

The Student's Guide to Portland

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Welcome to PDX

Why are people flocking to Portland? And what makes Portland an exceptional place to be a law student?

Maybe it's because this is a land of opportunity, where job growth and unemployment rates are significantly better than in the U.S. overall. Maybe it's the mix of small-town friendliness and big-city ambition and resources. It could be Portland's delicious reputation as a paradise for lovers of food, beer, and wine. Or perhaps it's the limitless adventures and activities—both right in the city and in spectacular natural settings in every direction. The secret is out. Portland is simply one of the best places to live, eat, and play, all while being part of the close-knit, collegial community at Lewis & Clark Law School.

LET'S START EXPLORING.

Getting Around Town

Portland has 5 (yes, 5!) "quadrants": N, NE, NW, SE, and SW. Burnside Street divides the city north and south, while the Willamette River—traversed by 12 bridges—divides the city east and west.



5 QUADRANTS



12 BRIDGES

1 CITY



WHERE TO

Live

Portland is an eclectic city of neighborhoods, each with a distinct personality. Whether you're looking for a funky, laid-back vibe or a polished, high-end environment, an in-the-city urban feel or a serene space surrounded by nature, Portland's got it. The bottom line: you can, and will, find a neighborhood that feels right for you.

AFFORDABLE WEST COAST LIVING

Portland offers a lower cost of living than Seattle, the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and San Diego. (CNN Money)

WHERE L&C LAW STUDENTS LIVE

SW Portland

40%

Lake Oswego

20%

Downtown Portland

10%

NW Portland

10%

Other neighborhoods: 20%

"Collins View, the neighborhood surrounding the campus, is one of the safest neighborhoods in the entire Portland metropolitan area. It is also well forested, has easy access to numerous running trails, and being bisected by Terwilliger Boulevard, has the convenience of public transit."

ERIC CHAPMAN '17

STUDENTS LIVE WITH

- 49% spouse/partner
- 29% roommate
- 22% alone
- 56% pets
- 8% children

SIZE OF RESIDENCES

- 40% one-bedroom apts
- 40% two-bedroom apts
- 12% three+ bedroom apts
- 8% studios or efficiencies

COMMUTING TO CAMPUS

- 75% drive/carpool
- 15% public transit
- 5% walk
- 5% bike

NO CAR? NO PROBLEM.

Portland is a top-ranked city for public transportation and biking.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Lewis & Clark provides a 75% subsidy on monthly TriMet passes.

MAX Light Rail

97 stations and 60 miles of track to make getting around easy

Streetcar

Connects Portland's inner east and west sides

Bus

Nearly 80 TriMet bus lines in operation

WES Light Rail

Commuter line serving suburbs Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville

CAR SHARE

Zipcar offers discounted subscriptions to students, with on-demand pickup locations on the main Lewis & Clark campus. Enterprise Rent-A-Car will deliver vehicles right to the law campus for your use.



PIONEER EXPRESS

Free shuttle service from the law campus to downtown, the South Waterfront, and S.W. Macadam Ave., with an online and mobile tracking system to check shuttle locations

BIKING

350 miles of bikeways (dedicated lanes or spaces for bikes)

Highest percentage of bike commuters for a large American city

BIKETOWN

Nike-sponsored, city-wide bike share program

WALKING

#7 most walkable city in the U.S.



“Don’t be afraid to try something new. I have had the pleasure of making a diverse group of friends, which has allowed my palate to be exposed to a wonderful world of foods and cultures.”

LAWRENCE PITTMAN '17

Good Eats on the Cheap

The street food scene is alive and well in Portland, with 600 food carts and counting. No wonder our city earned the #1 spot on *U.S. News & World Report's* list of the World's Best Street Food.

#1 Food City in America
The Washington Post

#1 City for Beer Lovers
Travel + Leisure

Our Students' Top Picks for Every Budget Level

¿Por Qué No?
This is your go-to place for affordable Mexican cuisine that uses the best local ingredients. Try the tacos and the popular Bryan's Bowl.

