



**ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
CENTRE @UVIC**



**University
of Victoria**

Study English in Canada!







WELCOME

The UVic English Language Centre is home to a multicultural community of students living, exploring and pursuing their goals in Victoria, Canada.

As an ELC student you can look forward to:

- speaking English in many situations each day
- meeting friends from all over the world
- learning about Canadian culture
- exploring the city of Victoria
- making memories that will last a lifetime!

Our exceptional staff is ready to help you improve your English, develop your confidence in a new culture and prepare you for future success as a global citizen. We can't wait to welcome YOU.



VICTORIA, BC



QUICK FACTS

- 367,000: population of Greater Victoria
- 50% less rainfall than Vancouver
- Visited by +1 million tourists each year
- Mildest climate in Canada
- Capital city of British Columbia
- 20-minute flight to Vancouver or Seattle
- + 200 downtown restaurants and pubs
- Great cafes, beaches and music scene
- World-famous gardens and outdoor activities
- Training centre for Olympic athletes because of mild weather



**#1 Island Destination in Canada
(Vancouver Island)**

Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards



#1 Most Romantic City in Canada

Amazon.ca



2nd Sunniest City in British Columbia



3rd Friendliest City in the World

Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards



7th Best City in the World

Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA (UVIC)



QUICK FACTS

- Consistently ranked one of Canada's "Top 3 Comprehensive Universities"
- Student population: 22,000
- International students from over 100 countries
- Located 15-minutes to downtown Victoria; 15 minutes to the beach
- Active student community: 30 sports clubs and 200 student clubs

CAMPUS AMENITIES

- Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA)
- Cafeterias, restaurants and cafes
- Hiking trails, gardens and natural spaces
- Movie theatre

STUDENT SERVICES

- Virtual Centre for Student Learning (UVic Learn Anywhere)
- International Student Services (ISS)
- Student Wellness Centre
- Co-op and Career Services

ACADEMIC STRENGTHS

- Offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in 10 academic faculties and two divisions, including: Business, Science, Engineering and Law
- Leading research activities in oceans and climate, sustainability and Indigenous studies
- Home to Western Canada's largest cooperative education program
- 900 full-time faculty members



DEGREE OPTIONS FOR ELC STUDENTS

To pursue a UVic degree, please review our program options and UVic's entry requirements:

- University Admission Preparation (p. 16–17)
- UVic Pathway Program (p. 18)
- UVic Entry Guide (p. 19)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE (ELC)



QUICK FACTS

- **A Canadian leader in international education: teaching English for over 50 years!**
- TESOL-trained instructors with international teaching experience
- Offers online and on-campus intensive English programming year-round
- Welcomes 2,500 students from +35 countries each year
- Offers pathways to University of Victoria degree programs
- In-house Homestay staff and Activity coordinators
- Academic mentoring for students in all programs
- Over 100 university partnerships
- Central location on UVic's beautiful campus
- Monthly program start dates
- 24/7 student support

The ELC is located in the Continuing Studies Building, a modern facility where our students attend classes and access a variety of services, support and resources, as shown on page 7 ➔

AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT



2019-20 / 2018-19 Language School of the Year (iStudy Guide)



2017-2018 Cultural Support Award (iStudy Guide)



