

English Program Faculty

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Penobscot School welcomes students of all nations, races and economic, social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

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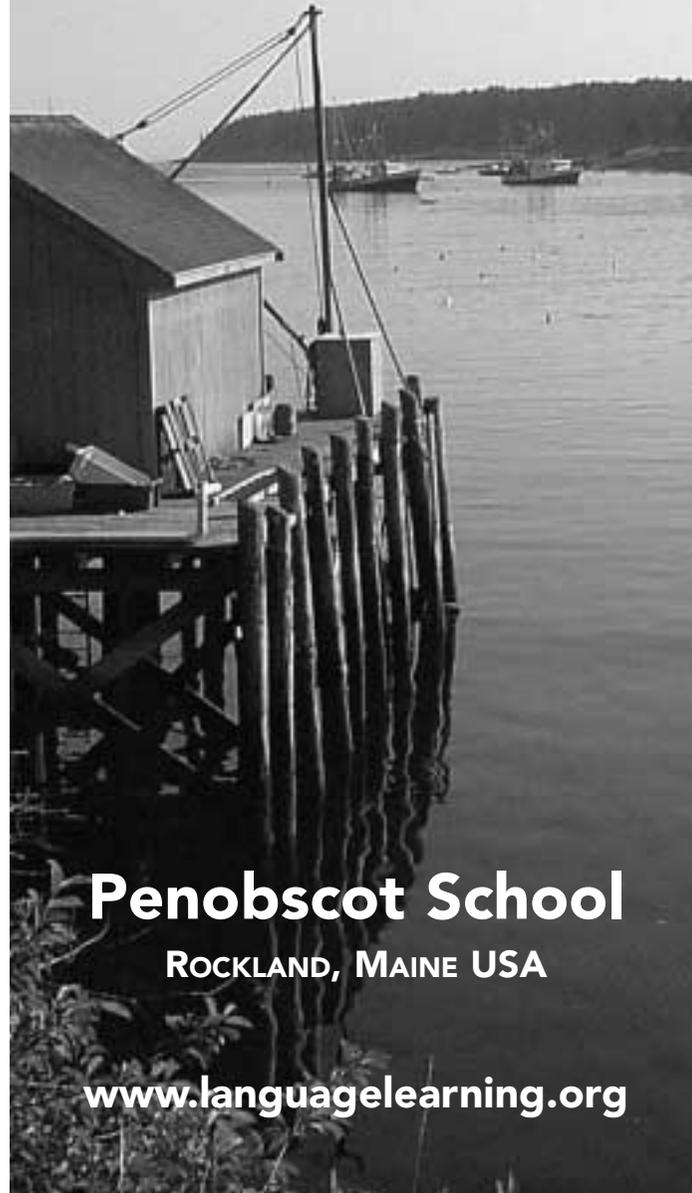
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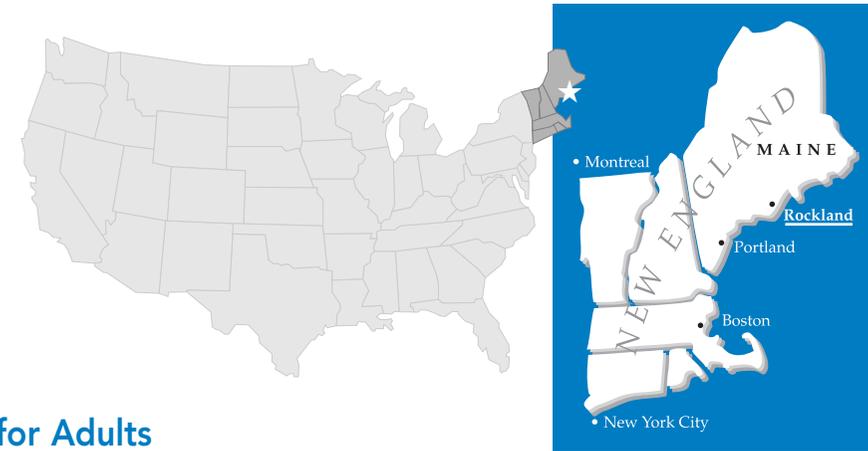
Three-Week Courses in Summer



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English Immersion Courses for Adults

Penobscot School offers three-week English immersion courses for foreign adults each summer. We limit each course to 18 students. The goal is maximum English acquisition. We believe that people learn best when relaxed and highly interested in the subject. The human brain is designed for language learning and with proper stimulation can make rapid progress. Our English immersion course provides a rich “bath” of language which students “absorb” through listening and active participation. Courses are offered on these dates:

2004

July 3–24

August 7–28

2005

July 9–30

August 6–27

Penobscot School

Penobscot School is a small non-profit language school in Rockland, Maine. We offer foreign language courses—in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Swedish—to local adults. Participants in the foreign language courses take a special interest in meeting and helping the students who come here to study English.

Penobscot School is more than a language school: it is a center for international exchange. We connect our community with the wider world. The English Program does this by bringing you, with your ideas, your culture and your perspective, to Rockland. When you come to Penobscot School you will not

only be learning English, you will be contributing something that people here will appreciate.

