

Fundación de la Lengua Española

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BILINGUISM PROGRAM

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Seattle is the biggest city of the State of [Washington](#), in the [northwest](#) of the [United States](#) of [America](#). The [metropolitan area](#) of the city comprises [Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue](#), it is the 15th most populated city in the country and the biggest of the Northwest Pacific Coast. The city is located in between [Lake Washington](#) and the bay known as Puget Sound, next to the [Pacific Ocean](#). It is found 155 kilometers to the south border between the United States and [Canada](#). Important cultural, educational and economic center of the region, Seattle is head office of King's County. In the estimated Census of 2007, the city had a municipal population of 594.210 inhabitants, therefore it is her twenty fourth most populated city of the United States, in a metropolitan area of 3.263.497 inhabitants.

The area of Seattle has been inhabited for at least for 4.000 years, however the first European settlement did not arrived until the middle of the [19th century](#). The first permanent colonists were Arthur A. Denny and those who later became known as Denny's Party, arriving [November 13th, 1851](#). The first colonists of the area were called "New York-Alki" and "Duwamps". In [1853](#), Doc Maynard suggested the settlement to be renamed the settlement of "Seattle", an Anglo-Saxon interpretation of the name Sealth, the chief of two local tribes. Since [1869](#) until [1982](#), Seattle was known as "Queen City". The current and official nickname of the city is "Emerald City" as a result of a contest that took place at the beginning [the 1980's](#), referring to the leafy trees in the surrounding area. Seattle is also known as "The Gateway to Alaska", "Rain City" and "Jet City", due to the influence of the multinational [Boeing](#), which originated and was founded in the city. The inhabitants of Seattle are met as seatletians.

Seattle is famous for being the native city of the [grunge](#) music also known as the sound of Seattle and of bands which impelled this movement at the beginning of the 90's such as [Alice in Chains](#), [Pearl Jam](#), [Soundgarden](#) and [Nirvana](#). Also, it is known for the huge amount of [coffee](#) consumed, in addition for being the origin of Cafés such as [Starbucks](#) [Seattle's Best Coffee](#) and Tully's. There are also many successful independent [espresso](#) coffee s craftsmen toasters. In [1999](#) Seattle received [World Trade Organization](#), sadly mentioned and remembered due to the [protests and antiglobalization riots](#) known as [N30](#) (for taking place on November 30) or Battle of Seattle. The city's major symbol and attraction is the [Space Needle](#), a tower built in 1962 in the city's downtown, built by Edward E. Carlson and inspired in the tower of [Stuttgart, Germany](#). It is a 184 meters high structure weighting 5.850 tons, being the tower's gravity center of to scarcely one meter at ground's level. To get to the top it is necessary to take an elevator which only takes a few seconds to arrive. It includes a revolving restaurant from where it is possible to appreciate the whole city of Seattle.

Several investigations by [Central Connecticut State University](#) indicate Seattle as the most literate city of the most populated sixty nine cities in the United States between 2005 and 2006, the second most alphabetized behind [Minneapolis](#) in 2007 [14] and even to the later in 2008. In addition, a close exam of a study prepared by the [United States Census Bureau](#) in 2003 indicates that Seattle was the most brought up city of the biggest American cities, since 51,6 % of the 25-year-old inhabitants or older were in posses of [High School qualifications](#). In terms of [per capita income](#), a study of the Economic Analysis Office of the United States placed Seattle's metropolitan area in the 17th place out of 363 metropolitan areas in the country in 2006.

Facilities

The program is developed in the campus of this prestigious university located at city of Seattle. The center has several tennis courts, outdoor pool, soccer grounds and a modern gymnasium, as well as library, dining room and a theater. The students must bear in mind that this center possesses a rigorous conduct code, as for clothing and behavior.

Accommodation

The students stay are lodged inside the campus, in a residence-type apartment, at double rooms with shared bathroom and a common area. The apartments are organized by sex and age. The students will have access to the laundry.