Lúc Lác
This Vietnamese kitchen is a top pick for pho, happy hour deals, and signature cocktails. It's a late-night hotspot, open every day until 4 a.m.

Salt & Straw
Creativity abounds at the three Salt & Straw ice cream shops in Portland. Where else can you get flavors like Pear & Blue Cheese, Arbequina Olive Oil, and Freckled Woodblock Chocolate?

Brix Tavern
This renovated warehouse in the Pearl District serves comfort food, and has an early and late happy hour. Play pool with friends or catch a game on TV.

Screen Door
Dine on Southern soul food combined with the natural, local, and organic ingredients of the Pacific Northwest. The wait in line is worth it.

White Owl Social Club
Enjoy great food and drinks, a stellar patio, and special music and film events. It's a favorite S.E. Portland hangout for L&C law students.

Ava Gene's
This farm-to-table Italian trattoria has hipster sophistication. Ava Gene's is known for its nostalgic yet edgy vegetable lineup, fresh pasta dishes, and wood-charred meats.

Departure
An upscale Asian-fusion restaurant and lounge occupies the 15th floor of The Nines Hotel. Check out the views from the rooftop bar.

Multnomah Whiskey Library
A refined and hidden downtown whiskey lounge that boasts a 1,500+ bottle collection and dapper, vest-clad bartenders mixing tableside drinks via vintage cocktail carts.

KNOW YOUR DOUGHNUTS. SERIOUSLY.



Blue Star
Gourmet and creative



Coco
Classic style, perfectly executed



Pip's Original
Mini doughnuts, made to order



Voodoo
World-famous and whimsical

Student Favorites Near Campus

Dang's Thai Kitchen
Local favorite with standout curry dishes

Tryon Creek Grill
Casual atmosphere, great happy hour

Hanko's Sports Bar & Grill
Neighborhood hangout with pool tables, trivia, karaoke

Stickmen Brewing
Beer and pub food, patio overlooking Lake Oswego



WHERE TO

Explore

Portland has something for everyone, from arts and culture aficionados to fitness fanatics. And if you love the outdoors, there are few better places to be in the world. The Pacific Northwest is a paradise for nature enthusiasts, with access to breathtaking destinations in every direction.



“When you’re stuck in a book and you want to escape, you can drive to the coast, hear the waves, and take a break from law school. I’ve hiked almost all the falls in the Columbia River Gorge. There’s so much that’s close to Portland. It’s a gorgeous place to live.”

IRAM RIAZ '17

ADVENTURES NEAR AND FAR

How much time do you have? In addition to the miles of forest trails just off campus, there are incredible natural wonders to explore whether you have a few hours or a few days. Here are some of our students’ top outdoor activity picks.

An Afternoon

FOREST PARK

You might cross paths with more than 60 mammal and 100 bird species on a hike through one of the biggest urban parks in America.

MOUNT TABOR

Great for hiking, biking, and amazing views of the city, this park is built on and around a volcanic cinder cone on Portland’s east side. Don’t miss the free concerts here in the summer.

One Day

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Spectacular hiking, biking, fishing, and watersports are available in this beautiful canyon just a half hour outside of Portland. Bonus: more than 90 waterfalls to explore.

OREGON COAST

Tillamook, Cannon Beach, and Lincoln City are just some of the beach towns you can visit when you head west.

Three Days

EAGLE CAP WILDERNESS

Head to the northeast corner of Oregon and you’ll find spectacular alpine lakes, mountain peaks, and open spaces with deer, bighorn sheep, coyotes, black bears, and more.

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

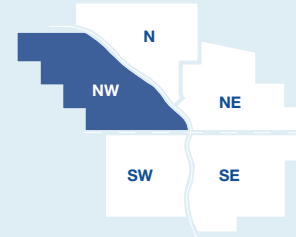
As you take in the view from the rim of Crater Lake, and then hike down to get a closer look at the deep blue water, you’ll know why so many make the trek here each year.



