English Language Centre Programs
at the University of Victoria
Victoria, British Columbia

- **CAPITAL CITY** of British Columbia
- **POPULATION:** 370,000
- **20-MINUTE** flight to Vancouver or Seattle
- **WARMEST CLIMATE** in Canada
- **TOP ISLAND DESTINATION** in Canada
- **WORLD-FAMOUS** gardens and 100 local parks
- **#3 FRIENDLIEST CITY** in the world
- **CLEAN, SAFE + MULTI-CULTURAL**
The University of Victoria

- Consistently ranked one of Canada’s “Top 3 Comprehensive Universities”
- Active partnership agreements with over 300 post-secondary institutions worldwide
- Student population: 22,000
- 10 Faculties and 2 Divisions offering academic degrees
- Research-intensive, especially in marine sciences, astronomy, and Indigenous studies
- 15-minutes to downtown; 15 minutes to the beach
Academic Leadership at UVic

- #1 in North America for international research collaboration (Leiden University Rankings)
- #1 among Canadian Comprehensive universities for preparing career-ready students
- #1 in North America for international research collaborations
- #2 university in the world for climate action (2022 THE Impact Rankings)
- Leading research activities in oceans and climate, sustainability and Indigenous studies
The Division of Continuing Studies (DCS)

DCS is dedicated to **adult education** and **professional development** programming in the following areas:

- English as an Additional Language (through the “English Language Centre”)
- Business, Science and Technology
- International Teacher Training
- Arts, Culture and Languages
- Health, Safety and Public Relations
The English Language Centre (ELC)

- A Canadian leader in international education, with over 50 years of experience developing and delivering English language programs
- Specializes in General, Academic and Professional English programs
- On-campus and online English programs
- University Partnerships in 12 countries
- In-house UVic Homestay and socio-cultural activity teams
ELC Student Support

- TESOL-trained instructors in all programs
- Friendly reception staff
- Cultural Assistant staff
- Social and cultural activity coordinators
- Student Services Counsellor
- Immigration and Visa Specialist
- UVic Homestay department
- Student Services Package (bus pass, medical insurance and gym pass)
ELC Programs

Online English
- Intensive English (ELPI-O)
- University Admission Preparation (UAP-O)
- English for Global Communication (EGC)

Academic English
- Intensive English (ELPI)
- University Admission Preparation (UAP)
- UVic Pathway Program

General English
- Intensive English (ELPI)
- ELPI-Summer
- Monthly English / Summer Language and Culture

Professional Focus
- Foundations in Business English
- English for Professional Communication
- Professional Development for English Educators
Academic English Programs

These programs are for students who:

- need an advanced level of *academic* English to meet the language requirement for entry to UVic degree or professional program
- want to focus on specific skills like academic writing, reports, essays, etc.
- are motivated to complete the program as professional development
- may receive credit at their home university for intensive English studies abroad

Programs:

- Intensive English (on-campus or online)
- University Admission Preparation (on-campus or online)
- University Admission Preparation and Canadian Studies (on-campus)
- UVic Pathway Program (on-campus)
ON-CAMPUS (ELPI)

- **Start dates**: January, April, September
- **Duration**: 12 weeks, full-time
- **Levels**: Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **Integrated skills curriculum** builds academic English skills in all 4 language areas
- **Accommodation & Meals**: Homestay
- **Socio-cultural activities**: Free calendar and optional excursions at an additional cost

ONLINE (ELPI-O)

- **Start dates**: January, April, September
- **Duration**: 11 weeks, full-time
- **Levels**: Intermediate to Advanced
- **Blended curriculum** features synchronous and a-synchronous activities to build academic English skills in all 4 language areas
University Admission Preparation (UAP)

ON-CAMPUS (UAP)

• **Start Dates:** January, April, September
• **Duration:** 12 weeks, full-time
• **English entry level:** IELTS 6 (no section < 5.5); eligible for Conditional Admission to UVic degree programs
• **Successful completion** satisfies UVic’s English entry requirement for degree programs
• **Socio-cultural activities:** Free calendar and optional excursions at an additional cost

ONLINE (UAP-O)

• **Start Date:** July
• **Duration:** 6 weeks, full-time
• **English entry level:** IELTS 6 (no section < 5.5); eligible for Conditional Admission to Uvic degree programs
• **Successful completion** satisfies UVic’s English entry requirement for degree programs
ON-CAMPUS

- **Start date:** August
- **Duration:** 4 weeks, full-time
- **English entry level:** IELTS 6 (no section < 5.5); eligible for Conditional Admission
- **2 courses:** Advanced English and Canadian Studies
- **Successful completion** satisfies UVic’s English entry requirement for degree programs
A specialized first-year program for students wishing to complete English AND credit courses at the same time.