Lessons

The program includes 20 English lessons per week, focused on oral aspects so that the participants acquire fluency and practise during the year. therefore It is a conversation course so it is expected that students take an active part. At their arrival, students will take an English test and they will be assigned to their belonging level

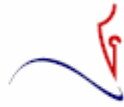
Activities

- A complete daily activities program activities is offered in or outside the campus. The options are:
- Sports: swimming, soccer, tennis, basketball, volleyball, etc.
 - Free time activities: handicrafts, to sail along the Internet, classes of dance, etc.
 - Night social activities: movies, talent show, holidays, etc



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Trips

The program includes trips to different areas of the State, companies, and institutions as well as museums, natural places, and environments where it is able to perform cultural and sports activities. Among other places they will be able to visit:

- Museum of the aviation - Boeing
- Pike Place Market
- Museum of the Rock
- Microsoft
- Olimpique Mountains National Park
- Indian Resevation
- Burke Museum
- Contemporary Art Museum



In all the trips the price of the tickets and the transport to the places which are going to be visited is included. International Group.

It is an international program in which our students mix with North American young people creating a truly multicultural atmosphere.

Age

Since 14 to 16 years old,

Approximate dates

01/07 - 21/07



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PRICE

3 weeks price:

- The price includes:
- Transportation Valladolid - Madrid.
- Return ticket on a Regular flight from Madrid.
- Transportation to / from the airport in the United States.
- Accidents, legal liability and luggage and Medical insurances
- Accommodation in a shared room - residence in full board regimen
- 20 English lessons per week.
- Evening Activities program in the campus during evenings, nights and weekends.
- Different scheduled trips.
- 1 Spanish Monitor who accompanies the group during the whole staying per every 10 students.
- American coordinator responsible for the program.
- Rucksack or T-shirt



ACCOMODATION

- Shared rooms
- Full board
- In every residence there are students of several countries and cultures
- The rooms are for students of the same sex.
- Towells, bed clothes, pillows, closets and study table are included.
- Smoking in the rooms is not allowed.
- Access to laundry service
- Rooms and facilities in general are controlled every day by personnel of the organization.
- 24 hours Security Service, access control panel by means of magnetic card, cameras...
- Access to computer services: computers, Internet, etc...



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The city of Seattle offers a wide variety of public transport options, to move both through ground, through sea and through air.

The most important of these means of transport will undoubtedly be the plane, since it is almost likely that your entry in this country is crossing the air. The international airport is located at 9 km south Seattle and 32 km. north Tacoma, in the following address:

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

PO Box 68727
Seattle
WA 98168-0727
Estados Unidos

In addition to this airport, Seattle counts on an important net of maritime and terrestrial transportation system:

- **Metro**: Buses, trolleybuses and streetcars services administered by King County Department of Transportation.
- **Sound Transit**: Transport agency administering train and buses line service in between King, Pierce y Snohomish counties.
- **Riderlink**: Links dealing with this city's transport service.
- **Kenmore Base**
- **Seattle Base**
- **Ferries State**: Interantional Ferry service.
- **Ferry Fremont**: Ferry and Cruisser service.
- **SC Monorail**: Seattle Center Monorail; the original monorail line, opened in 1962, connecting Seattle Center with downtown Seattle at Westlake Center; 2 kilometers long
- **Monorail Project**: Train line connecting Ballard, West Seattle, Key Arena, Seattle Center, Belltown, Downtown, Pike Place Market, King Street Station, Safeco Field, and Seahawks Stadium stations, administered by the Seattle Popular Monorail Authority (Seattle Monorail Project)
- **Amtrak**: Train service.
- **Greyhound**: National bus company connecting Seattle with the rest of cities within EE.UU, Canadá and México.
- **Gray Line**: Gray Line of Seattle





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SCHEDULE

- 08:00 WAKE UP!
- 08:45 BREAKFAST
- 09:30 LANGUAGE CLASSES
- 11:00 BREAK
- 11:30 LANGUAGE ACTIVITY
- 13:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 FREE TIME
- 15:30 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY
- 18:45 DINNER
- 20:15 NIGHT ACTIVITY
- 22:30 SLEEPING TIME
- 23:00 STAFF MEETING