Rockland, Maine

The state of Maine is at the northeastern tip of the U.S. in the region called New England. Maine is a rural state with an economy based on wood products, fishing, and tourism. Maine is known for its vast forests and beautiful rocky coast, for cool and comfortable summer weather, for seafood, especially lobster, and for its independent and quiet style of life.

Penobscot School is located in the town of Rockland, a fishing port of 8,000 inhabitants. The school is a short walk from museums, a cinema, shops, and restaurants, and is close to boating, swimming, fishing, golf, tennis, and shore and forest nature walks. The area has a lively cultural scene and is home to numerous art galleries, a museum of automobiles and airplanes, as well as schools of photography, wilderness survival, furniture-making, and boatbuilding.

Rockland is 300 km north of Boston. Students can reach Rockland from New York or Boston by bus, plane or car. We offer summer English students a free ride to Rockland from Portland Maine’s Portland International Jetport at 4:00pm on the first Saturday of each course.



The English Students

Penobscot School attracts a diverse group of adults who want to improve their English and participate in the life of an American community. Students range in age from 21 to 65 (the average age is about 35) and have come from 47 countries. They have been actors, architects, artists, business-people, contractors, diplomats, doctors and nurses, engineers, journalists, lawyers, scientists, social workers, teachers, university students and professors, and others. English is the common language and the natural means of communication.

Is Penobscot School for You?

To enroll in the English immersion course you must be an adult (minimum age 21), have an intermediate level of English, and be ready for a true English immersion in which you take an active role. The classes are conducted entirely in English. All interaction with teachers, fellow students, friends and host families is in English. You must be ready to practice your English non-stop for three weeks.

If you have learned some basic English grammar and vocabulary and you can communicate in a simple way, but you want to speak more confidently and fluently; if you like to meet people and you want to relax and enjoy the exchange of ideas and knowledge in English conversation; if you know how to work hard and have fun at the same time, then Penobscot School is for you.



Classes

Classes meet from 8:30am to 12:30pm Monday through Friday. Most of this time the students divide into two or three groups, so the usual class size is 5-8. Classes emphasize listening and speaking skills. We also practice reading and writing. Study of grammar, vocabulary, idioms, and pronunciation helps students speak with greater confidence. Some typical class projects include: discussion of articles, stories, poems, and films; discussion of cultural and political issues in the U.S. and in the students' home countries; field trips into the community to learn about local institutions; and theater and language games.

Tutorials and Student Presentations

Each student meets individually with a teacher several times during the course. These meetings, called tutorials, give students the opportunity to pursue specific subjects in greater depth. With the help of the teacher, each student chooses a topic for independent study and makes an oral presentation at the end of the course.



Meals

Meals are a time for conversation and are part of the immersion experience. Students have breakfast with their hosts before coming to school for class each morning. After class, students and teachers prepare and eat a simple lunch together at the school before leaving for afternoon activities. In the evening, students help with shopping and preparation of dinner, our principal meal. Fresh local seafood and garden vegetables are favorites. Students often prepare dishes from their home countries and are encouraged to invite their hosts and friends to dinner. On weekends, students have meals with their homestay hosts.

The Homestay

The homestay is an important part of the immersion program. The hosts are a diverse group: young and old, married couples with children, single people living alone, groups of people sharing housing, working people, professionals, scientists, artists, etc. We try to match students with hosts who have similar interests. The school does not pay the hosts. The hosts offer their homes because they want to meet you and because they want to help Penobscot School. During the week, students are busy at school and usually have time only for late evening and breakfast conversations with hosts, but on weekends students are free to spend time with their hosts.

Activities

Students organize afternoon and weekend outings with teachers, hosts and friends and are free to do whatever they want, individually or as a group. Favorite activities have been sailing, hiking, lake and ocean swimming, volleyball, shopping, blueberry-picking, visiting local fairs, exploring Rockland and nearby towns on foot, and just sharing conversation. Tennis, golf, fishing, canoeing, whale-watching, and horseback riding are also available in or around Rockland. Students receive free admission to the Samoset Resort, with its fitness center, sports facilities and swimming pool, and to the Farnsworth Museum, an excellent collection of American art.



Evening activities include occasional seminars by guest speakers on subjects of interest to students. Students often find opportunities to hear folk and popular music, to dance, and to participate in local social gatherings.

Fee

The fee for the three-week course is \$1900. This includes everything: tuition, books, homestay, meals, and school trips. It does not include airfare. No payment is necessary to apply for a course. When you are notified that you are accepted, a deposit of \$300 will be required to reserve your place.

For More Information and to Apply For a Course

Please write, call, fax or e-mail us if you would like more information. We are always happy to answer questions. We will also be pleased to help you contact a former Penobscot School student in your country or city.

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To apply for a course, use the on-line application form at our web site or send us a letter, fax or e-mail with the following information:

- Your name and mailing address
- Telephone number (also fax number and e-mail address if you have them)
- Your date and place of birth
- Your native language, also other languages that you speak
- Your profession or occupation
- Your hobbies and special interests
- Your history of English study and your level of English ability
- When you want to attend
- How you learned about Penobscot School