Modern 7,200m² building



27 classrooms



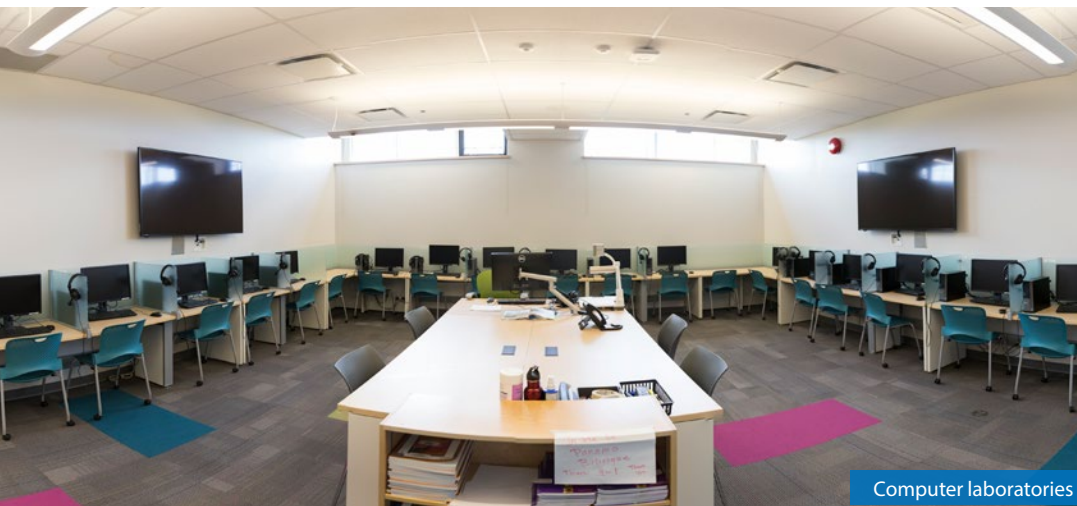
Comfortable study space



ELC Learning Centre



Conversation volunteers



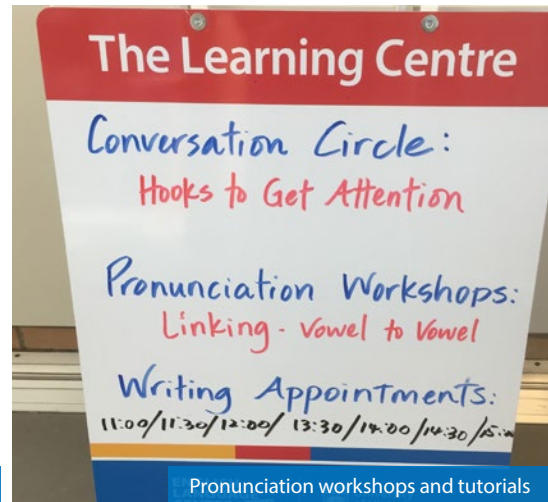
Computer laboratories



Registration and student services staff



Atrium student lounge



Pronunciation workshops and tutorials

ACTIVITIES & CULTURAL ASSISTANTS



Outside of your English classes, there's another side of our programs—the activities! Each program offers a unique activity calendar so you can explore our beautiful city, learn more about Canadian culture and have fun!

ELC activities are coordinated by our caring **Cultural Assistants**. Our “CAs” are a friendly team of UVic students who want to help you live life to the fullest during your program. They organize events and guide activities, but that's not all... they bring fun and energy to everything they do to keep our students smiling, safe and loving life!

In addition to the fun you're sure to have with our CAs, talking to them during your activities is a great way to practice “real English” and make Canadian friends!

ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

- Whale watching
- Vancouver trips
- Butchart Gardens
- Kayaking
- Hockey games
- Opera/theatre

FAVOURITE FREE ACTIVITIES

- Friday coffee social
- Skating
- Volunteering
- Culture night
- Nature hikes
- Arts and craft workshops
- Conversation clubs
- Sports/outdoor games
- Yoga/dance

ELC PROGRAMS

Our English programs run all year and can be combined to fit your schedule. With academic, general, professional and university preparation programs, we have options for everyone!

ELC PROGRAM FEATURES:

- 18-22 intensive class hours per week
- Minimum age of 18 (no maximum!)
- An average of 15 students per class
- Free and optional activity calendars
- Medical insurance, bus pass and UVic gym pass included in fees
- Homestay or dormitory accommodation, depending on the program
- A Certificate of Participation and Record of Grade upon program completion

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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GENERAL PROGRAMS

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INTENSIVE ENGLISH (ELPI)



QUICK FACTS

- Our most international program, with 250-400 students from 20+ countries
- 22 class hours per week (256 total program hours)
- Six class levels, including University Admission Preparation (see page 16)
- General and Academic English class options
- Extra study support available outside of classes at the ELC Learning Centre
- Free and optional activities

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- Conversation practice with Canadian volunteers at the ELC Learning Centre
- Weekly elective classes to focus on specialized skills / interests like IELTS preparation, Business English, Conversation skills, Music, etc.
- Option to extend to 14 weeks with "Project-based Presentations" in December

GENERAL & ACADEMIC

DURATION

12 weeks

STARTS IN

January, April, September

CLASS LEVELS

Upper beginner to University preparation

ELPI CLASS LEVEL	IELTS	CEFR
200: Upper Beginner	3-3.5	A2
330: Lower Intermediate	3.5-4	A2+
410: Intermediate	4-4.5	B1
490: Upper Intermediate	5-5.5	B2
570: Advanced	5.5-6	B2+
UAP - University Preparation	6-6.5	C1

Comparisons are approximate; for reference only.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Students in this program attend morning or afternoon classes, between the hours of 8:30am and 5:15pm, and must be available to study between those hours.

