The America Plus Field Study Program consists of:

- Daily English classes
- Daily afternoon “plus” elective classes
- Daily afternoon excursions
- Friendly PSU program staff members
- A couple nights in PSU Dormitory upon arrival
- Welcoming local host families

About your classes:

1. **American Language & American Culture Class - 9:00 to 11:30am daily**

   Students will learn conversation techniques, vocabulary, pronunciation and current American slang in the class. Students will also learn key points of American culture, such as family values, foods, diversity and more. This class will focus on formal and informal conversational situations in everyday American life.

2. **“Plus” elective classes - 1:00 to 2:30pm for 6 sessions (Choose ONE of these afternoon classes)**

   **American Volunteerism Class:** this course will present an overview of topics related to current USA volunteerism. For example, the class will present the definition of volunteerism, discuss its history, its value and how it relates to social needs. In addition to these 6 class periods, the program will take the group to a total of 5 various class related afternoon excursions and actual volunteer projects to help students learn American volunteerism. At the end of the program, students will present “new volunteer project idea”, using poster boards or PowerPoint.

   **Portland Class:** this course covers concepts of both pop culture and alternative culture, with an emphasis on unique attributes that “keep Portland weird.” Through class discussions and activities, students are introduced to a range of cultural topics, preparing them for off-campus visits during their stay. In addition to 6 class periods, instructors accompany students on 4-5 excursions to experience different aspects of Portland culture firsthand, deepening their understanding of subjects discussed in class. At the end of the program, students have become “Portland specialists” and will work as a team to create a guidebook that highlights their knowledge of several distinctive Portland characteristics.

   **American Hospitality Management Class:** this course will introduce basic concepts about managing a business in the American hospitality industry. Each class session focuses on one specific hospitality field such as lodging, dining, resorts or spas, as well as travel agencies. In addition to these 6 class periods, the program will take the group to a total of 5 different class related afternoon excursions to help students experience working in these industries. At the end of the program, students final presentations focus on “my dream vacation” which mixes aspects of each industry covered in class.

About your homestay:

The America Plus program participants will stay with a welcoming host family. Homestays are arranged by a Portland non-profit organization, ANDEO International Homestays (www.andeo.org). ANDEO has been providing homestays for Portland State University international students for many years. Details about ANDEO’s homestay program and a homestay application can be received by emailing to info@andeo.org.
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*This itinerary is tentative. Volunteer and afternoon activities are subject to change.*
I understand as a participant in a PSU International Special Programs Office that I am subject to the rules and requirements of the Program. I agree to obey the following policies and rules while participating in the program:

A. I understand that the purpose of the program is to experience culture and language in America. Therefore, I agree to try my best to participate in all the classes and program activities, and try my best to communicate with my host family.

B. If I have difficulties with any of the above, I agree to try to solve my problems through the PSU and Homestay coordinators.

C. I agree to cooperate completely with coordinators, chaperones, guides and instructors in regards to my participation in the program and my stay in America.

D. I agree to obey the laws of the United States and the state of Oregon, and to follow all PSU rules, including those in regards to my smoking and drinking. I understand that underage drinking and my purchase or use of illegal drugs, including marijuana, is cause for possible police arrest and immediate return home.

E. I agree that I will not drive a motorized vehicle of any kind for which an operator's license is required.

F. I will not participate individually or with my host family in any “sport” that is deemed “dangerous” by PSU; this includes, but is not limited to, bungee jumping, hang gliding, sky diving, paragliding, parasailing, ice skating, any shooting range activity, jet skiing, rock climbing, wake boarding and white water rafting. I understand that I can participate in the above activities if they are sponsored and organized by the program.

G. I understand that independent travelling or touring is not allowed without the consent of PSU staff, parents and home campus.

H. I understand that some program activities may be physically and mentally challenging and may expose me to certain dangers, hazards and risks; these activities include the ski/snowboarding and/or rafting trips. I fully understand the dangers, hazards and risks that may arise during these activities, such as during the travel between the destination and PSU campus, while I am using particular equipment for the activity, and/or due to the environmental hazards.

I. I understand and respect that PSU will work in the best possible way to keep me safe during my program participation, and understand that program participation involves certain risks. If anything does happen, such as injury, illness, and/or death, I will not hold PSU, its officers, representatives and employees; the State of Oregon, and/or the Oregon University System responsible for the incident. I also understand that I will be responsible for all necessary expenses.

J. I agree to follow the policies of PSU and the International Special Programs office while participating in program activities, and particularly with all the provisions of the Student Conduct Code. I also agree to obey all safety rules and procedures presented by the PSU program.

K. I certify that I am in good health and good physical condition, and have no medical conditions that would put me at any additional risk by my participation in this program. I will notify PSU if health conditions arise that may compromise my participation in the program.

L. I certify that I have health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain or experience during this program. This insurance must also include personal liability coverage for a minimum of approximately 100,000,000 Yen.