Our Picks

We asked our students, faculty, and staff for some of their favorite places in the city and the region. Here are the results, along with some insider knowledge.

Northwest



The Lowdown

- N.W. Portland offers easy access to downtown and the law campus. Many of the city's most desirable neighborhoods are in this quadrant.
- N.W. Couch Street is pronounced "Cooch."
- N.W. 23rd and 21st Avenues are major food and shopping destinations worth exploring.
- Old Town Pizza on N.W. Davis Street is haunted by a ghost named Nina.

Eat

Andina

Peruvian tapas adventure

Deschutes Brewery

Good food, even better beer

Dick's Kitchen

Great burgers and vegan fare

Elephant's Deli

Specialty foods, quick eats

Ken's Artisan Bakery

Longtime favorite for locals

Muu-Muu's

Wide variety of comfort food

Paley's Place

World-famous French cuisine

Tilt

Burgers, sandwiches, biscuits and pie

Explore

Crystal Ballroom

Concerts, spring-loaded dance floor

Ground Kontrol

Vintage arcade for grown-ups

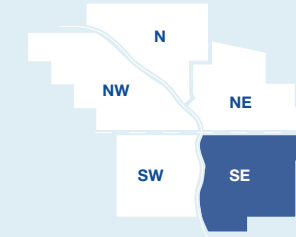
Powell's City of Books

68,000 square feet of bookstore

Uptown Billiards Club

Great spot to shoot pool with friends

Southeast



The Lowdown

- You'll need to cross the river to reach downtown and the law school campus.
- S.E. Hawthorne Avenue is the spot for food, entertainment, shopping, and first-rate people watching.
- Cool off in the summer by enjoying the beach at Sellwood Riverfront Park. Dogs welcome.
- Springwater Corridor is a multi-use paved trail built on a former rail corridor. This scenic route connects several city parks in the city and is big part of the route that bike commuters from the east side take to the law campus.

Eat

Doug Fir

Restaurant, hotel, and music venue

Olympia Provisions

European style, housemade charcuterie

Pok Pok

Legendary Thai joint born from a food cart

Trifecta

Killer cocktails and happy hour

The Observatory

Charming, affordable Northwest cuisine

Lardo

Meat-centric sandwiches and beers on a patio

Apizza Scholls

Hand-tossed pizza perfection

Bollywood Theater

Casual Indian street fare

Explore

Pips and Bounce

Bring groups to ping-pong paradise

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

Family fun on the waterfront

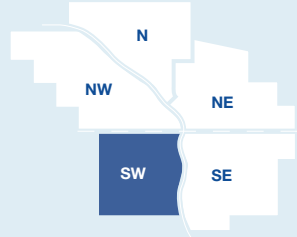
Willamette Jetboats

Wet and wild tours along the river

Pendleton Woolen Mill Store

Northwest Native-inspired craft haven of fabrics and more

Southwest



The Lowdown

- The city of Lake Oswego, just outside of S.W. Portland, is one of the most popular and convenient living options for L&C students.
- Oregon Brewers Festival, the largest craft beer festival in North America, takes place in Tom McCall Waterfront Park.
- RCTID stands for "Rose City 'Til I Die," a statement of pride common among Timbers fans at SW Portland's Providence Park.

Eat

Clyde Common

Creative menu and cocktails

Driftwood Room

Swanky, 1940s-inspired bar

Departure

Pan-Asian cuisine with a view

Higgins

A farm-to-table landmark

Imperial

Famous for fried chicken

Lardo

Big, satisfying sandwiches

Mother's Bistro

Great brunch for a group

Small Pharaoh's

Your go-to late-night food cart

Explore

Hoyt Arboretum

12 miles of tree-lined hiking trails

Portland Japanese Garden

9.1 acres of traditional Japanese garden

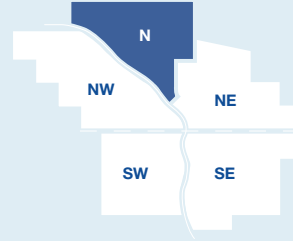
Oregon Zoo

Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my!