- **12-monthy program**
- **2 stream options:** Canadian Career (Social Sciences) and Science/Engineering
- **English entry level:** IELTS 5.5 (no section below 5)
- **Format:** English classes + 7 first-year UVic credit courses
- **Student support:** Specialized tutorials, labs and workshops
- **Credit:** 10.5 first-year UVic degree credits
- **Accommodation & Meals:** Homestay or UVic Dormitories
General English Programs

These programs are for students who:

• want a long-term program but do not need to focus on academic skills (ELPI or ELPI-Summer)
• want an intensive schedule with flexible entry dates (Monthly English)
• want to study during a scheduled break at their home university (Monthly English or Summer Language and Culture)
• are motivated to complete the program as professional development
• want a part-time, online English program (EGC)

Programs:

• Intensive English (ELPI)
• ELPI-Summer
• Monthly English
• Summer Language and Culture
• English for Global Communication (EGC)
General English (long-term)

**INTENSIVE ENGLISH (ELPI)**
- **Start dates:** January, April, September
- **Duration:** 12 weeks, full-time
- **Levels:** Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **Integrated skills curriculum** builds general English skills in all 4 language areas
- **Accommodation & Meals:** Homestay
- **Socio-cultural activities:** Free calendar and optional excursions at an additional cost

**ELPI - SUMMER**
- **Start date:** July
- **Duration:** 10 weeks, full-time
- **Levels:** Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **Integrated skills curriculum** builds general English and academic writing skills
- **Accommodation & Meals:** Homestay
- **Socio-cultural activities:** Free calendar and optional excursions at an additional cost
General English (short-term)

MONTHLY ENGLISH

- **Start dates**: September – March
- **Duration**: 4 weeks, full-time
- **Levels**: Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **“English through themes” curriculum**: Canada, Global Issues, Society & Culture
- **Accommodation & Meals**: Homestay
- **Socio-cultural activities**: Free calendar and optional excursions at an additional cost

SUMMER LANGUAGE + CULTURE

- **Start date**: June, July, August
- **Duration**: 3-6 weeks, full-time
- **Levels**: Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **“Integrated skills” curriculum** builds general English skills in all 4 language areas
- **Accommodation & Meals**: Homestay (June); UVic Dormitory (July and August)
- **Socio-cultural activities**: Free calendar and optional excursions at an additional cost
General English (online)

ENGLISH FOR GLOBAL COMMUNICATION (EGC)

- **Start dates:** January, March, April, July, August, September
- **Duration:** 4 weeks, part-time
- **Levels:** Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **General English classes:**
  - 3 hrs/week of online classes
  - 7hrs/week guided independent studies
- **Activities:** Weekly online calendar

ENGLISH FOR GLOBAL COMMUNICATION + CULTURAL DISCOVERY (EGC + CD)

- **Start dates:** January, March, July, August
- **Duration:** 6 weeks, part-time
- **Levels:** Upper Beginner to Advanced
- **General English classes:** 10 hrs/week during the EGC program
- **English and Global studies:** 10 hrs/week for 2 additional weeks
- **Activities:** Weekly online calendar
International Teacher Training

Quick Facts

• Offered as customized programs for groups
• Specialized professional development programs for non-native English speakers
• Participants are in-service educators teaching at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels
• Programs focus on building capacity and expanding methodology to teach English or teach other topics in English

Popular Programs

• Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (PSC-TEFL)
• Professional Development Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (PDC-TEFL)
• English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI)
• Online Pedagogy and Internationalization
UVic Homestay (available for September – June programs)

- Private, furnished single room
- Three meals per day, seven days per week
- Homes are conveniently located on bus routes
- Free laundry access and wifi
- Airport pick-up and drop-off at Victoria International airport (YYJ)
Accommodation

UVic Dormitories (available for July – August programs)

- Single room with a bed, desk, dresser, mirror, linens and free internet
- UVic Food Services meal plan
- Laundry facilities
- 24/7 Campus Security support
- Evening activities led by Cultural Assistants
Socio-Cultural Activities

Free Activities

• Culture nights
• Nature hikes
• Arts + Craft workshops
• Discover BC tours + field trips
• Afternoon sports
• International Conversation Club

Optional activities ($):
Whale-watching, Weekend trip to Vancouver, Butchart Gardens, Kayaking,
Questions? Contact Us 😊

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