegie Science Center

## Recent Center Activities

- Trips to Niagara Falls and New York
- Trips to Falling Water (Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece) and Laurel Caverns
- Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort
- Trip to Grove City Shopping Outlets
- Theatre Performances of Camelot and Phantom of the Opera
- Center wide Thanksgiving Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt

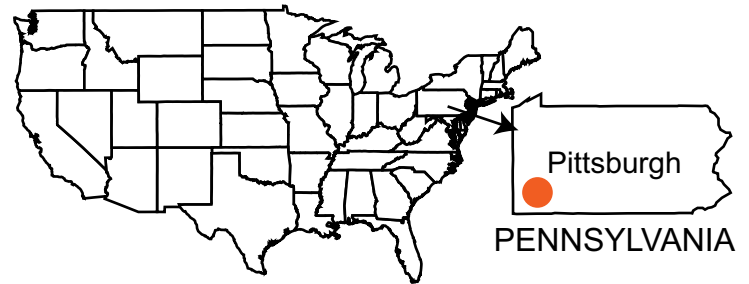
## ELS/Pittsburgh Student Profile

- Currently enrolls between 120-160 students each session.
- Average age of students is about 22 years old
- Students from Saudi Arabia, China and Brazil.



*Lawrence Hall contains residence halls, offices and classrooms.*

# ELS/Pittsburgh



## Benefits of studying at ELS/Pittsburgh

- ELS/Pittsburgh, at Point Park University, is located in downtown Pittsburgh, which is rated as one of the safest and friendliest cities in the USA.
- Consistently voted as one of Rand McNally's top ten most livable cities in the USA.
- Affordable cost of living in comparison to other major cities in the USA.
- More than 28 colleges and universities in the Pittsburgh area.
- A staff dedicated to providing excellent services to our students.
- Professionally arranged host families or dormitory residence conveniently located on campus.
- The Conversation Partners program pairs ELS students with native English speaking Point Park University students for English practice.

## Special Programs or Skills Enhancement Classes

- ELS/Pittsburgh offers both the **English for Academic Purposes** program and the **General English** Program.
- Recently offered Skills Enhancement Classes include TOEFL® and IELTS™ Preparation, Listening, Pronunciation, Idioms, Conversation, Vocabulary and Guided Research Skills.

## Testing Services

- TOEFL® iBT
- IELTS™

## Point Park University

- Point Park is a comprehensive, master's level university with a strong liberal arts tradition, and is located in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh. Its students represent 44 states and 34 countries.
- There are currently more than 60 Undergraduate majors and 13 Graduate majors with various concentrations.
- There were 4,077 students for Fall 2010, which represents a 15 percent increase since 2006. Overall, enrollment has grown by nearly 43 percent within the past decade.
- The Cinema and Digital Arts program is one of only a few all-digital film production programs in the country. Students enrolled in this program produce more than 300 films per year.

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- Student groups and organizations to which ELS students can belong include the Conversation Partners program which pairs ELS students with native English-speaking Point Park students and classes for English practice. Students also can practice their English with other people in the area. Students can join intramural sports at Point Park. Students can participate in Point Park activities.

**Academic Scholarships** are available for eligible ELS international students.

#### **Undergraduate Awards:**

- ELS Academic Scholarships
- ELS International Ambassador -\$7,000 per academic year
- ELS International Fellow- \$5,000 per academic year

#### **Graduate Awards:**

- \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 scholarships per academic year

### **Rankings**

#117, Regional Universities - North – *U.S. News & World Report*, 2011

### **Special advantages Point Park University offers to ELS students**

- ELS students can register for any Continuing Education Community Dance Classes at a 50 % discount.
- ELS students have free admission to all performances by the Point Park Theatre Department.
- ELS students have free memberships to the downtown YMCA.
- ELS EAP students in Level 109 and above can audit (50% charge) some university classes.
- ELS students can live on campus and enjoy the same benefits and facilities as university students.
- Acceptance of ELS Level 112 (the intensive **English for Academic Purposes** program) as fulfillment of their English requirement.
- Conditional acceptance to qualified students for most graduate and undergraduate programs.
- Opportunities for visitation of Point Park classes by ELS **English for Academic Purposes** program Level 109 students and above.
- No GMAT® or GRE® scores required for most majors (except Journalism and Communication).

### **Point Park University Distinguished Graduates**

- Greg Funk - Three time Emmy-winner for "Babylon 5" and two time Emmy-winner for "X-Files"
- Neil Haskell - Broadway performer and contemporary dancer - "So You Think You Can Dance" contestant
- Melina Kanakaredes - TV actress and Daytime Emmy Award nominee
- Michael Lombardi - Actor
- Bobby Madritsch - Major League Baseball Pitcher
- Jim Martin - Emmy Award-Winning director for "Sesame Street"
- Dennis Miller - Comedian
- Jimmy Miller - Film producer, credits include "She's Out of my League" and "Step Brothers"

### **Pittsburgh and the state of Pennsylvania**

- **Capital City** – Harrisburg
- **State Nickname** – The Keystone State
- **State bird** – Ruffed Grouse
- **State tree** – Eastern Hemlock
- **State flower** – Mountain Laurel
- **State Population** – More than 12,700,000 residents (2010)

Pittsburgh is an urban setting.



*View of the Pittsburgh skyline from across the river.*

### **Public Transportation**

There is an extensive public transport system. Most students use public buses to get to and around downtown Pittsburgh.

### **Climate**

Pittsburgh has four distinct seasons, with precipitation somewhat evenly spread throughout the year. Summers are hot and humid, while winters are cold and snowy. Fall and spring are mild to warm.

### **Did you know . . . ?**

- The first polio vaccine was developed on March 26, 1953 by Dr. Jonas E. Salk, a professor and researcher at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Besides Venice, Pittsburgh has more bridges than any other city in the world - 720 within the city limits!
- The first Internet emoticon (the smiley face 😊) was created by Scott Fahlman, a computer scientist at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University.
- Andy Warhol, one of the most highly regarded pop artists of the 20th century, was born in Pittsburgh.
- Since 1990, more than 35 major motion pictures have been filmed in Pittsburgh including "Silence of the Lambs," "Groundhog Day," plus Academy Award-winning films "Lorenzo's Oil" and "Hoffa."

*"I really enjoyed my studies at ELS because it has a very good environment for studying English. Many good, experienced teachers helped me a lot to improve my English. Not only did I improve my English at ELS, I also made a lot of friends from all around the world. I will always remember my time at ELS fondly."*

**Hong Mei Jin**  
**China**

