hawaii. PALMS ENGLISH SCHOOL

2025 HAWAII PALMS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ENGLISH INTENSIVE COURSE

- Monday Thursday, 9:00am 12:50pm (classes may be held at 12:30pm 4:20pm depending on availability).
- Students can start on any Monday and must join for at least 1 week.
- Students must be at least 16 to join; exceptions may be made for 15 year old students pending a level check and assessment by a Hawaii Palms English School (HPES) teacher.
- Multi-skill general English course divided into 3 levels. Focus on communication (speaking and listening comprehension) supported by grammar (2 or 3 grammar points per unit), vocabulary, reading, and pronunciation.
- Intensive terms are 12 weeks long.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (<u>Evolve</u> with 12 units). We assign homework regularly and give quizzes every 2 units. There's a midterm halfway through the term and a final at the end of the term.
- At the end of each term, we determine if students will go up to the next level or go back to the start of their current level.
- Except for unusual circumstances, students have the same teacher for the duration of the term. Teachers may change at the start of every term.
- Classes are held in a classroom, but we may take students out on outings to communicate with students from other classes, expand our lessons outside the classroom, and communicate with native speakers in the real world.
- There are bi-weekly presentations and mix-ups as part of the course.
- Students receive a written Student Evaluation every 4 weeks.

TOEIC COURSE

- Monday Friday 1:30pm 3:30pm.
- Students can start on any Monday and must join for at least 1 week.
- Students must be at least 16 to join.
- Students' English level must be Intermediate or above.
- A level check must be conducted before registration.
- On Mondays and Wednesdays, the course introduces vocabulary and grammar relating to the TOEIC Listening and Reading Test. On Tuesdays, the course introduces language and techniques used in the TOEIC Speaking Test. On Thursdays, students take a practice Listening and Reading Test. On Fridays, students go over their practice test and receive feedback from their teacher.
- The course is ideal for students who want to improve their TOEIC scores, but even those not interested in taking the test can benefit as we learn English through TOEIC.
- Students receive photocopies of the materials we cover. We select material from *Barron's* TOEIC books.
- Except for unusual circumstances, students have the same teacher for the duration of their course.

ELECTIVE CLASSES

- Monday Friday starting at 1:30pm.
- Students can start on any day and at any scheduled class time.
- Students must be at least 16 to join; exceptions may be made for 15 year old students pending a level check and assessment by a Palms teacher.
- No minimum classes required; students can take as many or as few lessons as they want.
- Two levels: Level 1 (pre-intermediate and intermediate) and Level 2 (upper-intermediate and advanced). Some electives are mixed-level classes.
- Classes are individual modules that focus on 1 language skill. However, classes are driven by a communicative approach so students can practice and use the target language.
- No textbook required. Teachers provide photocopied material as needed.
- There is no homework assigned or quizzes given.
- Teachers rotate classes.
- Students can book classes by calling the school, in person, or online. Once booked online however, students cannot change their classes.
- Students can book any level-appropriate class up to 2 business days (by 5:00pm) prior to their desired class. Students may still register for a class after the cut-off time, provided another student has already scheduled the same class.
- Electives are offered online as a mixed-level Conversation Club. In-person Conversation Club is also offered throughout the week.
- Ideal for students who want flexibility.
- Students have the option of paying as registered students or as nonregistered students.
- Students get 1 free ticket for every 10 tickets purchased.
- Students get 5 free ticket for every 20 tickets purchased.

PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS

- Students can request the dates, times, teacher, and content of their lessons.
- No guarantee that we can meet their time and date requests.
- Private lessons are 1 on 1. Semi-private lessons can have between 2 and 4 students.
- Students get 1 free hour for every 10 hours purchased.
- Classes may be held at school or at an agreed upon outdoor location.
- Students have the option of paying as registered students or as nonregistered students.

ONLINE LESSONS

- Online lessons are conducted as private lessons.
- Students can request the dates, times, teacher, and content of their lessons.
- No guarantee that we can meet their time and date requests.
- No registration fee needed.
- Classes can be 30 or 60 minutes (longer lessons can be arranged).
- Students get 1 free hour for every 10 hours purchased.

