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Agent Training: English Pathways to UVic Degree Programs







University of Victoria

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



UVic English Language Centre (ELC)

- **56 years of experience** developing and delivering English programs
- Offers **intensive English** program options throughout the year
- **Diverse student community** in the heart of UVic, with access to all campus facilities
- Offers **academic pathways** to degree and diploma programs at UVic
- Accredited by **Languages Canada,** with BC **Education Quality Assurance** designation

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Academic English Pathways to UVic

These options are for students who need to attain an advanced level of *academic* English to meet the language requirement for entry to a degree program at UVic.

There are 3 admission types:

1. **ELC Preliminary Admission**
   (through 'Intensive English' program levels 100-500)
2. **UVic Conditional Admission**
   (through 'Intensive English' program level 600)
3. **UVic Pathway Admission**
   (Pathway Program)

NO, MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:
IELTS 6 (no section less than 5.5) TOEFL 79 (no section less than 17) or TOEFL 4.0 (no section less than 3.5)	IELTS 5.5 (no section less than 5.0) TOEFL 71 (no section less than 15) or TOEFL 3.5 (no section less than 3.0)	Less than IELTS 5.5/TOEFL 71 or No IELTS/TOEFL

1. Preliminary Admission

ELC Program: Intensive English (ELPI)

- **Entry level: Less than IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 71 or <u>no official exam score</u>**
- **Student is tested at the ELC placed and placed in level 100 – 500**
- **Start dates:**
    - January, April, September
- **Duration:** 12 weeks
- **Integrated skills curriculum** builds skills in all language areas
- **Accommodation & Meals:** UVic Homestay
- **Students can receive academic credit** for ELPI levels 500 + 600



2.Conditional Admission

ELC Programs:

Intensive English- University Admission Preparation (600)

- January, April, September (12-week option)
- Accommodation + meals: Homestay

UAP + Canadian Studies

- August (4-week option)
- Accommodation + meals: UVic Dormitories

- **English for entry**: IELTS 6 (no section < 5.5) or passing grade on ELPI 500
- **Passing grade of 80% overall** satisfies UVic's undergraduate ENPR and many UVic graduate ENPR
- **Students can receive academic credit** for level 600



3. Pathway Admission

ELC Program: UVic Pathway

- **English entry level**: IELTS 5.5 (no section < 5)
- **Dates:** September – August
- **Duration**: 1 year
- **Stream Options:** Business, Science, Social Sciences, Engineering and Computer Science
- **Courses:**
    - 7 academic courses
    - 3 Intensive English courses
- **Total UVic Credits: 13.5**



UVic Pathway

Pathway streams	Suitable for students who:	Sample of courses offered:	Types of degrees:
Social Sciences	Want to explore subjects such as economics, environmental studies, psychology geography, anthropology, political sciences or sociology. Want to apply and/or transfer into business, humanities, or fine arts Are not sure yet what field they want to study	Canadian Studies, Economics, English, Math, Social Sciences	BA or BSc in 7 disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
Science	Want to focus on foundational first-year courses in order to pursue specific careers in science.	English, Math, Physics, Biology, Chemistry	BSc in 13 disciplines: Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Ocean Sciences, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, Statistics, Forest Biology, Marine Biology, Neurobiology, Chemistry for Medical Sciences
Engineering & Computer Science	Want to pursue a career in Engineering or Computer Science.	Math, Computer Programming, Physics, English, Chemistry	BEng in 6 disciplines: Biomedical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical and Software Engineering
Business	Are interested in studying business	English, Economics, Math, Commerce, Entrepreneurship	BCom from the UVic Gustavson School of Business

Intensive English (ELPI) Levels Reference

English Level	ELPI Level	CEFR	IELTS	TOEIC	TOEFL IBT	TOEFL PBT	Duolingo
Upper Beginner	100	A2	3–3.5	350–450	29–39	390–430	30–44*
Low Intermediate	200	A2+	3.5–4	450–550	39–52	430–470	45–59*
Intermediate	300	B1	4–4.5	550–650	52–64	470–509	60–79
Upper Intermediate	400	B2	5–5.5	650–750	64–79	509–549	80–94
Advanced	500	B2+	5.5–6	750	79	549	95–119
University Admission Preparation (UAP)	600	C1	6–6.5	750–850	79–94	549–588	120+

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