Each week students attend:

- 18 hours of core classes
- Four hours of electives classes
- Eight optional Learning Centre hours

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

ELPI-SUMMER



QUICK FACTS

- 22 class hours per week (204 total program hours)
- Five General English class levels
- “International Culture and Conversation” workshops
- Access to the ELC Learning Centre (Tuesday – Thursday)
- Optional weekend activities

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- Condensed ELPI format to start or continue ELPI in the summer
- Friday “Academic Writing” classes
- Homestay accommodation in the summer

GENERAL

DURATION

9 weeks

STARTS IN

July

CLASS LEVELS

Upper beginner to advanced

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Thurs	1 pm–5:15 pm General English classes
Friday	8:30 am–12:45 pm Academic English classes
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

MONTHLY ENGLISH



QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week (80 total program hours)
- Three to six General English class levels
- “English through Themes” curriculum (Canada, Global Issues, Society and Culture)
- ELC Learning Centre access after classes
- Free and optional activities
- Materials included

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- Intensive class schedule offers 5 study hours/day
- “International Culture and Conversation” workshops
- Homestay accommodation

GENERAL

DURATION

4 weeks

STARTS IN

September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April

CLASS LEVELS

Upper beginner to advanced

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Thurs	9 am–11:30 am, 12:30 pm–3 pm English classes
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Friday	10 am–4:30 pm Free social + cultural activities
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Weekend	Optional activities (\$)
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ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

SUMMER LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week (60-120 total program hours)
- Three to six General English class levels
- “English through Themes” curriculum (Canada, Global Issues, Society and Culture)
- Focus on speaking and listening skills
- “International Culture and Conversation” workshops
- Materials included

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- FULL calendar of afternoon, evening and weekend activities led by Cultural Assistants
- Optional series of professional workshops (see pages 14+15)
- Living on campus in the UVic dormitories in July and August

GENERAL

DURATION

3–6 weeks

STARTS IN

June, July, August

CLASS LEVELS

Upper beginner to advanced

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Fri 8:30 am–12:30 pm
English classes

Mon–Fri 2 pm–4 pm
Free social + cultural activities

Weekend Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay (June)

Dormitory (July + August)

FOUNDATIONS IN BUSINESS ENGLISH



In this introductory program, you will study general English each morning and attend a series of afternoon Business workshops to build confident professional English skills.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 general English class hours per week (see page 13)
- 16 additional hours of Business English classes to improve:
 - accuracy and fluency in business discussions
 - communication for debates and negotiations
 - formal writing for email and letter composition

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- Participants receive a “Professional Development Certificate” in addition to a Certificate of Participation for their general English classes
- Guided tour of a local business
- UVic dormitory accommodation

PROFESSIONAL

STARTS IN
July, August

CLASS LEVELS
Intermediate to advanced
(Entry Requirement: IELTS 4.5)

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Fri	8:30 am–12:30 pm General English classes
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Mon–Fri	2 pm–4 pm (approx. 2 days/week) Business workshops
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Mon–Fri	2 pm–4 pm (approx. 3 days/week) Free social + cultural activities
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Weekend	Optional activities (\$)
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ACCOMMODATION
Dormitory

ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION



This program allows you to complete a series of additional afternoon workshops during your Summer Language + Culture program. Great for professional development!

QUICK FACTS

- 20 general English class hours per week (see page 13)
- 16 hours of professional communication workshops focusing on:
 - improving accuracy, pronunciation and fluency through interactive activities
 - practicing public speaking skills through a Toastmaster-like format
 - presenting on a variety of topics tailored to your interests

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- Participants receive a “Professional Development Certificate” in addition to a Certificate of Participation for their general English classes
- Homestay accommodation to maximize daily speaking practice
- Free and optional activities

PROFESSIONAL

STARTS IN
June

CLASS LEVELS
Intermediate to advanced
(Entry Requirement: IELTS 4.5)

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Fri	8:30 am–12:30 pm English classes
Mon–Fri	2 pm–4 pm (approx. 2 days/week) Professional workshops
Mon–Fri	2 pm–4 pm (approx. 3 days/week) Free social + cultural activities
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION
Homestay

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION PREPARATION (UAP)



This is the most advanced academic level of our “Intensive English” program (see page 10) and offers preparation specific to pursuing a UVic degree program. It builds both the language and study skills that are essential to your future success as a UVic degree student.