M. In the event of an injury or death that occurs during my participation in this Program, I hereby waive my rights of nondisclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, ORS 351.070(40(e) and any other statues or rules, and hereby consent to the release of this Agreement to the media, public, or qualified others who may inquire.

N. I understand that PSU’s authorized representative(s) has authority to decline my participation in program activities at any time if my actions or general behavior are considered to be unacceptable.

I certify that I have carefully read this agreement and that I fully understand it and am in agreement.

I understand that if I do not respect the rules as outlined above, I may be denied participation in the program, or sent home before the end of the program. I understand that if I am sent back to my home country early, there will be no program refunds and that I am responsible for any additional costs associated with my dismissal from the program. I understand and agree that some activities may be challenging and may expose me to certain dangers, hazards, and risks within my program participation.

Signature: __________________________  Printed Name: __________________________  Date: ________________
Program Cost: $1900*

Program Cost Includes:

- Airport pick up
- PSU dormitory expenses
- All morning and afternoon classes
- Class materials & on-campus internet access
- All excursions, guest lectures, site visits
- Group photo, completion certificate

* Note: Homestay cost is NOT included. Contact ANDEO, at info@andeo.org about your homestay.

Name: ____________________________________       Nick Name: ___________________    Gender:    Male    /    Female

Birthdate: ___________________         Native Language: _________________         Citizenship: ____________________

Passport No.: _____________________        City and Country of Birth: ______________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone:___________________          Fax:___________________         Email:___________________________________

Your School: ______________________________________      City/Country of School: ________________________

Major: ____________________________________________           Number of Years Attended: __________________

Your Afternoon “Plus” Course Choice (please rank them 1, 2, 3 in order of your best to least preference):

☐ American Volunteerism Class
☐ Portland Culture Class
☐ Hospitality/Tourism Management Class

If we do not have enough students for each class choice, please understand that we might need to place you in your 2nd or 3rd choice.

Please list your interests, hobbies, favorite activities, sports, music and what you enjoy doing in your spare time:

What school or recreational clubs/circles do you belong to?

Have you traveled abroad before?    Yes    /    No
If “Yes,” where did you go, and for how long?

Please describe your character and your personality:
Medical Questions:
Do you have any special health/medical needs or problems?  Yes / No
If “Yes,” describe the problem here:

Do you take any medications?  Yes / No  If “Yes,” list the names of your medications below:

Do you have any allergies?  Yes / No  If “Yes,” describe: ____________________________

Do you have a physical disability?  Yes / No  If “Yes,” describe below:

Do you smoke?  Yes / No  Do you drink alcohol?  Yes / No  If “Yes,” how often? ____________

Emergency Contact:
Name/Relationship to You: ______________  Occupation: ______________  Email: ______________

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List your emergency contact’s mailing address and home phone number (if different from yours):

In case of emergency, whom should we contact?  Name: ______________  *Other
*If “Other,” list the person’s name, relationship, email address and telephone number:

Have you ever taken TOEIC or TOEFL test?  Yes / No
If “Yes,” Name of Test: __________________________  Test Date: __________________________  Score: ________

What are the reasons you decided to participate in this program?

What things do you hope to see, do, experience and learn about during this program?

What job/career do you hope to have in the future?  Please explain.

Note:  You MUST plan your flights to arrive in Portland on August 20 and depart on September 12.  If you must arrive or depart another day, please tell PSU.  There may be extra fees charged for airport pickup and/or extra days in host family if you arrive on a day other than August 20 or depart on a day other than September 12.

I certify that I am the author of all answers and statements on this application, and all answers and statements are true and are complete, as to the best of my ability.

Applicant Signature: __________________________  Date: ______________
Program Cost: $1900*

Program Cost Includes:

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- All morning and afternoon classes
- Class materials & on-campus internet access
- All excursions, guest lectures, site visits
- Group photo, completion certificate
- PSU dormitory room charge, meal allowance and basic kitchen supplies

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Please send this application and the $1900 program fee by June 20 to:

Masumi Lint
Office of International Affairs
East Hall, Portland State University
P.O. Box 751
Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. 97207-0751

Please select the payment method:

☐ Money Order (in US dollars) -- Payable to “Portland State University”
☐ Credit Card -- VISA or Mastercard only -- Please visit commerce.cashnet.com/isp to pay the program fee online.

Please note that there will be a 2.5% surcharge for using a credit card. Thus, total program cost will become $1950.

Application Process Check List

Send to Portland State University:

- ☐ 2 page PSU program application form
- ☐ Signed Program Agreement form
- ☐ $1900 program fee

**Cancellation Policy**

If a student cancels after the payment is paid, then the cancellation penalty charge will be 30% of the total PSU program fee thereby reducing the refund to 70%. If a student cancels once the program has started, then no refund will be made.

Portland State University reserves the right to cancel the program if there is insufficient enrollment.

(Minimum enrollment is 10 participants)