Tryon Creek State Park

Lewis & Clark's backyard forest

North



The Lowdown

- Living in North Portland can make for a tough commute to and from the law school campus.
- The masses head to the International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park on the west side of town, but locals know to visit the less-crowded, similarly spectacular rose garden at Peninsula Park in North Portland.
- You'll need a few visits to N. Mississippi Avenue to experience all the cool shops and restaurants.
- The Kenton neighborhood has a small-town feel, a diverse mix of stores and restaurants, and yes, a giant Paul Bunyan statue.

Eat

Ex Novo Brewing

Nation's first non-profit brewery

Miss Delta

Down-to-earth Creole food

The Old Gold

Low-key hangout, great for groups

Tasty n Sons

Innovative approach to diner food

Prost

German pub with great atmosphere

Gravy

Breakfasts and hearty comfort food

Posies Bakery & Cafe

Bistro with delightful charm

Cultured Caveman

Paleocentric cuisine down to the desserts

Explore

Cathedral Park

Situated under the St. Johns Bridge

Smith and Bybee Wetlands

One of America's largest urban wetlands

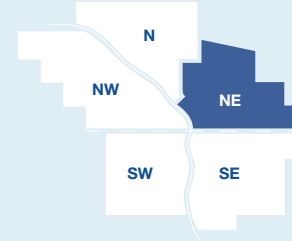
St. John's Theater & Pub

Historic 1905 exhibit hall reimagined as a first-run theater and gathering spot

Skidmore Bluffs

Beautiful view, perfect for a picnic

Northeast



The Lowdown

- There are great neighborhoods and housing options here, but depending on the neighborhood and time of day, the commute to campus could be long.
- Take friends to the Kennedy School, a historic elementary school that is now a hotel and hangout spot with restaurants, themed bars, and surprises around every corner.
- The Hollywood Theatre on N.E. Sandy Boulevard regularly sells out its shows, thanks to a fan base that appreciates the mix of first-run flicks, film festivals, and events like B-movie Bingo.
- A fountain at Grant Park features statues of Henry Huggins, Ribsby, and Ramona Quimby, characters created by legendary Portland native and children's author Beverly Cleary.

Eat

Beulahland

Local bar with great breakfast

Le Pigeon

Fancy, French date night spot

Toro Bravo

Upscale Spanish tapas, entrees

The Zipper

A more delicious kind of food court

Pine State Biscuits

Buttermilk biscuits and Southern sandwiches

Expatriate

Hip lounge with global bar bites & swanky cocktails

Grain & Gristle

Craft brews and new American fare

Pambiche

Upbeat Cuban eatery with classic dishes

Explore

Chopsticks

Your can't-miss karaoke place

Roseway Theater

Single-screen vintage theater

The Grotto

Cliffside sanctuary and serene botanical gardens

Crafty Wonderland

Sells goods exclusively made in the Portland metro area

Beyond the City

British Columbia

Vancouver

Bustling, global city

Great Bear Rainforest

Largest intact coastal temperate rainforest in the world

Victoria

Old world charm and the stunning Butchart Gardens

Whistler Blackcomb

Named North America's #1 resort, activities for all seasons

Washington

Seattle

Urban arts, culture, and food surrounded by natural beauty

Bumbershoot

Annual international music and arts festival held in Seattle

Mount Saint Helens

Fascinating site of America's deadliest volcanic event

San Juan Islands

Off-shore wonders

Oregon

Painted Hills

Millions of years of history in colorful layers of earth, part of the John Day Fossil Beds

Smith Rock

Legendary rock climbing spot with spires of tuff and basalt

Mount Hood

Year-round recreation includes winter sports, camping, hiking, and fishing

Bend and the High Desert

Beautiful area in Central Oregon with activities for all seasons

Northern California

Yosemite National Park

Home to the iconic Half Dome

Napa Valley

400 wineries with some of the best wine in the world

Redwood Forest

Home to trees that are up to 250 feet tall and 800 years old

San Francisco

Golden Gate Bridge and Park, Pier 39, cable car rides, and more

“Seattle is full of unique culture and awesome food. Pike's Place offers fun of its own, the Space Needle provides awesome views of the city, the Gum Wall is a must-see, and you can catch a football or baseball game up there.”

