

## 2024 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 a little writing), and pronunciation.
- Intensive term is 12 weeks, which is how long it takes to complete each level.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (Evolve with 12 units). We assign homework and give quizzes every 2 units. There's also a mid-term 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.
- Students have the same teacher for the duration of the term (except for unusual circumstances). Teachers 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 TEST PREPARATION COURSE

- Monday – Thursday 1:30pm – 3:30pm AND Friday 10:30am – 12:30pm. Classes are held Monday – Thursday and a practice test given on Friday.
- 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.
- Level check must be conducted before registration.
- Course introduces vocabulary and grammar frequently seen on TOEIC tests and applies it to each section of the test (Listening and Reading Comprehension)
- The course is ideal for students who want to improve their TOEIC scores, but even those not interested in TOEIC can benefit as we learn English *through* TOEIC.
- Students receive photocopies of the materials we cover. We select material from *Barron's* TOEIC books.
- Same teacher for the week (except for unusual circumstances).

## **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 requirement; 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).
- 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.
- 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 photocopies for each class.
- 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 class.
- Electives are offered online as a mixed-level Conversation Club. In-person Conversation Club is also offered throughout the week.

## **PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS**

- Students can request the dates, times, and content of their lessons.
- No guarantee that we can meet their time and date requests.
- Students have the option of paying as *registered* students or as *nonregistered* students.
- Private lessons are 1 on 1. Semiprivate 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.

## ONLINE LESSONS

- Students can request the dates, times, and content of their lessons.
- No guarantee that we can meet their time and date requests.
- No registration fee needed.
- Online lessons are conducted as private lessons.
- 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 short as 1 day or for a minimum of 1 week.
- Program runs 9:30am – 3:30pm, but parents may drop off any time between 9:00 and 9:30am.
- Days start off with a classroom lesson before heading out on our activities.
- Lunch is included in the program.
- We have 1 teacher for every 11 students registered
- We divide students into levels when the number of students in the regular program exceeds 11 (in some cases, we may split a group of less than 11 students into 2 levels).
- 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.

## 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 9:00 and 9:30am.
- Days start off with a classroom lesson before heading out on our activities.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (Impact 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 a little writing), and pronunciation.
- There are weekly presentations as part of the course.
- Lunch is included in the program.
- We have 1 teacher for every 10 students registered.
- Students must be upper-intermediate or above in order to join the program.
- Academic Kids Program is for students ages 8 – 12.
- Daily activities supplement our classroom lessons. Our lessons center around a different language theme each day.
- Students receive a written Student Evaluations during the program.

### **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.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (Our World, Levels 2 and 3). We *may* assign homework and give quizzes.
- Same teacher for the duration of each week (except for unusual circumstances).
- 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 at least 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.
- Mixed-level class that aims to teach material appropriate for intermediate and upper-intermediate students.
- We follow a textbook as our curriculum guide (Four Corners, Levels 3 and 4). We *may* assign homework and give quizzes
- Same teacher for the duration of each week (except for unusual circumstances).
- 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 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.

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