Successful “UAP” completion satisfies the English requirement for admission to many UVic undergraduate degree programs.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week (260 total program hours)
- Includes a specialized “University Skills for Success” elective class
- Offers Study Skills and Academic Integrity workshops

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- 3 start dates per year: January, April, September
- ELC Learning Centre access before classes (Mon.-Thurs.)
- Access to the ELC academic mentor

ACADEMIC

STARTS IN

January, April, September

CLASS LEVEL

Advanced: the highest academic level of the 12-week ELPI program (see page 10)

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200: Upper Beginner	3-3.5	A2
330: Lower Intermediate	3.5-4	A2+
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UAP - University Preparation	6-6.5	C1

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ENTRY REQUIREMENT

IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum 5.5 in R/L/S/W

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Thurs	1 pm–5:15 pm English classes
Friday	8:20 am–12:35 pm “University Skills for Success” class
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION PREPARATION (UAP) AND CANADIAN STUDIES



This intensive summer program will help prepare you for success as a UVic degree student by polishing your academic English skills and offering an introduction to Canadian Culture.

Successful “UAP and Canadian Studies” completion satisfies the English requirement for admission to many UVic undergraduate degree programs.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week (80 total program hours)
- Two courses: “Advanced English” and “Introduction to Canadian Studies”
- Weekly writing clinics

FAVOURITE FEATURES

- Intensive 4-week format before start of academic year in September
- Tutorial support by teaching assistants available for both courses
- Optional credit for “Canadian Studies course” (CS101)

ACADEMIC

STARTS IN
August

CLASS LEVEL
Advanced

ENTRY REQUIREMENT
IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum 5.5 in R/L/S/W

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon–Fri	8:30 am–10:20 am English classes
Mon–Fri	10:40 am–12:30 pm Canadian Studies Classes
Mon–Fri	2 pm–4 pm Workshops + tutorial support
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION
Homestay or dormitory

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PROGRAM



This specialized first year of your undergraduate degree is the perfect option if you want to start your UVic degree but still need to meet UVic's English language requirement.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Specialized first year undergraduate program
- Choose from 2 streams: "Canadian Career" or "Science and Engineering"
- Academic English classes
- Seven (7) first-year university credit courses
- 10.5 UVic credits (12 units = complete first year)
- UVic instructors, curriculum and materials

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Smaller first-year classes
- Specialized workshops
- Specialized labs, tutorials and advising

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Co-op program (paid internship)
- Business Minor
- Professional Writing Minor

UNDERGRADUATE

DURATION

12 months

STARTS IN

September

CLASS LEVEL

Upper intermediate

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

TOEFL 71 with no section less than 15 (R/L/S/W)

IELTS 5.5 overall; no section less than five (R/S/L/W)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay or dormitory

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA ENTRY GUIDE

Acceptance to a degree program at the University of Victoria requires students to meet UVic's academic and English language requirements.

If you satisfy UVic's academic requirements*, the next question is:

DO YOU SATISFY UVIC'S ENGLISH REQUIREMENT?

YES! MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:
IELTS 6.5 No section below 6 TOEFL 90 No section below 20	IELTS 6.0 No section below 5.5 TOEFL 79 No section below 17	IELTS 5.5 No section below 5 TOEFL 71 No section below 15	Less than IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 71 or No IELTS / TOEFL

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR:

DIRECT ADMISSION	CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	UVIC PATHWAY PROGRAM	ELC PRELIMINARY ADMISSION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for admission to the University of Victoria Receive offer of admission to the University of Victoria Begin degree studies at UVic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for Conditional Admission to Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Fine Arts or Humanities Receive UVic offer of Conditional Admission; Begin University Admission Preparation (UAP) program (4-week or 12-week program) Pass the UAP level at the ELC Begin degree studies at UVic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for the UVic Pathway Program Receive offer of admission to the UVic Pathway program Complete the UVic Pathway English and 1st year UVic credit courses Continue 2nd year degree studies at UVic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for ELC Preliminary Admission to Humanities, Science or Social Sciences Receive UVic offer of ELC Preliminary Admission Begin 12-week ELPI studies Pass the UAP level at the ELC within 2 years Begin degree studies at UVic
uvic.ca	uvic.ca/elr	uvic.ca/pathway	uvic.ca/elc/12-week

*For UVic's academic entry requirements for your country, visit:

uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/high-school/international/index.php

For the English language requirement for admission to UVic undergraduate programs, visit:

uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/language/index.php

To contact UVic recruitment staff with academic / admissions questions, email: recruitment@uvic.ca

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION & MEALS



Living with a homestay family offers a special opportunity to experience Canadian life and to speak 'real English' outside of class every day in a safe, comfortable setting.