KIDS PROGRAM

- Depending on the season, students may sign up for as little as 1 day or for a minimum of 1 week.
- Students must be between the ages of 6 and 12 to enroll in the program.
- Program runs 9:30am 3:30pm, but parents may drop off any time between 9:00am and 9:30am.
- Most days start off with a classroom lesson before heading out on our activities.
- Lunch is included in the program. Students with allergies must bring their own lunch.
- We have 1 teacher for up to 11 students registered
- We divide students into groups when the number of students in the program exceeds 11 (in some cases, we may split a group of less than 11 students into 2 groups).
- Students must wear their school T-shirt every day they're in the program.
- Daily activities supplement our classroom lessons. Our lessons center around a different language theme each day.
- Students receive an assessment from their teacher once a week.

ACADEMIC KIDS PROGRAM

- Students sign up for a minimum of 1 week.
- Program runs 9:30am 3:30pm, but parents may drop off any time between 9:00am and 9:30am.
- Most days start off with a classroom lesson before heading out on our activities.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (<u>Impact</u> with 8 units). We assign homework daily. Focus on discussion and debates supported by grammar (2 or 3 grammar points per unit), vocabulary, reading, and pronunciation.
- There are weekly presentations as part of the course.
- Lunch is included in the program. Students with allergies must bring their own lunch.
- We have 1 teacher for up to 10 students registered.
- Students must be upper-intermediate or above in order to join the program. A level check must be conducted before registration.
- Academic Kids Program is for students ages 8 12.
- Daily activities combined with students from the Kids Program.
- Students receive a written Student Evaluation once a week.

KIDS SEMI-INTENSIVE

- Monday Friday, 1:30pm 4:00pm. If fewer than 2 students enroll in the course, classes will be 1:30pm 3:30pm.
- Course is not offered during the school's seasonal Kids Programs.
- Students can start on any day of the week and may register for as many days as they wish.
- Students must be between 6 and 12 years old.
- Multi-skill general English course that focuses on communication (speaking and listening comprehension) supported by grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, and pronunciation.
- Mixed-level class that aims to teach material appropriate for intermediate and upper-intermediate students. Students who fall below or above the level requirements may still enroll pending a level check.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (<u>Our World</u>, Levels 2 and 3). We may assign homework and give quizzes.
- Except for unusual circumstances, students have the same teacher for the duration of each week.
- Classes are held in a classroom, but we may take students out on outings to expand our lessons beyond the classroom and communicate with native speakers in the real world.

TEENS SEMI-INTENSIVE

- Monday Friday, 1:30pm 4:00pm. If fewer than 2 students enroll in the course, classes will be 1:30pm 3:30pm.
- Students can start on any Monday and must join for a minimum of 1 week.
- Students must be enrolled in Jr. High School and/or be between 12 and 15 years old.
- Multi-skill general English course that focuses on communication (speaking and listening comprehension) supported by grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, and pronunciation.
- Two levels: Level 1 (pre-intermediate and intermediate) and Level 2 (upper-intermediate and advanced).
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (<u>American Empower</u>). We may assign homework and give quizzes.
- Except for unusual circumstances, students have the same teacher for the duration of each week.
- Classes are held in a classroom, but we may take students out on outings to expand our lessons beyond the classroom and communicate with native speakers in the real world.

KINDERGARTEN CLUB

- Kindergarten Club is offered Monday Friday.
- Morning session is held from 9:30am to 12:00pm.
- Afternoon session is held from 1:30pm to 4:00pm.
- All day session is held from 9:30am to 4:00pm.
- Students may be dropped off 30 minutes prior to the start of class.
- Students who register for an all day session will receive lunch and eat with their teacher. Students with allergies must bring their own lunch.
- Students can start on any day and may register for as many days as they wish.
- Students must be 4 or 5 years old to join this class.
- English-speaking environment where students can learn through games, songs, flashcards, arts and crafts, worksheets, and conversation.
- Classes are held in a classroom, but we may take students out on outings to expand our lessons beyond the classroom and communicate with native speakers in the real world.
- Students are required to wear their school T-shirt every day they join the class.

ONLINE WRITING COURSE

- Students work through a series of writing assignments at their own pace, with a limit of 2 assignments per week.
- The course is designed for students who are pre-intermediate level or above.
- Online Writing Course is made up of 4, 8, or 12 writing assignments. Students
 decide the number of assignments they wish to complete when they enroll.
- Students are assigned a teacher who will oversee their writing work throughout the duration of their course.
- After each assignment is submitted, the teacher e-mails back the student with any necessary corrections and schedules a 30-minute online lesson.
- Online lessons serve as a way to reinforce some of the corrections given and for the student to receive general feedback on their writing.