

### Highlights

- 10-week course (200 study hours total)
- Focus on Academic English
- Intermediate – Advanced
- Offers seamless transition to face-to-face ELPI

Our most popular program - ELPI – is now available online! This intensive program focuses on academic English at four class levels. During 10 weeks of instruction, UVic teachers will guide students through specialized Reading/Listening and Writing/Speaking sections of the program to ensure that they build strong skills in these crucial language areas. A passing grade on both sections of the program will allow students to advance to the next level of ELPI, in either online or face-to-face delivery.

Students will achieve this program's challenging objectives by actively engaging in "synchronous" (in real time) and "asynchronous" (according to one's own schedule) learning activities. During the synchronous classes, students will practice the skills they have learned, participate in discussion groups and give formal presentations. Asynchronous work will include participation in online forums, instruction of concepts and content through recorded lectures, completion of assignments, and research.

### Registration and Class Levels

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To register for this program, students must be at least 18 years of age.

Students will take the ELC's English Proficiency Test (EPT) after registering for the course. Students must attain a minimum score of A2+ or higher. Those who do not meet this level requirement will receive a full refund. (ELPI-O plans to offer additional levels in the near future.)

Based on your EPT results, you will be placed in a class level, from "Intermediate" (= ~A2+) to "Advanced" (= ~B2). ELPI-O class levels are benchmarked to the [Common European Framework for Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#) a global standard which identifies levels from basic (A1) to proficient (C2).

**Please note:** Students who score B2+ or higher on the EPT will be invited to take our [University Admission Preparation Online \(UAP-O\)](#) program. Successful completion of UAP-O satisfies UVic's English entry requirement.

### Orientation

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Students will come online one week prior to the class start date to test their equipment and to learn the virtual classroom platforms: Brightspace and Zoom. ELC staff will show you the functions of the site and help you with any technical problems you may have so you can begin your classes without any difficulties.

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**Virtual Class Time: “Synchronous” (in real time) Learning**

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Students will meet online with their classmates and UVic instructors for weekly, 1.25 hour “synchronous” sessions for each section (Reading/Listening + Writing/ Speaking). Students will participate in activities specifically designed to support and reinforce the independent lessons they have learned. During class time, they will have the opportunity to interact in real time with other students in the course doing activities such as debate and discussion, group and pair work, and other academic speaking assignments.

Synchronous Class times:

- Tuesday, Thursday: 5-6 pm **Victoria Time**

If you are not located in the same time zone, use the [Time Zone Converter](#) to get the time of the sessions in your region.

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**Independent Work: “Asynchronous” Learning**

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Under the careful guidance of their instructors, students are expected to do class work independently for about 20 hours per week. Instructors will assign tasks and provide “flipped classroom” learning for the students to complete at a time their schedules allow. Learning activities will include watching lectures, taking notes and completing assignments, viewing PowerPoint presentations as the teacher explains the content, contributing to online discussions; working on peer review assignments, and grammar / vocabulary practice activities.

The synchronous and asynchronous parts of the program are clearly presented so that students understand how they work together to support their language and academic skills development.

Your instructors will be available during office hours to help you with your questions about the course content, assignments and activities.

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**Socio-Cultural Activities: “Social Connect”**

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In addition to class time, students will be invited to join ELC “Social Connect” activities including:

- **Mix and Mingle:** Your course will begin with an online “Mixer” activity to meet your new classmates.
- **Café Social:** Sign up for Café Social to meet in small groups of 4-5 students along with an ELC staff member. Meet and practice your English with other students and native English speakers.
- **Experience Victoria videos:** Learn about Canadian students and Canadian living!
- **Oh Canada:** Interesting events and stories about Canada are shared to discuss in Café Social.

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**Certificate and Record of Grade**

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Upon completion of this program, students will receive an official Record of Grade and a Certificate of Completion from one of Canada’s top comprehensive universities. Students must receive a participation grade of at least 80% to be eligible for a Certificate of Completion.

**Additional program details:** [uvic.ca/elc/programs/intensive-english-online](http://uvic.ca/elc/programs/intensive-english-online)