FEATURES

- Homes located on convenient bus routes
- Daily speaking practice with carefully screened hosts
- Private, furnished single room (bed, desk, dresser, mirror, linens)
- Three meals per day, seven days per week

SERVICES

- Airport pick-up and drop-off (YYJ), 8 am–10 pm (weekends only)
- Free laundry access
- Free wifi



DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION & MEALS



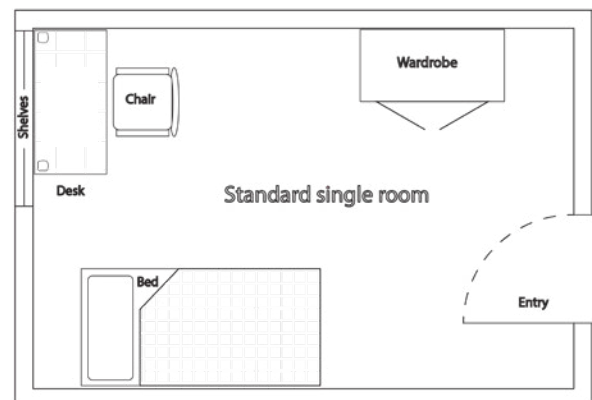
UVic's dormitories are convenient and comfortable! You'll love living on campus in the summer alongside friends from all over the world and a 10-minute walk from the beach!

FEATURES

- Private, furnished single room (bed, desk, dresser, mirror, linens)
- Central location on campus; 5 minute walk to the ELC
- Support of Cultural Assistants living in dormitories
- Additional evening and weekend activities
- Cafeteria meal plan (approx. \$25 per day)
- 24/7 support from UVic Housing Office

SERVICES

- Airport reception by Cultural Assistants on 'Arrival Day' (YYJ), 9 am to 9 pm
- Laundry facilities
- Free wifi



ELC EXPERIENCES



"I had an unforgettable experience at the ELC. I was impressed with UVic's facilities and the quality of education. My homestay family treated me like their own.

It was strange at first, meeting many young students but I enjoyed getting to know them. Sometimes it was not easy to communicate in

English but it helped me to practice English more and not speak in Portuguese."

—Helena Distelfeld (Brazil)



"I actually still remember the first-day I came to Victoria, what a beautiful city! I saw the sunset when I was taking the ferry and when I woke up in the morning, I saw the flowers gently swaying in the breeze. It is much more beautiful than I expected!"

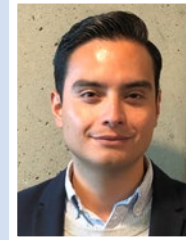
—Yanqing Li (China)



"My ELPI classes were excellent. They were interactive and diverse. I loved the idea of having elective classes so I had the chance to personalize my education a bit.

The aspects of ELPI that helped me most were the writing and reading exercises. My instructors helped me with the transition between academic writing in my mother tongue (Spanish) and English. It was a huge learning curve!"

—Olena Marun (Venezuela)



"Studying English at the University of Victoria is amazing. First of all, UVic is one of the most important universities in Canada. If you decide to study at the ELC you

will have the best teachers to improve your English. Really, they are the best. You will also make extraordinary friends and you will be able to share your culture, your language, and your food. It's safe to say that you will have the best experience of your life at the ELC."

—Andrés Roma Mendoza (Mexico)



"My goal was improving my communication skills. ELPI helped me do this by giving me chances to talk with others in English.

The environment for students is well prepared. Of course, in classes, we had to speak only English. Also, if students want to talk with someone in English, they can go to the Learning Centre where there are very kind volunteers. I felt so comfortable to communicate with them. I think it's really good that there are local people at the ELC so we can know about Victoria and Canadian culture."

—Ryosuke Iida (Japan)






The UVic English Language Centre

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- 1970**
First summer language programs offered to students from French-speaking Canada as part of the "Explore" government scholarship program.
- 1987**
ELC begins offering long-term English program: "ELPI" (12-weeks).
- 1998**
ELC begins offering online English lessons through its "ELC Study Zone" website
- 2003**
ELC moves across campus to the newly-constructed Continuing Studies Building!
- 2006**
Homestay department receives "Lyn Howes Award" for excellence (CAUCE).
- 2008**
ELC launches Monthly English program. We now offer English programs 12 months of the year.
- 2012**
ELC launches the UVic Pathways program, one of the first pathways programs of its kind in Canada.
- 2016**
The \$11-million Continuing Studies building expansion / renovation project is completed. ELC students now enjoy more space and modern facilities than ever.
- 2017**
ELC receives international award for "Excellence in Cultural Support" (iStudy).
- 2018**
ELC named "Best Language School" (iStudy).
- 2020**
ELC celebrates 50 years of offering English programs at UVic!
- 2020**
ELC launches "ELC Connect" series of online English programs

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