LAWRENCE PITTMAN '17

“I love going to the coast and discovering new hikes. There are a number of little cities and cool places to explore on the Oregon Coast.”

MYLA SEPULVEDA '18



Inside Portland

Portland is all about quality of life, whether you're looking for urban creature comforts or want to be immersed in the great outdoors. Portlanders pride themselves on all of the things that make their city different from any other on the planet. Here are some of the reasons we love to call Portland home:

A Sustainability Leader

We Love Recycling

Portlanders recycle 70% of their waste, the highest rate in the nation.

Renewable Leadership

Portland uses 20% more renewable energy than the national average.

Car Share

Portland is the birthplace of car-sharing in the U.S.

Innovation

Tilikum Crossing is the first bridge in America that is dedicated solely to pedestrians, bicycles and multimodal public transit.

Bike Commuters

According to 2013 census data, Portland has the most bicyclists per capita and the nation's highest percentage of bicycle commuters.

Back Away From the Nozzle

Oregon drivers don't pump their own gas.

Shop 'Til You Drop

Oregon is one of just five states with no sales tax.

Pronunciation Guide for New Portlanders

OREGON	ORE-uh-ghinn, not ORE-uh-GONE
WILLAMETTE	will-AM-it, not WILLUM-it
DESCHUTES	DUH-shoots, not DAY-shoots
THE DALLES	Rhymes with "pals." This isn't Texas!

KEEP PORTLAND WEIRD

An unofficial motto of our city is "Keep Portland Weird." Here are some of the weird things that we love:

Darcelle XV

Longest-running drag show on the West Coast, with a fierce octogenarian headliner

The Peculiarium

Museum dedicated to the Bigfoot statue and zombie brains

Mills End Park

Smallest park in the world at just two feet across, reportedly a leprechaun colony

The Horse Project

Tiny plastic horses tethered to the metal rings on sidewalks throughout the city

Shanghai Tunnels

A spooky system of tunnels under Old Town/Chinatown, used to move goods in the 1800s

Rimsky-Korsakoff House

Eclectic coffee shop with haunted tables named after classical composers

The Unipiper

Local celebrity known for riding a unicycle while wearing a Darth Vader mask and playing bagpipes that belch fire

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Check out the teams that make this an incredible sports town!

Trail Blazers

Head to the Moda Center and join the sellout crowds cheering for our NBA franchise.

Timbers

Timbers soccer matches are a thrilling experience thanks to the nonstop chanting, singing, and cheering.

Thorns

Featuring some of the best soccer players, the Thorns have the highest attendance of any women's sports team in the world.

Minor Leagues

The Portland area also offers great fan experiences through our lower-division teams in hockey (Portland Winterhawks) and baseball (Portland Pickles, Hillsboro Hops).

WHERE TO STAY

There are many hotel and Airbnb options in downtown Portland, but visitors to the law school can also find great places to stay in the suburbs of Lake Oswego, Beaverton, and Tigard.

Local Resources

Travel Oregon

traveloregon.com

Travel Portland

travelportland.com

Portland Monthly

pdxmonthly.com

Willamette Week

week.com

Portland Mercury

portlandmercury.com

Oregonian

oregonlive.com

PDX Pipeline

pdxpipeline.com

Eater PDX

pdx.eater.com

ABOUT THAT WEATHER

Portland has an average rainfall of 42.85 inches (95.25 cm), less than Atlanta, Houston, New York, and Vancouver, B.C.

PDX LOVE

Air travel can be a headache in other cities, but PDX has been named America's Best Domestic Airport by *Travel + Leisure* for four years in a row and counting.

A CITY OF MANY NAMES

Beervana, Bridgetown, PDX, Rose City, Rip City, Stumptown

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